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Period ending 22 December 2018

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:: Week in Review

A highly selective capture of strategic developments, research, commentary, analysis and announcements spanning Human Rights Action, Humanitarian Response, Health, Education, Holistic Development, Heritage Stewardship, Sustainable Resilience. Achieving a balance across these broad themes is a challenge and we appreciate your observations and ideas in this regard. This is not intended to be a "news and events" digest.

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Migration

[General Assembly officially adopts roadmap for migrants to improve safety, ease suffering](#)

19 December 2018, New York

The United Nations General Assembly officially endorsed the [Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#) on Wednesday, a non-binding agreement adopted in Marrakech on 10 December by 164 Member States, and described by UN chief António Guterres as a "roadmap to prevent suffering and chaos".

The UN Secretary-General [explained in a statement](#) released after the vote that the document "reaffirms the foundational principles of our global community, including national sovereignty and universal human rights, while pointing the way toward humane and sensible action to benefit countries of origin, transit and destination as well as migrants themselves".

Mr. Guterres stressed that the Compact "calls for greater solidarity with migrants in situations of appalling vulnerability and abuse," that it "underscores the need to anticipate future trends", and that it "highlights the imperative of devising more legal pathways for migration."

Louise Arbour, UN Special Representative for International Migration, who led the conference deliberations over the Compact in the Moroccan city of Marrakech last week, said that the formal endorsement "represents a resounding commitment to an international migration framework based on fact, not myth, and to an understanding that national migration policies are best implemented through cooperation not in isolation."

The document, the first-ever negotiated global framework on a common approach to international migration in all its dimensions, was adopted by the General Assembly with 152 votes in favour, 12 abstentions, and five votes against, namely by the Czech Republic, Hungary, Israel, Poland, and the United States of America. An additional 24 Member States were not present to take part in the vote.

Though non-legally binding, the Compact is the outcome of a long negotiation process and provides a strong platform for cooperation on migration, drawing on best practice and international law.

Thanking all those who "helped to bring this landmark step to fruition," including civil society, migrants, diaspora communities, the private sector, trade unions, academic experts and municipal leaders, the UN chief said he hoped the "countries that have chosen to remain outside the process will come to see the Compact's value and join this venture".

In statements explaining their decisions, countries that voted for the document stated often stressed the fact that this document is only a first step and that its realization will be where the work really starts. The sentiment was echoed by the UN chief who said that “leadership will be crucial in bringing the Compact to life, and in avoiding the myths and disparaging discourse that have become all too frequent”.

The UN Secretary-General noted that the United Nations, through the newly established UN Migration Network, stands ready to support Member States and all partners “to make migration work for all.”

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Refugees

[General Assembly Endorses Landmark Global Compact on Refugees, Adopting 53 Third Committee Resolutions, 6 Decisions Covering Range of Human Rights](#)

17 December 2018

The General Assembly endorsed the Global Compact on Refugees today — an historic agreement aiming to forge a stronger and fairer response to refugee movements — as it adopted 53 resolutions and 6 decisions recommended by its Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural).

By a resolution on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, adopted by a recorded vote of 181 in favour to 2 against (Hungary, United States), with 3 abstentions (Eritrea, Liberia, Libya), the Assembly underscored the importance of the Global Compact on Refugees — as presented by the High Commissioner in part II of his annual report — as an expression of political will to activate the principle of burden- and responsibility-sharing.

Germany’s representative, also speaking on behalf of France and the Netherlands, called the Compact a “major step” towards providing sustainable solutions to the world’s refugees and those who host them. Hungary’s representative, explaining her vote against the resolution, said there is no need for new instruments, as existing international frameworks adequately address refugee issues. Further, the Global Compact fails to distinguish between refugees and migrants and does not take into account the voluntary nature of responsibility sharing. The representative of the Russian Federation, while emphasizing the importance of burden-sharing to ensure international solidarity in addressing refugee issues, stressed that the agreement is not binding and therefore does not impose any legal obligation on his country.

Covering a range of human rights issues — from the rights of children, women, peasants and indigenous peoples, to promoting fundamental freedoms of religion, peaceful assembly and free association — the Assembly adopted most resolutions without a vote, including an inaugural text on combating trafficking in human organs, as a “novel” approach to crime prevention that addresses three perspectives on which such crimes should be analysed: human rights, health and criminal justice.

By its terms, the Assembly urged States to ensure that the removal and transplantation of human organs exclusively take place in centres authorized by national health authorities, as well as to enhance regulatory oversight and establish data registries on each organ recovery and transplant procedure.



The Global Compact on Refugees is a positive step toward a better refugee response

17.12.2018

International Rescue Committee, Oxfam, Save the Children, Norwegian Refugee Council and Danish Refugee Council welcome the affirmation of the Global Compact on Refugees today. The Compact has the potential to provide better protection and care for refugees and development benefits to hosting communities.

With the UN General Assembly vote in New York, an overwhelming majority of UN Member States affirmed a pact of international solidarity and cooperation for refugee protection and host community development.

Starting in 2019, significant progress can be achieved if States take immediate action to deliver on the promised changes to improve conditions for people fleeing war, persecution and environmental degradation, and address the concerns of the communities hosting them.

As key partners in achieving the objectives laid out in the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) we see five key areas: equitable responsibility-sharing; holding ourselves and States accountable to progress; enhancing the leadership of affected communities in designing the response; strengthening protection and coping strategies for people of concern; and delivering real solutions to end their displacement. By focusing on the following five areas we can collectively achieve the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees.

Progress towards equitable responsibility-sharing is key. Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council, calls for States to prepare concrete pledges at the 2019 Global Refugee Forum: "The responsibility for hosting refugees is now primarily shouldered by a few low- and middle-income countries close to war zones. The most affluent nations are neither receiving refugees nor supporting host nations in any significant way. We need real responsibility sharing from all rich nations, so that refugee crises can be managed. All countries must do their share," says Egeland.

Accountability is necessary for a non-binding document and 2019 must be the year where ambitious benchmarks for the success of the Compact are defined: "It is shocking that we still have no systematic way to assess progress on refugee outcomes nor the billions provided to assist them. Three years after the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals, we know refugees are being left behind" says David Miliband, President of the International Rescue Committee. "Accountability and commitment to what works must be at the center of the Compact's implementation. The establishment of the World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Centre is a good first step, but it is critical that we agree clear metrics on outcomes and gather better data to drive real improvements in the lives of refugees and their hosts."

Enhanced voice and leadership of the people concerned must also be a concrete result of the Compact already in 2019: "As world leaders come together to affirm the Global Compact on Refugees, the opportunity for the people most affected by displacement to build a better, fairer system that reflects their needs must not be lost. We must ensure direct and meaningful participation from refugees and host communities in the implementation of the Compact, as they are experts on their own needs, agents for their families and communities, and indispensable leaders for change," said Winnie Byanyima, Oxfam International Executive Director.

Also, we expect to see real changes in the lives of refugees and hosting communities. We need to work collectively to realise the potential of the Compact to deliver better refugee protection in practice. Helle Thorning-Schmidt, Chief Executive Officer for Save the Children International says: "This historic agreement offers us the chance to make a real difference to the lives of refugees. Refugee children make up half of all refugees, and they are always the most vulnerable. We hope this Compact will help protect these children and give them the future they have the right to. What refugee children tell us they want most of all is an education. So we are delighted that the Compact pledges that all refugee children will be in school and learning within a few months of crossing an international border and that funding should be provided to enable this, particularly support for host countries. There is no time to waste to make this promise a reality for refugee children."

Lastly, it is critical that the Compact results in expanded solutions for refugees: "In 2019, we must start using the Global Compact on Refugees to expand access to durable solutions not least in protracted displacement situations. The Compact sets a standard keeping us all accountable to increased resettlement, to ensure that all returns are safe and dignified, and to include, empower and engage refugees where ever they are. To that end, it is essential that the Global Refugee Forum becomes a forum for action – not for talking" says Christian Friis Bach, Secretary General of the Danish Refugee Council.

While we are disappointed that the US and Hungary have chosen not to affirm the Global Compact on Refugees, we remain optimistic and open to continued dialogue with them as the agreement is implemented.

Following today's positive step toward a better refugee response, the International Rescue Committee, Oxfam, Save the Children, Norwegian Refugee Council and Danish Refugee Council urge States to ensure a truly global application of the Global Compact on Refugees. Millions of refugees and host community members expect a better future; and the Compact must and can deliver it.

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[WHO launches technical guidance series on the health of refugees and migrants](#)

18-12-2018

WHO is marking International Migrants Day on 18 December 2018 with the launch of a technical guidance series on the health of refugees and migrants. Produced in collaboration with the European Commission, each publication addresses a specific aspect of the health of refugees and migrants by providing tools, case studies and evidence to inform practices and policies to improve their health.

Five publications are currently available, each with a special focus on one of the following:

- :: children's health;
- :: health promotion;
- :: healthy ageing;
- :: maternal and newborn health; and
- :: mental health.

This technical guidance series complements the forthcoming "Report on the health of refugees and migrants in the WHO European Region", which will be published online in the first quarter of 2019.

Health of refugee and migrant children

When considering health and health-care interventions for migrant children, areas that need specific attention include their diverse backgrounds, whether they are unaccompanied and separated from family, whether they have been trafficked, and whether they have been left behind.

This technical guidance presents policy considerations for promoting refugee and migrant children's health and well-being, and particularly their mental health. It includes an intersectoral approach that targets risk factors at the individual, family and community levels. It emphasizes the important role of national/local governments in fostering or hindering equitable living conditions for refugee and migrant children in the areas of housing, health-care services and education.

Health promotion for improved refugee and migrant health

This technical guidance outlines current best practices, evidence and knowledge to inform policy and programme development in the area of health promotion for refugees and migrants in the WHO European Region. It highlights key principles, summarizes priority actions and challenges, maps available resources and tools, and provides policy considerations and practical recommendations to improve health promotion activities.

Health of older refugees and migrants

Population ageing caused by consistently low birth rates and increased life expectancy is a major current trend across Europe. This technical guidance aims to inform the development of policies and practices related to improving the health of older refugees and migrants.

Both ageing and migration are in themselves complex, multidimensional processes shaped by a range of factors over the life-course of the individual. Responding to the needs of older refugees and migrants, therefore, must be integrated into all dimensions of policies and practices related to ageing.

Improving the health care of pregnant refugee and migrant women and newborn children

Being a migrant can be considered a risk factor for poorer maternal and newborn health outcomes. This technical guidance identifies problems and entry points for interventions for maternal and newborn health among refugees and migrants in the Region.

It outlines policy considerations for 4 main areas affecting refugee and migrant maternal and newborn health:

- :: individual health status;
- :: accessibility of health care;
- :: quality of care; and
- :: health-care policy and financing systems.

Mental health promotion and mental health care in refugees and migrants

The complexity and stress of migration are related to events before departure, during travel and transit, and after arrival. Consequently, refugees and migrants can suffer from mental disorders, although prevalence is highly variable across studies and population groups.

This technical guidance reviews the prevalence of some disorders such as post-traumatic stress disorder and depressive and anxiety disorders. Based on the best available evidence regarding risk factors and areas for intervention, it identifies 8 priority action areas for consideration by policy-makers regarding the mental health of refugees and migrants.

[Health of refugee and migrant children \(2018\)](#)

[Health promotion for improved refugee and migrant health \(2018\)](#)

[Health of older refugees and migrants \(2018\)](#)

[Improving the health care of pregnant refugee and migrant women and newborn children \(2018\)](#)

[Mental health promotion and mental health care in refugees and migrants \(2018\)](#)

[News – Global migration pact to ensure fundamental human rights for migrants in all policies and practices](#)



[Safe Pathways for Refugees](#)

OECD-UNHCR Study on third country solutions for refugees: family reunification, study programmes and labour mobility

December 2018 :: 48 pages

Press Release

[More refugees being helped by family, work and study permits, finds OECD and UNHCR study](#)

18/12/2018

Data released today shows that OECD countries have admitted more people from major refugee source countries on non-humanitarian permits than through resettlement schemes in the last eight years.

A study by the OECD and UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, titled "[Safe Pathways for Refugees](#)" shows that more than 560,000 people from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia and Eritrea entered OECD countries through family, work and study permits in an eight-year period.

This compares to 350,400 from the five countries who arrived within the same period through resettlement schemes.

These figures do not include people from those five refugee populations who have been granted refugee status or humanitarian permits through national asylum systems and procedures. These amount to 1.5 million in the same period, highlighting the critical importance of fair and efficient national asylum systems

Of all the non-humanitarian entry permits issued by OECD nations to people from the five refugee source countries, family permits account for 86 per cent, followed by student permits (10 per cent) and work permits (four per cent).

"While these pathways are not a substitute for resettlement, they can complement humanitarian programmes by facilitating safe and legal entry for refugees to other countries. Not only can this help mitigate refugees having to resort to dangerous journeys, it will also go some way towards alleviating the strains on major refugee hosting nations," said UNHCR's Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, Volker Türk.

This study is the first, comprehensive mapping exercise of its kind, building on the commitments made by the international community in the 2016 New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants to improve data collection on resettlement and other pathways for admission of refugees.

“In the current global context of large-scale refugee flows and forced displacement, alternative pathways —family, study and work permits — can play an important contribution. It is hoped that this evidence base can help states further scale up predictable, sustainable and protection-sensitive admission systems,” said Stefano Scarpetta, OECD’s Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs.

With developing regions hosting 85 per cent of the world’s refugees, or 16.9 million people, ensuring a more timely, equitable and predictable sharing of responsibilities by increasing access for refugees to move to third countries is a key objective of the Global Compact on Refugees.

Findings from this report will support the development of a three-year strategy envisaged by the Global Compact on Refugees to expand resettlement and complementary pathways.

Data in the report will also be updated on a regular basis, with the report intended to be issued by UNHCR and OECD every two years.

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

[Polio this week as of 18 December 2018](#) [GPEI]

:: Featured on www.polioeradication.org: [interview with Jean- Marc Olivé](#), Chairman of the Technical Advisory Group, on what needs to be done to end polio in the Horn of Africa; [Djibouti carried out a successful round of National Immunization Days \(NIDs\) since 2015 to avoid risk of polio virus importation.](#)

Summary of new viruses this week:

Afghanistan –WPV1-positive environmental samples;

Pakistan – seven WPV1-positive environmental samples;

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

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Editor’s Note:

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

[WHO Grade 3 Emergencies](#) [to 22 Dec 2018]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: [20: Situation report on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu](#) 18 December 2018

:: DONs [Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of the Congo](#) 20 December 2018

[See Milestones above for more detail]

Bangladesh - Rohingya crisis

:: Weekly Situation Report 55 - 13 December 2018

[Excerpt]

Highlights

:: The fourth round of oral cholera vaccination (OCV) campaign was completed with 108% coverage. A total of 356,202 people received vaccination.

:: A total of three new diphtheria case-patients (three suspected) were reported this week. Total case-patients reported in EWARS is now 8,327.

Syrian Arab Republic

:: Cancer treatment in Syria improves following State of Kuwait donation 19 December 2018

Yemen

:: WHO enhances access to basic health care in Yemen 17 December 2018

Myanmar - *No new announcements identified*

Nigeria - *No new announcements identified*

Somalia - *No new announcements identified*

South Sudan - *No new announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 22 Dec 2018]

Iraq

:: Italy supports physical and mental health services in Ninewa Baghdad 18 December

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*

occupied Palestinian territory - *No new announcements identified*

Libya - *No new announcements identified*

MERS-CoV - *No new announcements identified*

Niger - *No new announcements identified*

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

Sudan - *No new announcements identified*

Ukraine - *No new announcements identified*

Zimbabwe - *No new announcements identified*

WHO-AFRO: Outbreaks and Emergencies Bulletin, Week 49: 08-14 December 2018

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

:: Lassa fever in Benin

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

:: Yellow fever in Nigeria

:: Measles in Madagascar.

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WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 22 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

:: Yemen Humanitarian Update Covering 1 - 13 December 2018 | Issue 34

Key Issues

:: Recent IPC analysis indicates that over 20 million face severe food insecurity in Yemen.

:: The upsurge in Yemen's migrant arrivals exceeds 2018 arrivals to Europe via the Mediterranean Seaw.

:: Polio campaign reaches 4.6 million children, 84 per cent of target.

:: The trend of suspected cholera cases remains stable.

Syrian Arab Republic

:: Syria Crisis: Northeast Syria Situation Report No. 30 (1 November - 14 December 2018)

:: Fact Sheet: United Nations Cross-border Operations from Turkey to Syria | as of 30 November 2018

[EN/AR] Published on 17 Dec 2018

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

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

Ethiopia - No new announcements identified.

Somalia - No new announcements identified.

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"Other Emergencies"

Indonesia: Central Sulawesi Earthquake –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 22 Dec 2018]

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

21 December 2018

SC/13643

Security Council Authorizes Immediate Deployment of Advance Team to Monitor Force Withdrawals, Ceasefire in Yemen, Adopting Resolution 2451 (2018)

Calling on the parties in Yemen to implement their new agreement to halt combat in zones critical for delivery of life-saving aid, the Security Council today authorized the immediate deployment of an advance team to monitor compliance.

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SC/13636

Security Council Must Finally Unite to End 'Dirty, Brutal, Horrific War', Special Envoy for Syria Urges in Final Briefing

Delegates Voice Concern about Delays in Convening Constitutional Committee, United States Decision to Withdraw Troops

Providing his final briefing on the Syrian political process to the Security Council today, the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General appealed to the Council to finally unite in efforts to end what he called the "dirty, brutal, horrific war".

"We need a renewed sense of common purpose and concerted action in the Council if 2019 is to be the real turning point for Syria", Staffan de Mistura said as he summed up his efforts of the past four years to facilitate a Syrian-led political process, most recently through urging the convening of a Constitutional Committee.

"Make no mistake: as with me, my successor's success will depend on your unity and purpose to empower and support the United Nations, and pressure all parties to begin real dialogue, negotiation and compromise to address the grievances of the Syrian people and implement resolution 2254," he said, ahead of shaking hands with each Council member...

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GA/12113

General Assembly Endorses First-Ever Global Compact on Migration, Urging Cooperation among Member States in Protecting Migrants

The General Assembly endorsed the recently adopted Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration today, the first-ever international cooperation framework for effectively addressing issues that concern the world's 258 million people on the move and countries of origin, transit and destination.

17 December 2018

GA/12107

[General Assembly Endorses Landmark Global Compact on Refugees, Adopting 53 Third Committee Resolutions, 6 Decisions Covering Range of Human Rights](#)

The General Assembly endorsed the Global Compact on Refugees today — an historic agreement aiming to forge a stronger and fairer response to refugee movements — as it adopted 53 resolutions and 6 decisions recommended by its Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural).

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GA/12108

[General Assembly Adopts Resolution Urging Russian Federation to Withdraw Its Armed Forces from Crimea, Expressing Grave Concern about Rising Military Presence](#)

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Top News

[Comment by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet on expulsion of international human rights organizations in Nicaragua](#)

[Migrants and refugees crossing Libya subjected to "unimaginable horrors" – UN](#)

[DRC: UN reports hundreds of human rights violations as security situation in North Kivu deteriorates](#)

[UN Human Rights Chief welcomes adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants](#)

[Bachelet, urges Government of Nicaragua to stop harassment of civil society and media](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 22 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 22 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 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

SRSB/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 22 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 22 Dec 2018]

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

20 December 2018

[China: UN human rights experts gravely concerned about Huang Qi's health](#)

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

20 December 2018

[Bangladesh: UN human rights experts alarmed by violence ahead of election](#)

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

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[Guatemala: UN experts concerned indigenous leader convicted in retaliation for opposition to Oxec hydro project](#)

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/migration/srmigrants/pages/srmigrantsindex.aspx>

20 December 2018

[New migration pact highlights key role of business in protecting migrants, say UN experts](#)

18 December 2018

[States must ensure all migrants enjoy all human rights, UN experts say on International Migrants Day](#)

UN OCHA [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

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[US\\$350 million appeal to address critical humanitarian needs of Palestinians launched.](#)

16 December 2018

[Humanitarian Coordinator expresses concern amidst escalation of violence in the West Bank](#)

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[UN Humanitarian Chief Mark Lowcock to visit Doha, State of Q ...](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

Press release

[Child given world's first drone-delivered vaccine in Vanuatu - UNICEF](#)

With 1 in 5 children in the remote Pacific island nation not fully immunized, UNICEF partners with the Government on first-ever commercial contract to deliver vaccines by drone

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Press release

[New fish-based ready-to-use-therapeutic food to treat children with severe acute malnutrition in Cambodia](#)

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UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Briefing notes

[US\\$2.7 billion two-year appeal launched for Africa's largest refugee crisis: South Sudan](#) 18

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Press releases and news comments

[UNHCR calls on Romanian EU Presidency to unite EU countries in stronger and fairer response for refugees](#) 21 Dec 2018

[UNHCR statement on today's US-Mexico announcement on new asylum protocols](#) 20 Dec

2018

[First resettled refugees arrive in Portugal under new scheme](#) 19 Dec 2018

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Announcements

Statement by UN Network on Migration on the Formal Endorsement of the Global Compact for Migration

2018-12-21 13:35

New York/Geneva — The new United Nations Network on Migration welcomes the formal endorsement, on 19 December 2018, by the General Assembly, of the outcome of the Marrakech Conference.

Bamboo Treatment Plant Races to Repel Beetles Attacking Bangladesh Refugee Camps

2018-12-21 13:25

Cox's Bazar — Work has begun on one of the largest bamboo treatment plants ever installed in an emergency response, as IOM experts tackle a tiny insect that is devastating structures in the world's biggest refugee settlement.

GMDAC Study: Better Evidence Needed to Inform Design and Implementation of Information Campaigns on Migration

2018-12-21 13:15

Berlin – A new report by IOM's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC) reveals the limited evidence base for information campaigns related to migration.

IOM, UNICEF, Release Results of New Flow Monitoring Exercise of Venezuelans in Perú

2018-12-21 13:10

Lima – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) released the results of the fourth round of the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) about refugees and migrants from Venezuela in Perú this week (18/12).

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 113,145 in 2018; Deaths Reach 2,242

2018-12-21 12:48

Geneva – IOM, the International Organization for Migration, reports that 113,145 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2018 through 19 December.

UNAIDS [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

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WHO & Regional Offices [to 22 Dec 2018]

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WHO launches technical guidance series on the health of refugees and migrants

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

Selected Featured News

:: WHO HTS Info app: from concept to reality 21 December 2018

This app provides easy, on-the-go access to current HIV testing services (HTS) guidelines and information on your smartphone or tablet, whether you are online or offline.

:: [Women join hands to oust Ebola from the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#) 21 December 2018

:: [Situation Update on the Yellow Fever outbreak in South Sudan](#) 20 December 2018

:: [A new multipurpose Infectious Disease Unit opens in Juba, South Sudan](#) 20 December 2018

:: [Nigeria launches Yellow fever vaccination campaign to stop outbreak in Edo state](#) 18 December 2018

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

- *No new announcement identified*

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

- *No new announcement identified*

WHO European Region EURO

:: [2018: The WHO European Region's Year in Review](#) 21-12-2018

:: [WHO launches technical guidance series on the health of refugees and migrants](#) 18-12-2018

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: [WHO Regional Director praises Pakistan's strong political commitment to achieving universal health coverage on official visit](#) Islamabad, Pakistan, 18 December 2018

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: [19 December 2018 | Feature Story](#) [New Zealand showcases and strengthens preparedness for outbreaks and emergencies](#)

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

Posted on December 17, 2018

Exceeding expectations in Katowice

When ministers concluded negotiations on Sunday morning, 30 hours beyond the allotted time frame, a final deal on climate action at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 24) in Katowice,...

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 22 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 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

20 Dec 2018

[Online system records voluntary commitments to Sendai Framework](#)

The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction is launching an online platform which allows partners to log their voluntary commitments towards implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

19 December 2018, New York

[General Assembly officially adopts roadmap for migrants to improve safety, ease suffering](#)

[See Week in Review above for detail]

UNESCO [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

20 December 2018

[New research grants support 20 early-career women scientists in the developing world](#)

The Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD) has announced the first recipients of the new OWSD Early Career fellowship programme. Twenty women scientists from 12 countries in the developing world will receive up to USD 50,000 to lead research projects at their home institutes, and to build up research groups that will attract international visitors. Funding for the fellowship is generously provided by Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

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 22 Dec 2018]

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

18/12/2018 –

[Statement by the UNODC Executive Director on International Migrants Day](#)

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Posted December 19, 2018

[Resilient Homes Design Challenge – winners announced](#)

NAIROBI, December 18, 2018—The World Bank, Build Academy, Airbnb, the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), and UN-Habitat today announced the winners of the Resilient Homes Design Challenge. The Challenge generated designs for disaster-resilient and sustainable houses that..

[Statement of the Executive Director On the Occasion of International Migrants Day, 18 December 2018](#)

Posted December 18, 2018

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

21-12-2018

[Sites in Iran, Morocco and Spain recognized as important for the world’s agricultural heritage](#)

A traditional saffron cultivation system in Iran, an argan-based agro-pastoral system in Morocco, and an ancient olive trees system in Spain today won recognition from FAO as Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS).

[New UN resolutions sharpen focus on plant health, food safety and pulses](#)

The UN General Assembly approved three new resolutions creating these awareness-raising initiatives, focused on plant health, food safety and pulses.

20-12-2018

[The Russian Federation donates \\$3million to boost food security and nutrition in Syria](#)

The donation will enable FAO to support 60,000 vulnerable households in the area of Aleppo, who were severely impacted by the crisis, to restore their production capacity and improve their food security and nutrition.

19-12-2018

[FAO hails landmark UN resolution that enshrines rights of peasants and rural workers](#)

The Declaration, which the General Assembly adopted on 17 December 2018, aims to protect the rights of all rural populations including peasants, agricultural and rural workers and indigenous peoples, while also recognizing their contribution to sustainable development and biodiversity and the challenges they face.

18-12-2018

ILO International Labour Organization [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

ILO 100

[A future of work for Russian youth](#)

21 December 2018

Youth employment remains a priority for the ILO as the Organization moves into its second century. A project in Russia's West Siberian region addresses this key future of work challenge by seeking to change employers' perceptions and creating opportunities for the most vulnerable youth.

Labour Overview for Latin America

[A quarter century of tracking labour markets in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

20 December 2018

The ILO's Labour Overview for Latin America and the Caribbean marks its 25th anniversary this month. The annual report tracks unemployment and other labour market indicators, and highlights decent work deficits that need to be tackled.

Labour Overview 2018

[Unemployment in Latin America and the Caribbean down slightly in 2018](#)

18 December 2018

After increasing for three years, unemployment in Latin America and the Caribbean dipped slightly in 2018, according to the ILO's Labour Overview 2018. But there is uncertainty about future trends, amid slow growth, high volatility and concerns about the high rate of youth unemployment.

International Migrants Day

[ILO announces winners of the 2018 Global Media Competition on Labour Migration](#)

18 December 2018

Winning entries provide outstanding, balanced, reporting on labour migration and fair recruitment.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

21/12/18

[New Inter-Agency Arrangement to heighten counter-terrorism efforts through greater support for aviation security](#)

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

19.12.2018

[The UPU achieves climate-neutral status for the second year in a row](#)

- In December, the United Nations released its most recent environmental sustainability report, entitled Greening the Blue. The report outlines the environmental footprint of the entire UN system, providing details for each UN agency, including the UPU. Formerly known as Moving Towards a Climate Neutral UN, the report looks at greenhouse gas emissions, offsetting, waste, and environmental management

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

By Clare Naden on 19 December 2018

[Keeping safe on the roads: series of standards for vehicle electronics functional safety just updated](#)

...Published in 12 individual parts, [ISO 26262](#), Road vehicles – Functional safety, has just been updated to keep abreast of these new and rapidly evolving technologies, and be relevant to even more applications.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

DFID [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

[Study points to new ways to reduce conflict in fragile states](#)

19 December 2018 DFID, FCO, MOD and SU Press release

The Elite Bargains and Political Deals research indicates that greater focus on the politics of conflicts, and those who control power and resources on the ground, is crucial to reducing violence.

[UK aid to provide emergency food to 62,000 Palestinian refugees in Gaza](#)

17 December 2018 DFID Press release

ECHO [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

21/12/2018

[EU provides additional €5 million for Burundi regional refugee crisis](#)

The Commission has committed an additional €5 million to address the urgent needs of Burundian refugees living in neighbouring countries. This brings the EU's total humanitarian response to the Burundi regional refugee crisis in 2018 to €13 million...

[EU steps up support for Ethiopia: emergency aid for refugees, internally displaced people and to tackle natural disasters](#)

17/12/2018

EU announces new humanitarian package for those most in need in Ethiopia. On an official visit to Ethiopia, Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides has announced today €89 million in humanitarian support for...

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African Union [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified.

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

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[ASEAN holds dialogue on the rights of persons with disabilities](#)

BANGKOK, 5 December 2018 - The ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) convened the 2018 Dialogue to mainstream the rights of persons with disabilities in the ASEAN Community from 3 to 5 December in Bangkok. It was the fourth annual dialogue conducted with a view to fostering the realisation of the rights of persons [...]

ASEAN Secretary-General meets with Myanmar authorities on Rakhine repatriation plans

NAY PYI TAW, 19 December 2018 – The ASEAN Secretary-General Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Deputy Secretary-General for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Kung Phoak, and AHA Center Executive Director Adelina Kamal, met with high-ranking officials of key Myanmar and Rakhine State ministries on repatriation plans for displaced people in the state yesterday. The coordination meeting

European Commission [to 22 Dec 2018]

<http://europa.eu/rapid/search-result.htm?query=18&locale=en&page=1>
21/12/2018

EU mobilises additional €5 million for Burundi regional refugee crisis

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 21 December 2018 The Commission has allocated additional €5 million to address the urgent needs of Burundian refugees living in neighbouring countries. For 2018, the EU's total humanitarian response to the Burundi regional refugee crisis therefore amounts to €13 million.

Migration and borders: Commission awards additional €305 million to Member States under pressure

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 20 December 2018 This week, the European Commission has made available an additional €305 million in emergency assistance to support migration and border management in Greece, Italy, Cyprus and Croatia.

EU reaffirms strong commitment to support for Palestine refugees and for Palestine's socio-economic development

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 20 December 2018 The EU mobilised €20 million additional financial assistance in support of the work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), and €73.3 million to improve the living conditions for the people in East Jerusalem and to foster economic development...

EU regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian crisis: with new projects adopted for refugees and local communities in Jordan, Iraq, and Turkey, the EU Trust Fund mobilised so far €1.6 billion

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 17 December 2018 The EU Trust Fund adopted projects worth €122 million to support access to education and basic health care for refugees and vulnerable local communities in Jordan, to provide livelihood opportunities in Turkey and make available critical health care services in Iraq.

OECD [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

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18/12/2018

[More refugees being helped by family, work and study permits, finds OECD and UNHCR study](#)

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

December 20, 2018

[Statement of the Working Group on Nicaragua of the Permanent Council of the OAS](#)

Working Group condemns the decision of the Government of Nicaragua to suspend the presence of IACHR mechanisms in Nicaragua, including visits by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights...

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

17/12/2018

[OIC Declaration on Human Rights Highlights the OIC's Strong Commitment to Universal Human Rights Standards](#)

Ambassador Hesham Yousef, Assistant Secretary General for Humanitarian, Cultural, Family and Social Affairs of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), has stressed that the OIC Cairo Declaration of Human Rights in Islam (CDHRI) now revised as 'OIC Declaration on Human Rights', will highlight the OIC's strong commitment to universal human rights standards when finalized. ...

The Cairo Declaration of Human Rights in Islam (CDHRI) was adopted by the 19th Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) held in Cairo in 1990, to serve as 'guidance for the Member States in the matters of human rights'. At that time, it was considered the first step as it brought the human rights discourse within the OIC community.

The 42nd Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) in 2015 mandated the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) of the OIC to review the declaration against existing universal human rights instruments and make the necessary suggestions for its improvement.

After a process of careful review, IPHRC presented a revised draft entitled the 'OIC Declaration on Human Rights' to the 44th CFM. Amb. Hesham pointed out that the finalization of this new declaration will help strengthen the OIC in this area of growing importance to the whole world.

Group of 77 [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

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[First Training on the Prevention of Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Heritage \(PITCH\) deployed in West and Central Africa](#)

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

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17 December 2018

[DDG Wolff: Efforts to maintain and improve the multilateral trading system will succeed](#)

Speaking at the Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington D.C. on 17 December, Deputy Director-General Alan Wolff outlined the reasons for being optimistic that the multilateral trading system and the WTO will endure. He emphasized the need for solutions to meet current challenges and what remains to be done to increase the benefits of the system.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 22 Dec 2018]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

Statement : 20 December 2018

[Statement by the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Fatou Bensouda, on the recent pre-election violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo](#)

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World Bank [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

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[World Bank Injects \\$50 Million to Improve Southern Africa Agriculture Productivity](#)

Angola and Lesotho join Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia

WASHINGTON, December 18, 2018 – Efforts to improve agriculture productivity in Southern Africa got a boost following the World Bank Board approval...

Date: December 18, 2018 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified.

African Development Bank Group [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

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[African Development Bank: African Education Fund will boost innovation, economic transformation](#)

19/12/2018 - The African Development Bank is keeping higher education, science and technology at the top of its development agenda as it backs a proposed African Education Fund (AEF) which seeks to provide strategic support for more efficient and effective education systems across Africa.

[African Development Fund Board approves US\\$149 million credit risk participations by the Private Sector Credit Enhancement Facility in seven private sector operations targeting low-income countries.](#)

19/12/2018 - The Board of Directors of the African Development Fund (ADF), the concessional window of the African Development Bank Group, approved on 14 December 2018, credit risk participations by the Private Sector Credit Enhancement Facility (PSF) in seven loans cumulatively valued at US\$149 million.

[Curtain falls on COP24 in Poland: African Development Bank more resolute than ever to fight against climate change in Africa](#)

18/12/2018 - The curtain has fallen on COP24, this year's global climate summit held in Katowice, Poland. However, negotiations continued throughout the weekend to reach agreement on specific parts of the 'rulebook' to be applied from 2020 by the 197 signatories of the Paris Agreement, to limit global warming to 2°C-1.5°C relative to pre-industrial levels.

[African Water Facility has raised €1.4 billion and funded 117 projects in 52 African countries](#)

17/12/2018 - The Governing Council of the African water Facility (AWF) has commended the Facility for mobilizing over €1.4 billion for the implementation of projects. The Facility has also funded 117 national and regional projects in 52 countries, including transition states, since it began operations in 2006.

Asian Development Bank [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

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News

Beijing, China, December 21, 2018

[AIIB Establishes Accountability Mechanism for Project-Affected People](#)

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's (AIIB) Board of Directors approved on Dec. 7, 2018 the Policy on the Project-affected People's Mechanism (PPM).

Beijing, China, December 21, 2018

[AIIB Granted Permanent Observer Status by the United Nations](#)

The United Nations (UN) has adopted a resolution granting the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) permanent observer status.

Beijing, China, December 19, 2018

[AIIB Approves Membership of Algeria, Ghana, Libya, Morocco, Libya, Morocco, Serbia, Togo](#)

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's (AIIB) Board of Governors has approved membership applications of six more countries, bringing AIIB's total approved membership to 93...

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

20 Dec 18

[Senegal and IFAD partner to promote climate resilient agriculture and rural entrepreneurship](#)

18 Dec 18

[IFAD to invest \\$13 million in Myanmar to reduce poverty and improve food security and nutrition in rural areas](#)

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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 22 Dec 2018]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

ARAVIND IN MEDIA

[Book on Ophthalmology released - December 07, 2018 | The Hindu](#)

[2nd edition of 'Aravind FAQs' ophthalmology book launched - December 07, 2018 | The Times of India](#)

BRAC [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CARE International [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

17th Dec 2018

[CARE and partners launch RILHUB, an interactive learning platform on resilience and innovations in the Philippines](#)

CARE and its partner organizations in the Philippines have joined forces to develop and launch the country's newest platform for learning, reflection and collaboration on resilience building and innovations.

Clubhouse International [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

17.12.2018

[The Global Compact on Refugees is a positive step toward a better refugee response](#)

International Rescue Committee, Oxfam, Save the Children, Norwegian Refugee Council and Danish Refugee Council welcome the affirmation of the Global Compact on Refugees today. The Compact has the potential to provide better protection and care for refugees and development benefits to hosting communities.

[See Week in Review above for detail]

ECPAT [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

News & Updates

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Posted: 18 December 2018

[No food, healthcare or safety for countless older Yemenis caught up in conflict](#)

Civil war in Yemen continues unabated. Over the past three years, this conflict has resulted in the death and injury of hundreds of thousands of people who have the misfortune to be caught up in a vicious cycle of destruction. Much of the country, already the poorest in the Middle East, has been torn apart, and 14 million people currently depend entirely on international aid for their survival.

ICRC [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[First global expert workshop on IHL and Islamic law in contemporary armed conflicts](#)

Today, approximately two-thirds of its current operations are focused on armed conflicts in Muslim contexts. In these contexts, Islamic law can provide useful references and insights to help protect people affected by conflict.

20-12-2018 | Article

[Our work in Yemen: September - October 2018](#)

In September and October, the International Committee of the Red Cross gradually resumed its regular pace of activities across Yemen: relief work but also support to healthcare facilities and water corporations.

17-12-2018 | Publication

IFRC [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

DPRK

[DPRK: "More assistance, not less" needed as humanitarian challenges rise](#)

Beijing/Kuala Lumpur/Geneva, 21 December 2018 – Despite a recent diplomatic thawing, the humanitarian situation in Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) remains one of the world's most chronic and forgotten crises, with UN sanctions having unit ...

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Indonesia

[Three months after Indonesia disasters, Red Cross focuses on improved shelter for thousands of displaced families](#)

Palu / Geneva, 20 December 2018 – Three months after an earthquake, tsunami and soil liquefaction devastated Central Sulawesi, Indonesia, the Red Cross is shifting its focus to helping affected families find safe and accessible accommodation. Steve McA ...

20 December 2018

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Statement

[First UN Security Council Resolution on Yemen in four years is a long overdue step toward ending war](#)

December 21, 2018

Statement

[As holiday season approaches, IRC Voice Morena Baccarin calls for support to Venezuelan refugees caught in largest refugee crisis in Latin American history](#)

December 21, 2018

Press Release

[U.S. Border Announcement Continues Systematic Degradation of Legal Routes to Protection](#)

December 20, 2018

Statement

[Postponement of elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo is extremely dangerous](#)

December 20, 2018

Statement

[Hundreds of thousands at risk from imminent military action in northeast Syria, warns the IRC](#)

December 20, 2018

IRCT [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

News 20 Dec 2018

[IRCT speaks out against the sentencing of Dr Şebnem Korur-Fincancı to 30 months' imprisonment](#)

The IRCT is deeply concerned that Dr Şebnem Korur-Fincancı has been sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment for signing a petition for peace organized by a group of Turkish academics in 2016. As this decision is appealed, the IRCT urges the Turkish courts to demonstrate their independence and uphold the principles of rule of law and human rights in the country...

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Latest News

Published: 18 December 2018

[Shameful lack of leadership and ambition, IRW reacts to COP24](#)

...Climate change is an ethical issue of social justice, trust, and compassion. In the light of scientific, economic and eyewitness evidence, all people of faith and people of conscience have a moral obligation to act now to avoid complete catastrophe. Bold action is needed urgently.

Landsea [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Selected News; Project Updates, Reports

Niger

[Medical care for people on the move in Niamey](#)

Project Update 19 Dec 2018

Armenia

[Earthquake response: 30 years of MSF in Armenia](#)

Project Update 19 Dec 2018

Central American Migration

["I want a normal life for my son"](#)

Voices from the Field 18 Dec 2018

Niger

[Preventing future outbreaks in a cholera hotspot](#)

Project Update 17 Dec 2018

South Africa

[Critical gaps in mental healthcare for survivors of sexual violence](#)

Report 17 Dec 2018

South Africa

[The mental healthcare lottery faced by victims of sexual violence](#)

Voices from the Field 17 Dec 2018

Mercy Corps [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Press Releases

[Mercy Corps: Commends United Nations for Supporting Refugees](#)

In response to the UN General Assembly endorsing the Global Compact on Refugees, Mercy Corps Chief Executive Officer Neal Keny-Guyer issued the following statement:

[Mercy Corps Welcomes Progress At COP24, But World's Poor Need More Help To Adapt To Climate Change And Avoid Losses](#)

KATOWICE, Poland – Following the conclusion of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change talks, Mercy Corps' Chief Executive Officer Neal Keny-Guyer issued the following statement:

Operation Smile [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

[Program Schedule](#)

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

OXFAM [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Selected News/Announcements

[Half a million homeless Yemenis on brink of famine face winter freeze](#)

19 December 2018

More than half a million people who have fled fighting in Yemen are facing a double threat of famine and near freezing temperatures

[Global Compact on Refugees is positive step towards a better refugee response](#)

18 December 2018

The Compact has the potential to provide better protection and care for refugees and development benefits to hosting communities.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Latest news from NRC

[Conflict in Cameroon's Anglophone regions forces 430,000 people to flee](#)

NRC|Published 19. Dec 2018

The number of people displaced as a result of the crisis in Cameroon's Anglophone regions has spiked to more than 430,000 during the last months. Many people are hiding in the bush with no support, warns the Norwegian Refugee Council.

[Restoring hope to recover after Cyclone Sagar](#)

Abdifatah Muse|Published 19. Dec 2018

In May 2018, Cyclone Sagar stormed across the Gulf of Aden and made landfall in Somaliland, disrupting the lives of over 670,000 people. Six months later, efforts to restore livelihoods are finally starting to show results

[Millions of Congolese languish without aid – as the country heads towards elections](#)

NRC|Published 18. Dec 2018

As the world turns its attention to the upcoming national elections in Democratic Republic of the Congo this Sunday, the Norwegian Refugee Council cautions not to lose sight of the millions of Congolese men, women and children whose humanitarian needs have yet to be met.

Pact [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Dec 20, 2018

[How an HIV Diagnosis Inspired Friendship in Sierra Leone](#)

Aminata Kebbie discovered she was HIV-positive when she was five months pregnant. A friendship sparked with a PIH community health worker arguably saved her and her daughter's lives.

PATH [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Thursday 20 December 2018

[10 Million Euros for Children in Urgent Need- C&A and C&A Foundation renew partnership with Save the Children](#)

C&A and C&A Foundation are proud to announce the renewal of their partnership with the leading independent global children's rights organization Save the Children. After the success of the first three-year partnership, C&A Foundation will grant Save the Children additional €3.36 million per year over the next three years to amplify the scope of the partnership.

Monday 17 December 2018

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

Save the Children welcomes today's adoption of the Global Compact on Refugees at the United Nations Global Assembly. Conflict and persecution have forced millions of children to flee their homes, risking the loss of a future that every child deserves. This historic document paves the way for greater responsibility sharing between countries, which will protect child refugees by:

- ensuring effective measures to save lives and access to appropriate care
- making protection of children consistent across borders

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Tostan [to 22 Dec 2018]

<http://www.tostan.org>

Dec 20, 2018

[The human rights movement is rising in Mali: 141 communities publicly declare abandonment of harmful practices in Koulikoro](#)

On 29 November 2018, representatives of 141 communities gathered in Koulikoro, Mali, to publicly declare their decision to abandon the age-old practices of female genital cutting (FGC) and child marriage...

Women for Women International [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 22 Dec 2018]

<http://wvi.org/>

Wednesday, December 19th 2018

[New UN Compact can be a source of hope for children on the move](#)

:: Aid agency welcomes UN adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

:: The objectives in the agreement are vital to protecting more than 50 million children

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Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR [to 22 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
No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 22 Dec 2018]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>
*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research
Press Releases*

[New Analyses Show Ongoing Russian Interference in US Democracy](#)

December 17, 2018

The U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence released two independent analyses examining social media tactics used by the Russian Internet Research Agency to influence the U.S. elections.

Transparency International [to 22 Dec 2018]

<https://www.transparency.org/news/pressreleases>
20 Dec 2018

[Statement on recognition of President H.E. Yoweri Museveni](#)

- During the Dialogue, TI-Uganda recognized the work of over 70 stakeholders and partners for their contribution towards the fight against corruption. Those recognized came from a wide range of Ugandan society and institutions. Amongst those recognized was the President of Uganda.

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Bond [to 22 Dec 2018]

<https://www.bond.org.uk/news>
20 December 2018

[What does the new aid effectiveness report mean for UK aid?](#)

A new report measuring aid effectiveness finds that the UK is beginning to fall behind when it comes to aid quality.

[5 key points from the government's response to the IDC's safeguarding inquiry](#)

The government's response to the IDC's "Sexual exploitation and abuse in the aid sector" inquiry agreed with some of the committee's recommendations but queried others.

[Franziska Schwarz](#)

19 December 2018

[18 things we're proud of achieving this year](#)

We've been very busy at Bond this year - here are eighteen achievements from 2018.

18 December 2018

ChildFund Alliance [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

CONCORD [to 22 Dec 2018]
<http://concordeurope.org/news-and-events/>
Dec 19, 2018

[The upcoming presidency trio needs to set Europe on a sustainable path](#)

Romania, Finland and Croatia recently published the Trio Programme for their upcoming EU Council Presidencies. The Trio Programme sets the joint political priorities for the presidencies and does not suggest radical changes, but puts emphasis on jobs and growth meaning business as in EU politics. European NGOs would like to see human rights based policies aiming at well-being within planetary boundaries.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 22 Dec 2018]
<http://www.dec.org.uk/media-centre>
LATEST PRESS RELEASES
No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 22 Dec 2018]
<http://theelders.org/news-media>
Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements
No new digest content identified.

END Fund [to 22 Dec 2018]
<https://end.org/media-hub/>
Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements
No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 22 Dec 2018]
www.evidenceaid.org
No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 22 Dec 2018]
<https://www.gavi.org/>
No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 22 Dec 2018]
<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/>
Feature Story
[2018: A Look Back](#)
18 December 2018

As the calendar page turns, we look back on some of the stories and moments that shaped 2018. Celebrating the 27 million lives saved. Honoring those we have lost. Amplifying the voices of people and communities most affected by the epidemics. Welcoming new leadership and partnerships. And accelerating investment and innovation to achieve a future free of the burden of HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 22 Dec 2018]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

News

[Girls' Education and Refugees: Interview with Malala Yousafzai](#)

Harvard Political Review 13 December 2018

Malala Yousafzai is a 21 year old female education activist and the youngest Nobel Prize Laureate. From the Swat Valley in northwest Pakistan, she was shot by the Taliban for her activism. On her sixteenth birthday, Malala spoke at the United Nations, calling for education accessibility. She is the author of *I am Malala*, an autobiography.

InterAction [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Latest News; Blog Entries

Dec 21, 2018

[Government Shutdown Could Threaten U.S. Investments in Live-Saving Programs](#)

InterAction released the following statement in response to a possible government...

A partial U.S. government shutdown could have harmful consequences for critical American investments in fighting disease, hunger, and extreme poverty globally. By not reaching an agreement with Congress, President Trump threatens the significant progress we have made over the last decade, while also damaging the reputation of the United States as a leader in life-saving development and humanitarian programs...

Dec 19, 2018

[Mourning the Loss of NCBA CLUSA Staff Killed in Tragic Accident](#)

A bus accident in Uganda claimed the lives of 18 project staff members from InterAction member organization...

Dec 18, 2018

[U.S. Must Support Implementation of Global Compact on Refugees](#)

Following the U.S. vote against the Global Compact on Refugees yesterday, InterAction released a statement ...

Start Network [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

21 Dec 18

2019: the year to be on the right side of history

by Sean Lowrie

2018 was a turbulent year. Not just climate change and economic transformation, but technological change at such a pace and scale that the future is essentially unknowable.

Yet just at the time when global risks are escalating, nation states around the world are turning inward. Nations are becoming more fearful and governments are not adapting quickly enough. But these risks require a global response - international cooperation on an unprecedented scale with unprecedented urgency.

I believe international humanitarian action is on the right side of history.

21 Dec 18

Statement on ARC Replica: Start Network

On the 30th of August this year, we announced the signature of a game-changing insurance policy. This insurance was intended to pay out in the event of a drought in Senegal, enabling aid agencies to act before the impacts of the drought are felt by vulnerable communities. This policy would replicate an equivalent one signed by the Government of Senegal, and allow Start Network members to roll out operations alongside and in complementarity with the Government. The following is a status update on the ARC Replica policy...

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 22 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 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

20/12/2018

Humanitarian Accountability Report launches worldwide

On 1st October the CHS Alliance, in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), launched the 2018 edition of the Humanitarian Accountability Report (HAR) in Geneva. Since then, the Alliance has organised a series of launch events around the world.

18/12/2018

Towards collective accountability in Chad

Since January 2018, we have been working in partnership with Ground Truth Solutions (GTS) in Chad to collect feedback from people affected by crisis and aid workers and, based on these findings, help the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) adapt the implementation of their programmes.

Development Initiatives [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 22 Dec 2018]

<https://ihsa.info/>

No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 22 Dec 2018]

<https://phap.org/>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

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Brookings

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

Accessed 22 Dec 2018

Latest Research

Israel

Addressing Israel's growing demand for skills in the developing world

Dany Bahar

December 2018

Regulatory Policy

[How OIRA should review Treasury tax regulations](#)

Greg Leiserson and Adam Looney

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Early Childhood Education

[A good-enough early childhood](#)

Grover J. "Russ" Whitehurst

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Report

[Mainstreaming gender equality and empowerment education in post-primary schools in India](#)

Urvashi Sahni

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Social Issues

[Progress paradoxes and sustainable growth](#)

Carol Graham

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Center for Global Development [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

December 18, 2018

[UK Aid Quality Indicators](#)

This paper discusses the United Kingdom's foreign aid quality based on an updated assessment of the Quality of Official Development Assistance (QuODA) published by the Center for Global Development. We find UK aid quality has decreased from 2012 to 2016 and now ranks 15th out of the 27 countries assessed.

Caitlin McKee , Ian Mitchell and Arthur Baker

December 17, 2018

[The International Development Finance Club and the Sustainable Development Goals](#)

The SDGs face a key dilemma. Although major multilateral institutions like the World Bank and the other core MDBs have played a leadership role in shaping the SDG financing framework, there is a significant misalignment between the structure of these institutions and SDG financing needs. The International Development Finance Club is uniquely positioned to play a leadership role on the SDGs.
Scott Morris

CSIS [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Reports

Report

[A CSO Playbook to Reclaim Civic Space: Version 1.0](#)

December 21, 2018

This brief consolidates key lessons and recommendations from several years of research conducted by the CSIS International Consortium on Closing Civic Space (iCon) regarding how civil society can respond to narrowing civic space.

Report

[Responding to Closing Civic Space: Recent Experiences from Three Global Initiatives](#)

December 19, 2018 This report maps out three global initiatives that have emerged in response to closing civic space with the goal of keeping the space open, highlighting good practice and lessons learned.

ODI [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

[Taxation and accountability in sub-Saharan Africa: New evidence for a governance dividend](#)

Working and discussion papers | December 2018 | Roel Dom

Tax revenue and accountability are still positively linked in contemporary developing countries.

[The political economy of cash transfer programmes in Brazil, Pakistan and the Philippines](#)

Working and discussion papers | December 2018 | Moizza Binat Sarwar

This paper contributes to an understanding of the kind of incentives that can open a space for major pro-poor policies to be put into place.

[Protecting civilians in the Kachin borderlands, Myanmar: key threats and local responses](#)

Working and discussion papers | December 2018 | Ashley South

Exploring the conflict dynamics in Kachin State, Myanmar, and identifying the strategies used and challenges faced by local protection actors.

Urban Institute [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

December 20, 2018

[Analysis of the Giving Potential of High-Income Donors in the Washington, DC, Metropolitan Region](#)

The recent Chronicle of Philanthropy How America Gives report highlighted the Washington, DC, metropolitan region as a place of exceptional giving—DC ranks high on the list of total charitable dollars given—and one of unmet “giving potential.” This report validates those findings but demonstrates that there is considerable variation among giving patterns within the region by providing a more granular analysis of its

[Joycelyn Ovalle](#), [John Iselin](#), [Brice McKeever](#), [Benjamin Soskis](#)

December 20, 2018

Research Report

[Analyzing a Localized Giving Culture](#)

A recent survey of charitable giving practices at the state, county, and metropolitan level published by the Chronicle of Philanthropy sparked questions about the nature of the disparities in giving patterns between various locales and about whether they can be attributed to a localized culture of giving. The

existence of such a culture requires the active shaping of charitable practice within a geographically based community

[Benjamin Soskis](#)

December 20, 2018

Research Report

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

The December 2018 edition of At A Glance, the Housing Finance Policy Center's reference guide for mortgage and housing market data, includes updated figures describing the value of the housing market, nonbank originator shares in the agency market, and negative household equity. Housing Finance at a Glance: Monthly Chartbooks Archive

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

December 20, 2018

Research Report

[School District Funding in Virginia](#)

Virginia's distinctive school funding formula is made up of multiple funding streams. Each program's funding is generally determined based on the minimum cost of meeting program and staffing requirements, and responsibility for meeting these funding obligations is split between the state and districts. In the 2017 school year, the formula resulted in slightly progressive cost-adjusted funding across districts. Changes to the

[Cary Lou](#), [Kristin Blagg](#), [Victoria Rosenboom](#), [Victoria Lee](#), [Stipica Mudrazija](#)

December 19, 2018

Brief

[School District Funding in Massachusetts](#)

Massachusetts's funding formula—the mechanism through which state dollars for elementary and secondary education are allocated to school districts—is based on a per student funding model. A budget is calculated for each district based on student characteristics, and the state and local cities and towns share the responsibility for funding the districts' budgets. Fiscal year 2018 (school year 2017–18) cost-adjusted funding to

[Victoria Lee](#), [Kristin Blagg](#), [Stipica Mudrazija](#), [Cary Lou](#), [Victoria Rosenboom](#)

December 19, 2018

Brief

[Partners or Pirates?](#)

In this report, we explore how and why local governments have turned to cooperation to boost economic development. We synthesize highlights from the literature, explore program features from two regional case studies, and share findings from interviews with local practitioners. Although research on the effectiveness of current practices is limited, we identify themes that can inform cooperative economic development.

[Megan Randall](#), [Kim S. Rueben](#), [Brett Theodos](#), [Aravind Boddupalli](#)

December 19, 2018

Research Report

[Rise In Children's Uninsurance In 2017 Compounded By Rise In Parents' Uninsurance In Medicaid Nonexpansion States](#)

This Health Affairs blog builds upon a recent report by the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families which found an increase in children's uninsurance between 2016 and 2017. We examine changes in uninsurance among parents during the same time period, finding that the national uninsurance rate among parents did not improve between 2016 and 2017, consistent with other data sources finding that adults' coverage gains

[Jennifer M. Haley](#), [Emily M. Johnston](#), [Robin Wang](#)

December 19, 2018

Brief

[What Explains the Widespread Material Hardship among Low-Income Families with Children?](#)

Using data from the December 2017 round of the Urban Institute's Well-Being and Basic Needs Survey, this brief assesses the prevalence of material hardship among parents living with children under age 19, how this varies by family income and ages of children, and the characteristics of low-income parents who report hardships. We then identify factors associated with an increased or reduced risk of material hardship among parents

[Michael Karpman](#), [Dulce Gonzalez](#), [Stephen Zuckerman](#), [Gina Adams](#)

December 19, 2018

Brief

World Economic Forum [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Selected News Releases

No new digest content identified.

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

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

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 22 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 22 Dec 2018]

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

Press Release

December 19, 2018

[**Clinton Foundation Completes Five-Year Community Health Transformation Effort in Northeast Florida**](#)

Co Impact [to 22 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 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 22 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

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Latest Updates

[**A year in review and what's ahead for our climate finance strategy**](#)

By Marilyn Waite
December 18, 201

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Our News

[Message from Peter Laugharn: Reflecting on an Unforgettable Year](#)

December 21, 2018

IKEA Foundation [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Dec 17 2018 *Research*

[Searching for the Source of Planarians' Regenerative Powers](#)

Summary

Using a technique that involves analyzing thousands of single cells, scientists have figured out a new way to capture a stem cell that underlies flatworm regeneration.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

December 20, 2018 *News Release*

[If the Affordable Care Act is Struck Down, Nearly All Americans Would Be Affected in Some Way](#)

The Affordable Care Act's changes to the nation's health care system are so widespread that nearly all Americans would be affected in some way if a federal judge's decision ruling the entire law unconstitutional is upheld, according to a new analysis from KFF (the Kaiser Family Foundation). While the changes...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Kellogg Foundation [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Dec. 17, 2018

[SecondMuse selected as entrepreneurship support organization](#)

Following our request for proposals this past summer, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation is pleased to share that SecondMuse has been selected as the entrepreneurship support organization to serve Battle Creek's start-up businesses. The Kellogg Foundation is committed to the children and families of Battle

Creek, and creating an equitable community for them to thrive. SecondMuse is critical to that effort and will provide coaching, mentoring and hands-on technical with a focus on accelerating economic development in our home town...

MacArthur Foundation [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

December 19, 2018 *Grantee Research*

[Recommendations for Nuclear Waste Management](#)

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

December 20, 2018

[Acquisition of 159 acres in Santa Cruz Mountains creates important link to preserving open space](#)

December 18, 2018

[Ellen Ochoa joins the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation board of trustees](#)

The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation today announced the election of a new trustee, Ellen Ochoa, astronaut, former director of the Johnson Space Center and vice chair of the National Science Board.

Open Society Foundation [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Press Releases & Statements

December 18, 2018

[Pew Applauds Senate Passage of Bipartisan Criminal Justice Reform](#)

December 18, 2018

[Groups Issue Framework for Antibiotic Stewardship in Food Animal Production](#)

Rockefeller Foundation [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

Latest News Releases, Blog Posts, Reports

[A Path to Incremental Health Care Reform](#)

12/18/2018 *Brief*

Since the implementation of the ACA coverage provisions in 2014, health insurance coverage has expanded significantly, but about 32 million people are estimated to remain uninsured in 2020.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 22 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..."

No new digest content identified.

SDG Philanthropy Platform

<http://sdgfunders.org/>

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

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

No new digest content identified.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

19 December 2018

[Why we need a globally coordinated approach to preparing for epidemics](#)

At \$60 billion a year, not preparing for epidemics costs far more than putting the systems in place to prevent infectious diseases from spreading around the globe. Here's why.

News / 18 December 2018

[Value of Wellcome's investments passes £25 billion](#)

The value of our investments portfolio grew to almost £25.9 billion by 30 September 2018, strengthening our ambition to spend more than £5 billion over five years on our charitable activities.

17 December 2018

Research should be at the heart of an epidemic response

If we put research at the heart of epidemic response, it's a double win – helping fight outbreaks that are underway and protecting us in the future.

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Foundation Center [to 22 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 22 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 22 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 22 Dec 2018)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content>
(Accessed 22 Dec 2018)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmedethics/content>
(Accessed 22 Dec 2018)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/content>
(Accessed 22 Dec 2018)
Commentary

[Mass drug administration for malaria elimination: do we understand the settings well enough?](#)

Mass drug administration (MDA) of antimalarials has re-emerged as a recommended tool for interrupting malaria transmission, but evidence from low endemicity settings is scarce. A trial in Zanzibar found that t...

Authors: Manuel W. Hetzel and Blaise Genton

Citation: BMC Medicine 2018 16:239

Published on: 19 December 2018

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 22 Dec 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 22 Dec 2018)

Research article

[Achieving high uptake of human papillomavirus vaccination in Malaysia through school-based vaccination programme](#)

In 2006, 4 years of planning was started by the Ministry of Health, Malaysia (MOH), to implement the HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccination programme. An inter-agency and multi-sectoral collaborations were dev...

Authors: Nor Asiah Muhamad, Saidatul Norbaya Buang, Safurah Jaafar, Rohani Jais, Phaik Sim Tan, Normi Mustapha, Noor Aliza Lodz, Tahir Aris, Lokman Hakim Sulaiman and Shahnaz Murad

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Nomadic lifestyle has been shown to be a significant factor in low immunization coverage. However, other factors which might aggravate vaccination uptake in nomadic pastoralists are poorly understood. Our stud...

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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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Research
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Opportunities for linking research to policy: lessons learned from implementation research in sexual and reproductive health within the ANSER network

The uptake of findings from sexual and reproductive health and rights research into policy-making remains a complex and non-linear process. Different models of research utilisation and guidelines to maximise this in policy-making exist, however, challenges still remain for researchers to improve uptake of their research findings and for policy-makers to use research evidence in their work.

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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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Eli Y. Adashi, MD, MS; I. Glenn Cohen, JD

JAMA. 2018;320(24):2531-2532. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.18270

This Viewpoint about heritable genome editing—the modification of DNA of an embryo, sperm, or egg to alter its characteristics for future generations—summarizes the 2018 Nuffield Council on Bioethics report on social and ethical issues raised by the technique, and questions its rejection of a distinction between gene editing for therapeutic vs feature enhancement purposes.

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[Immunogenicity, safety, and tolerability of the measles-vectored chikungunya virus vaccine MV-CHIK: a double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled and active-controlled phase 2 trial](#)

Emil C Reisinger, Roland Tschismarov, Eckhard Beubler, Ursula Wiedermann, Christa Firbas, Micha Loebermann, Andrea Pfeiffer, Matthias Muellner, Erich Tauber, Katrin Ramsauer

Interpretation

MV-CHIK showed excellent safety and tolerability and good immunogenicity, independent of pre-existing immunity against the vector. MV-CHIK is a promising candidate vaccine for the prevention of chikungunya fever, an emerging disease of global concern.

Health Policy

[Health and dignity of Palestine refugees at stake: a need for international response to sustain crucial life services at UNRWA](#)

Akiko Kitamura, Masamine Jimba, Julia McCahey, Gloria Paolucci, Sayed Shah, Majed Hababeh, Yousef Shahin, Akihiro Seitani

Summary

The UN Sustainable Development Goals affirm equality and dignity as essential to the enjoyment of basic human rights, including the right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, which promotes global solidarity among all people, including refugees. The UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) has provided support to Palestine refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, the Gaza Strip, and the West Bank since the 1950s. Today, however, conflict and violence, occupation, high levels of poverty, and other social determinants of health jeopardize the wellbeing of Palestine refugees. Health concerns include non-communicable diseases, mental health conditions, and access to hospital care. Additionally, UNRWA is continuing to face a severe funding crisis. Using a historical and health policy perspective, this Health Policy examines UNRWA strategies that facilitate continuous provision of health-care services for Palestine refugees. Given the increasingly volatile environment faced by this population, a multifaceted international response is needed to enable UNRWA to deliver sustainable services to Palestine refugees and avert further loss of life, dignity, and hope, pending a just and lasting solution to their plight in accordance with applicable international law and UN General Assembly resolutions.

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Original Scholarship

Members of Minority and Underserved Communities Set Priorities for Health Research

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Policy Points

:: Engaging and involving underrepresented communities when setting research priorities could make the scientific research agenda more equitable, more just, and more responsive to their needs and values.

:: Groups and individuals from minority and underserved communities strongly prioritized child health and mental health research, often choosing to invest at the highest possible level.

:: Groups consisting of predominantly Native American or Arab American participants invested in culture and beliefs research at the highest level, while many groups did not select it at all. The priority given to culture and beliefs research by these groups illustrates the importance of paying special attention to unique preferences, and not just commonly held views, when getting public input on spending priorities for research.

Nature

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Vaccine candidates for poor nations are going to waste

Promising immunizations for diseases that affect mostly people in low- and middle-income countries need help getting to market, urge David C. Kaslow and colleagues.

David C. Kaslow, Steve Black, David E Bloom, Mahima Datla, David Salisbury & Rino Rappuoli

[Excerpt]

...A way forward

So what should be done? In our view, the main stakeholders must come together to define a new path for the sustainable development of vaccines that are socially justified but that have no business case, an uncertain one, or that require considerable public funding to reach the clinic.

Participants should include funding agencies such as the Wellcome Trust, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the NIH; early-development partners such as PATH and the International Vaccine Institute in Seoul; vaccine manufacturers from wealthy and emerging economies; and organizations that recommend and procure vaccines for poor countries, such as the WHO and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

The first aim should be to assess all the candidates in the pipeline. To ensure the best use of limited resources, the focus must be the most favourable candidates that face uncertain business cases. Those that are unlikely to have a significant impact socially and economically must be deprioritized.

Ultimately, the stakeholders must specify which organization, or alliance, should drive development for the prioritized vaccines from beginning to end, and what role each partner should have. They must also lay out the practical steps that are most likely to lead to the successful late-stage development and use of these vaccines — including schemes for resourcing.

Money is the main limiting factor. In principle, subsidies from governments, such as those of the G20 countries, and philanthropic organizations such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, could remedy the market failure threatening vaccine development for LMICs. Gavi provides one form of subsidy (see 'Spreading the cost'). Support to develop vaccines or to make them available during epidemics is also provided by public organizations, such as the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations in Oslo and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority, part of the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Such schemes need to be expanded and rethought to give vaccine developers more certainty and upfront financial backing. For instance, Gavi could commit to purchasing a vaccine before it has been developed, on the condition that the developers meet certain regulatory milestones. At present, the alliance buys vaccines to distribute to LMICs after they have been licensed or recommended by the WHO for general use.

Regulation is another hurdle. Stakeholders should define clear pathways. They should negotiate more alignment between the various organizations involved in planning, development and oversight. Finally, they should identify what infrastructure and human capacity are needed to ensure that a reliable supply of vaccines can be provided long-term to the people who need them.

Only with this kind of leadership will the global community secure vaccines for some of the world's most debilitating diseases.

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Policy Forum

[Defining rights-based indicators for HIV epidemic transition](#)

Joseph J. Amon, Patrick Eba, Laurel Sprague, Olive Edwards, Chris Beyrer

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Summary points

:: Stark differences in HIV incidence and mortality across locations and populations demonstrate the challenge of identifying a single indicator, at national scale, of progress toward the control of HIV epidemics.

:: Even in countries that report decreases in HIV incidence, incidence may be increasing among groups that are particularly vulnerable and face political and social exclusion, especially sex workers, people who inject drugs, transgender persons, men who have sex with men, and prisoners.

:: To comprehensively evaluate national progress on HIV, five categories of indicators should be examined that address: levels of coverage of key evidence-based prevention and treatment interventions; incidence and prevalence of HIV infection; AIDS-related or all-cause mortality among people living with HIV; stigma and discrimination; and the legal and policy environment. Indicators should be disaggregated, whenever feasible, to fully reflect progress and challenges relating to all populations and locations in the national response.

:: The process of evaluating indicators of national progress should meaningfully involve people living with HIV and from key populations as an important part of data validation.

PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases

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Prehospital & Disaster Medicine

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Guest Editorial

Precision Health in Disaster Medicine and Global Public Health

Ronak B. Patel

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Current debates about precision medicine take different perspectives on its relevance and value in global health. The term has not yet been applied to disaster medicine or humanitarian health, but it may hold significant value. An interpretation of the term for global public health and disaster medicine is presented here for application to vulnerable populations. Embracing the term may drive more efficient use and targeting of limited resources while encouraging innovation and adopting the new approaches advocated in current humanitarian discourse.

Preventive Medicine

Volume 117, Pages 1-114 (December 2018)

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Behavior Change, Health, and Health Disparities 2018: Tobacco Regulatory Science

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29 August 2018; volume 285, issue 1885

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Public Health

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Public Health Ethics

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Volume 133 Issue 1_suppl, November/December 2018

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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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Research Ethics

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Reproductive Health

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Study protocol

[Study protocol: using a mobile phone-based application to increase awareness and uptake of sexual and reproductive health services among the youth in Uganda. A randomized controlled trial](#)

Several cost-effective programs are being implemented around the world that use mobile technology to improve Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) uptake and awareness among youth. Mobile phone applications are...

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Research

[Women empowerment as an enabling factor of contraceptive use in sub-Saharan Africa: a multilevel analysis of cross-sectional surveys of 32 countries](#)

Women's empowerment has a direct impact on maternal and child health care service utilization. Large scope measurement of contraceptive use in several dimensions is paramount, considering the nature of empower...

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Communicating About Zika

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Risk Management and Healthcare Policy

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Science

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

Special Issue: Breakthrough of the Year

[Development cell by cell](#)

By Elizabeth Pennisi

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With a trio of techniques, scientists are tracking embryo development in stunning detail.

[Runners-up](#)

By Eric Hand, Gretchen Vogel, Ken Garber, Jocelyn Kaiser, Kelly Servick, Daniel Clery, Robert F. Service, Meredith Wadman

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Science has named nine scientific advances as runners-up for the 2018 Breakthrough of the Year.

[Breakdowns of the year](#)

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What went wrong in the world of science in 2018.

Reports

[The strength of long-range ties in population-scale social networks](#)

By Patrick S. Park, Joshua E. Blumenstock, Michael W. Macy

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Data from millions of twitter and mobile phone subscribers suggest that strong, long-range ties bridge distant online communities.

The strength of long-range ties

It seems reasonable that we would have the closest, strongest ties with people in our immediate social network and that the ties between networks would be weaker. However, Park et al. discovered strong ties that spanned extreme network (not geographic) distances in 11 culturally diverse population-scale networks on four continents—encompassing 56 million Twitter users and 58 million mobile phone subscribers. Although they are fairly rare, strong ties between networks could be important for the spreading of ideas or disease.

Abstract

Long-range connections that span large social networks are widely assumed to be weak, composed of sporadic and emotionally distant relationships. However, researchers historically have lacked the population-scale network data needed to verify the predicted weakness. Using data from 11 culturally diverse population-scale networks on four continents—encompassing 56 million Twitter users and 58 million mobile phone subscribers—we find that long-range ties are nearly as strong as social ties embedded within a small circle of friends. These high-bandwidth connections have important implications for diffusion and social integration.

Social Science & Medicine

Volume 219 Pages 1-86 (December 2018)

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

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Stanford Social Innovation Review

Fall 2018 Volume 16, Number 4

https://ssir.org/issue/fall_2018

All too often nonprofit organizations think that communications is simply about getting your message out. But to do that effectively you need to understand what shapes people's feelings and values. And for that you need to understand social science, which is the subject of "The Science of What Makes People Care," the cover story in the Fall 2018 issue of *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.

Philanthropy & Funding

Sustainability

Volume 10, Issue 11 (November 2018)

<https://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/10/11>

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Trauma, Violence, & Abuse

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UN Chronicle

Vol. LV Nos. 3 & 4 2018 December 2018

[New Technologies: Where to?](#)

This issue focuses on new technologies and their potential benefits for humanity as well as their expanding use in advancing the 2030 Agenda. It explores the promise of our digital age, while posing important questions about where these technologies are leading us, and how their misuse could also lead to increased inequality and conflict.

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

Volume 13, Issue 4, 2018

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World Heritage Review

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

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[World Heritage and Wetlands](#)

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

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

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