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Period ending 1 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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G20 – Argentina 2018

[G20 Leaders' declaration – Building consensus for fair and sustainable development](#)

[Excerpts; Editor's text bolding]

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5. We renew our commitment to work together to improve a rules-based international order that is capable of effectively responding to a rapidly changing world.

8. Access to education is a human right and a strategic public policy area for the development of more inclusive, prosperous, and peaceful societies. We underline the importance of girls' education. To equip our citizens to reap the benefits of societal and technological innovations we will promote coordination between employment and equitable quality education policies, so we can develop comprehensive strategies that promote key competences such as learning to learn, foundation and digital skills, in a lifelong learning perspective from early childhood. We acknowledge the need to foster evidence-based innovative pedagogies and methods for all levels of education.

11. Building on the G20 Food Security and Nutrition Framework, we reaffirm our commitment to tackling the challenges of food security, which is crucial to achieving a world free of hunger and all forms of malnutrition. We will promote dynamism in rural areas and sustainable agriculture, conscious of the importance of sustainable soil, water and riverbanks management supported by individual countries voluntarily, taking into consideration the specific needs of family and small-holder farmers. We encourage the voluntary use and sharing of innovative as well as traditional agricultural practices and technologies. We highlight the importance of collaboration among public and private stakeholders to strengthen risk management, facilitate adaptation to a changing environment, protect biodiversity and provide effective responses to reduce the impacts of extreme weather on agriculture. We will increase efforts to engage with the private sector, the scientific community and all other relevant stakeholders to enhance value addition, productivity, efficiency, sustainability and upgrading in Agro-Food Global Value Chains and encourage initiatives to reduce food loss and waste.

14. We launch the G20 Initiative for Early Childhood Development and stand ready to join all stakeholders in enhancing quality and sustainably financed early childhood programs that consider the multidimensional approach of ECD, as means of building human capital to break the cycle of intergenerational and structural poverty, and of reducing inequalities, specially where young children are most vulnerable.

15. We encourage the activities of World Health Organization (WHO), together with all relevant actors, to develop an action plan for implementation of health-related aspects of SDGs by 2030. We commend the progress made by the international community in developing and implementing National and Regional Action Plans on Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR) based on One-Health approach. We recognize the need for further multi-sectoral action to reduce the spread of AMR, as it is increasingly becoming a global responsibility. We note the work done by the Global AMR R&D

Hub and, drawing on this, we look forward to further examine practical market incentives. We will tackle malnutrition, with a special focus on childhood overweight and obesity, through national, community-based and collaborative multi-stakeholder approaches. We reaffirm the need for stronger health systems providing cost effective and evidence-based intervention to achieve better access to health care and to improve its quality and affordability to move towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC), in line with their national contexts and priorities. This may encompass, where appropriate, scientifically proven traditional and complementary medicine, assuring the safety, quality and effectiveness of health services. We will continue to strengthen core capacities required by International Health Regulations (IHR, 2005) for prevention, detection and response to public health emergencies, while recognizing the critical role played by WHO in this regard. We are committed to ending HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, and look forward to a successful 6^o replenishment of the Global Fund in 2019.

17. **Large movements of refugees are a global concern** with humanitarian, political, social and economic consequences. We emphasize the importance of shared actions to address the root causes of displacement and to respond to growing humanitarian needs.

30. **We reaffirm our strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.** We commit to the full implementation of The Hamburg G20 Leaders Statement on Countering Terrorism. We will step up our efforts in fighting terrorist and proliferation financing, and money laundering. We urge the digital industry to work together to fight exploitation of the internet and social media for terrorist purposes.

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Yemen

Joint Statement

[Humanitarian CEOs to U.S. Government: We have no means left to avert a catastrophe, please act now to save Yemeni lives](#)

New York, NY, November 26, 2018 — The stakes in Yemen are shocking and must be stated clearly: 14 million people are at risk of starving to death in Yemen if the parties to the conflict and their supporters do not change course immediately.

After years of conflict, people have exhausted their coping strategies and countless Yemenis are unlikely to live through the winter unless the parties to the conflict immediately cease hostilities, reopen all of Yemen's ports and allow commercial shipments to enter the country without delay, facilitate access to people in need for humanitarian staff and supplies, and take basic measures to stabilize the Yemeni economy, including payment of civil servant salaries.

If the Government of Yemen, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Ansar Allah, and other parties to the conflict fail to take these steps, and if the United States does not use all levers of pressure to compel them to do so, responsibility for the deaths of many more Yemeni civilians will lie not only with the parties to the conflict, but with the United States as well.

This crisis is entirely man-made; the deaths already occurring in Yemen cannot and will not be attributed to natural disasters or environmental shocks, nor simply deemed inevitable consequences of

war. The causes of death will be import restrictions, blockades, non-payment of government salaries, inflation, job losses, displacement, declining incomes, and violent attacks that kill civilians and destroy the infrastructure that delivers food and safe water: the results of more than three and a half years of warfare, economic siege, and widespread violations of international humanitarian law by all parties to the conflict. It is now clear that in addition to bombs and missiles, the parties to the conflict are undermining the Yemeni economy with policies and practices that have caused rampant inflation while the value of currency plummets. Starvation must not be used as a weapon of war against Yemeni civilians.

The United States is one of the most generous donors of humanitarian assistance in Yemen, but these contributions pale in comparison to the harm caused by U.S. military support and diplomatic cover to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. While the Administration has said that reaching a political settlement and relieving the humanitarian crisis in Yemen are top national security objectives, U.S. policies tell a different story. By providing such extensive military and diplomatic support for one side of the conflict, the United States is deepening and prolonging a crisis that has immediate and severe consequences for Yemen, and civilians are paying the price.

We, as humanitarian organizations, will stay and deliver assistance for the people of Yemen as we have for more than three years of brutal conflict, often at great risk. But now, as violence escalates, and the insidious tactics of war take hold of millions of people, we have no means left to avert a catastrophe in Yemen; every humanitarian effort can no longer prevent mass starvation if the war is not brought to an end immediately and urgent efforts undertaken to ensure food, fuel, and other vital supplies reach those in greatest need.

We are pleading with the United States to back up its recent call for a cessation of hostilities with genuine diplomatic pressure, and to halt all military support for the Saudi/UAE coalition in Yemen in order to save millions of lives. It pains us to write these words, but we cannot escape the truth: if it does not cease its military support for the Saudi/UAE coalition, the United States, too, will bear responsibility for what may be the largest famine in decades.

Signed,

David Miliband, President & CEO, International Rescue Committee

Abby Maxman, President & CEO, Oxfam America

Michelle Nunn, President & CEO, CARE US

Carolyn Miles, President & CEO, Save the Children USA

Joel Charny, Executive Director, Norwegian Refugee Council, USA

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Health – Nutrition

[2018 Global Nutrition Report – Shining a light to spur action on nutrition](#)

Development Initiatives Poverty Research Ltd.

2018: 161 pages

PDF: https://globalnutritionreport.org/documents/340/2018_Global_Nutrition_Report.pdf

The 2018 Global Nutrition Report shares insights into the current state of global nutrition, highlighting the unacceptably high burden of malnutrition in the world. It identifies areas where

progress has been made in recent years but argues that it is too slow and too inconsistent. It puts forward five critical steps that are needed to speed up progress to end malnutrition in all its forms and argues that, if we act now, it is not too late to achieve this goal. In fact, we have an unprecedented opportunity to do so.

Press release

2018 Global Nutrition Report reveals malnutrition is unacceptably high and affects every country in the world, but there is also an unprecedented opportunity to end it.

28/11/2018

[Excerpt]

... *Progress to date is simply not good enough*

Significant steps are being made to address malnutrition. Globally, stunting among children under five years of age has fallen from 32.6% in 2000 to 22.2% in 2017. There has been a slight decrease in underweight women since 2000, from 11.6% to 9.7% in 2016. Yet, while there has been progress, it has been slow and patchy.

The 2018 assessment of progress against nine targets reveals only 94 of 194 countries are on track for at least one of the nine nutrition targets assessed. This means that most countries are significantly off-track on meeting all nine targets:

- :: No country is on course to meet all nine targets.
- :: Only five countries are on track to meet four of the nine targets – which is the most any country is on track for.
- :: No country is on track to achieve the adult obesity target for men or women, nor reach the anaemia target.
- :: Only 26 countries are on track to reach the target for women’s diabetes.

We are better equipped to end malnutrition.

The 2018 Global Nutrition Report highlights that solutions already exist but finds effective ideas are not being adopted at scale:

:: **We now know more about what people eat, why it matters, and what needs to be done to improve diets.** In Mexico, an evaluation of the sugar-sweetened beverage tax found that sales of targeted beverages fell by 9.7% across the population two years after the policy was implemented, compared with expected sales if it had not been.

:: **New data is a game changer and can drive more effective action.** Local-level data and action has been particularly effective. In 2012, Amsterdam faced an obesity crisis among young people. The city tracked childhood obesity in different districts and propelled the issue to the top of the agenda. In late 2012 ambitious targets were set. Actions are broken down by prevention (such as healthy urban design), cure (helping those already overweight) and facilitation (such as learning and research), and included: creating public drinking fountains, implementing restrictions on food advertising, and publishing guidance for healthy snacks in schools. Today, overweight and obesity prevalence in the city is levelling off.

:: **We see examples of countries building multisectoral plans to deliver on their targets.** In Tanzania a wide range of targets has been adopted – seven in all, including for stunting, anaemia and low birth weight. These targets form part of an ambitious five-year action plan to reduce multiple burdens of malnutrition. The plan was set up under the direct leadership of the Prime Minister’s office to reduce all forms of malnutrition associated with both deficiency and excess/imbalance. Its broad

goal is to scale up high-impact interventions among the most vulnerable people, including children under five years of age, adolescent girls and pregnant and lactating women. It does this by calling for action across sectors, from social protection to education and food.

:: Governments are showing commitment and stepping up to lead action. The government of China is facing the second-largest undernourished population, with overweight and obesity levels rising at alarming rates and diet-related non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as diabetes on the up. To address this, it has developed two plans with the potential to transform malnutrition in China. Healthy China 2030 (2016), with the direct involvement of the President of China, underlines significant political will to enhance the health status of Chinese citizens. A year later the government released a new National Nutrition Plan (2017–2030), with a range of malnutrition targets including stunting, obesity, anaemia, breastfeeding and folic acid deficiency among vulnerable people. The emerging nutrition governance system deserves credit for the political and administrative commitment to food and nutrition security, demonstrating what institutional coordination can achieve.

The world is off track but the opportunity to end malnutrition has never been greater, nor has the duty to act.

To translate solutions into action, the report's authors urge critical steps in the following areas:

- :: Breaking down existing silos to tackle malnutrition in all its forms;
- :: Prioritizing and investing in data to identify key areas of action;
- :: Scaling up and diversifying funding for nutrition programmes;
- :: Immediately taking action on healthy diets by making healthy foods affordable across the globe;
- :: Implementing more ambitious commitments that are designed for impact through SMART targets.

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Heritage Stewardship

[196 Governments agree to scale up investments in nature and people towards 2020 and beyond: UN Biodiversity Conference closes in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt](#)

The 2018 UN Biodiversity Conference of the Parties (COP14) closed tonight with broad international agreement on reversing the global destruction of nature and biodiversity loss threatening all forms of life on Earth.

- :: Sharm El Sheikh Declaration adopted inviting UN General Assembly to convene a Summit on Biodiversity for heads of State by 2020
- :: Governments agree to accelerate action to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Targets by 2020
- :: Agreement on a comprehensive and participatory process to develop post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- :: Sharm El Sheikh to Beijing Action Agenda for Nature and People launched to mobilize broad stakeholder engagement
- :: Over three dozen decisions made on technical issues of importance including Synthetic Biology, Digital Sequence Information, and Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures.

29 November 2018 – The 2018 UN Biodiversity Conference of the Parties (COP14) closed tonight with broad international agreement on reversing the global destruction of nature and biodiversity loss threatening all forms of life on Earth.

To combat this crisis, governments agreed to accelerate action to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, agreed in 2010, from now until 2020. Work to achieve these targets will take place at the global, regional, national and subnational levels. The meeting also agreed on a comprehensive and participatory process for developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework anticipated to be agreed upon at the next Conference of Parties (COP 15) in Beijing in 2020. The framework aims to safeguard nature and biodiversity for decades to come.

Dr. Cristiana Paşca Palmer, Executive Secretary of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, thanked delegates for their work and their commitments at the meeting. Throughout the conference, she laid out the scientific case that humankind is currently on an unsustainable path that involves a continuing steep loss of biodiversity with cascading consequences for nature and for human society, including in the

Dr. Paşca Palmer said "Nature is dynamic and interrelated -- and so must be our response. We must move from the very real incremental change that we have created to a model that continues to push incremental wins while also fundamentally reaching for transformational change. As this COP shows, we have already begun this journey."...

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Ebola - Democratic Republic of the Congo

17: Situation report on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu

28 November 2018

[Excerpt]

...Case Management

The ETCs continue to provide therapeutics under the monitored emergency use of unregistered and experimental interventions (MEURI) protocol, in collaboration with the MoH and the Institut National de Recherche Biomédicale (INRB) together with supportive care measures. WHO is providing technical clinical expertise on-site and is assisting with the creation of a data safety management board...

DONs Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of the Congo

29 November 2018

[Excerpt]

...The risk of the outbreak spreading to other provinces in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as well as to neighbouring countries, remains very high. Over the course of the past week, alerts have been reported from South Sudan and Uganda; EVD has been ruled out for all alerts to date...

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 27 November 2018 [GPEI]

Summary of new viruses this week:

Afghanistan – advance notification of one wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case and six positive WPV 1 environmental samples

Pakistan – two WPV1 positive environmental samples.

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

Statement of the Nineteenth IHR Emergency Committee Regarding the International Spread of Poliovirus

30 November 2018

[Excerpts; Editor's text bolding]

The nineteenth meeting of the Emergency Committee under the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) regarding the international spread of poliovirus was convened by the Director General on 27 November 2018 at WHO headquarters with members, advisers and invited Member States attending via teleconference.

The Emergency Committee reviewed the data on wild poliovirus (WPV1) and circulating vaccine derived polioviruses (cVDPV). The Secretariat presented a report of progress for affected IHR States Parties subject to Temporary Recommendations. The following IHR States Parties provided an update on the current situation and the implementation of the WHO Temporary Recommendations since the Committee last met on 15 August 2018: Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo), Nigeria, Niger, Papua New Guinea (PNG), and Somalia...

...Conclusion

The Committee unanimously agreed that the risk of international spread of poliovirus remains a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), and recommended the extension of Temporary Recommendations for a further three months...

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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 1 Dec 2018]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: Malaria control campaign launched in Democratic Republic of the Congo to save lives and aid Ebola response

28 November 2018 | BENI: A spike in malaria cases is threatening the health of people in parts of the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) where health workers are also battling an Ebola outbreak. In response, a four-day mass drug administration (MDA) campaign was launched today in the Northern Kivu province town of Beni, with a target to reach up to 450 000 people with anti-malarial drugs combined with the distribution of insecticide-treated mosquito nets...

:: 17: Situation report on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu 28 November 2018

:: DONs Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of the Congo 29 November 2018

[See Milestones above for more detail]

Bangladesh - Rohingya crisis

:: Weekly Situation Report 52 -22 November 2018

Key Highlights

... The fourth round of oral cholera campaign was launched on 17 November 2018 under the leadership of DGHS in collaboration WHO, UNICEF and other health sector partners.

Syrian Arab Republic

:: WHO update on reported chemical event in Aleppo, Syria 29 November 2018

Myanmar - *No new announcements identified*

Nigeria - *No new announcements identified*

Somalia - *No new announcements identified*

South Sudan - *No new announcements identified*

Yemen - *No new announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 1 Dec 2018]

Iraq

:: WHO and health partners step up efforts to provide urgent support for victims of flooding in Iraq 26 November 2018

Brazil (in Portugese) - *No new announcements identified*

Cameroon - *No new announcements identified*

Central African Republic - *No new announcements identified*

Ethiopia - *No new announcements identified*

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

occupied Palestinian territory - *No new announcements identified*

Libya - *No new announcements identified*

MERS-CoV - *No new announcements identified*

Niger - *No new announcements identified*

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

Sudan - *No new announcements identified*

Ukraine - *No new announcements identified*

Zimbabwe - *No new announcements identified*

WHO-AFRO: Outbreaks and Emergencies Bulletin, Week 46: 1- 23 November 2018

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

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

:: Anthrax (suspected) in Namibia

:: Measles in Madagascar

:: Typhoid fever in Zimbabwe

:: Humanitarian crisis in Mali.

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WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 1 Dec 2018]

Afghanistan

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

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UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies

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

Yemen - *No new announcements identified.*

Syrian Arab Republic - *No new announcements identified.*

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

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

Ethiopia

:: Ethiopia: Humanitarian Response Situation Report No.19 (November 2018) 26 Nov 2018

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 1 Dec 2018]

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

Website not responding at inquiry

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 1 Dec 2018]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

Top News

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

[Senior UN rights official concludes visit to Yemen, urges warring parties to prevent renewed fighting](#)

[Iran must protect women's rights advocates – UN experts](#)

[Migrant caravan: States have duty to protect human rights](#)

[UN expert urges G20 to tackle global housing crisis](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 1 Dec 2018]

https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/NewsSearch.aspx?NTID=PRS&MID=HR_COUNCIL_28/11/2018

[UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria stresses the need to account for the fate and whereabouts of detained and missing individuals countrywide](#)

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 1 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 1 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 1 Dec 2018]

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

Monday, 26 November 2018

[Syria: Blatant Disregard for Life and Fundamental Rights of Children](#)

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 1 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 1 Dec 2018]

[http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Health/Pages/SRRightHealthIndex.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Health/Pages/SRRRightHealthIndex.aspx)

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

29 November 2018

[End of mission statement by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, Victoria Tauli-Corpuz on her visit to Ecuador](#)

29 November 2018

[Ecuador must put indigenous peoples' rights before resource extraction and short-term economic gains](#)

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

28 November 2018

[Migrant caravan: States have duty to protect human rights](#)

UN OCHA [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

01 December 2018

[ERC calls for peace in Yemen](#)

26 November 2018

[Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq: Relief Assistance Underway for Victims of Flooding, Pledges Continued Support for Government of Iraq Emergency Response Effort](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

Statement

[Conflict shuts a third of schools in Yemen's port city of Hudaydah](#)

Statement attributable to Meritxell Relaño, UNICEF Representative in Yemen
30/11/2018

Press release

[Two in three children in the Central African Republic need humanitarian assistance](#)

A neglected, dangerous and deteriorating crisis for children
29/11/2018

Press release

[Around 80 adolescents will die of AIDS every day by 2030, at current trends – UNICEF](#)

UNICEF calls for urgent scale-up of treatment and prevention programmes among adolescents as data shows slow reduction of HIV infections and AIDS-related deaths
29/11/2018

Press release

[2018 Global Nutrition Report reveals malnutrition is unacceptably high and affects every country in the world, but there is also an unprecedented opportunity to end it.](#)

28/11/2018

[See Week in Review for detail]

Press release

[Measles cases spike globally due to gaps in vaccination coverage: New report](#)

29/11/2018

Statement

[UNICEF statement on situation of migrant children at Mexico-U.S. border](#)

28/11/2018

Statement

[UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore's remarks at the First regional dialogue in Latin America and the Caribbean "On the road to equality": 30 years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child" in Santiago, Chile](#)

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Press release

[Funding gaps threaten to leave nearly 1 million children out in the cold in the Middle East and North Africa](#)

UNICEF facing \$33 million funding shortfall for lifesaving winter supplies and cash assistance for children, placing them at risk of illness, school absences or death
27/11/2018

Press release

[Geneva Palais briefing note on the situation of children in Afghanistan](#)

Situation for children in Afghanistan 'dire' with violence and bloodshed a 'daily occurrence', warns UNICEF

27/11/2018

Press release

Millions of the world's poorest urban children are more likely to die young and less likely to complete primary school than their rural peers—UNICEF

New report demonstrates 'urban paradox'— some of the poorest children in cities fare worse in well-being, education or health than poorest rural children

27/11/2018

Press release

UNICEF strengthens support for women and children in Venezuela

Supplies for 350,000 women and children flown in since August

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Briefing notes

UNHCR launches massive airlift of tents for Afghanistan's drought-displaced 27 Nov 2018

Press releases and news comments

UNHCR statement on the refugee response programme in Uganda 30 Nov 2018

UNHCR and Silatech sign cooperation agreement to support livelihood programmes for refugees 28 Nov 2018

16 Days of Activism: Grandi calls for better protection of refugees against sexual violence in the workplace 25 Nov 2018

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Announcements

UN Migration Agency Concludes 109th Council Session

2018-11-30 17:00

Geneva – IOM Director General António Vitorino this week (27-30/11) addressed a gathering of the Organization's member 173 states and welcomed IOM's newest member – Uzbekistan.

Migrants from the Caravans Receive IOM Support to Return to their Countries

2018-11-30 16:59

San José – Since 4 November, IOM has facilitated the voluntary and safe return of hundreds of Central Americans who were part of the caravans of migrants traveling US-bound through Mexico.

Rising to the Challenge: New IOM/IDMC Global Partnership to Address Internal Displacement

2018-11-30 16:57

Geneva – Efforts to provide solutions to the tens of millions of people displaced within their own countries by conflict and disasters will be enhanced by the new...

[UN Migration Agency Sheltering Over 1,000 Unaccompanied Migrant Children in Greece](#)

2018-11-30 16:56

Athens – IOM, the UN Migration Agency announced today (30/11) that it has provided a protective environment and tailored services for 1,114 unaccompanied migrant children in Greece since the beginning of the year.

[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 107,216 in 2018; Deaths Reach 2,123](#)

2018-11-30 16:55

Geneva – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, reports that 107,216 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2018 through 28 November.

[One Year On: IOM's World Migration Report 2018 Provides Vital Information and Analysis](#)

2018-11-30 16:55

Geneva — Migration is one of the most polarizing public policy issues of our time. As the subject continues to dominate news cycles and public policy debates, misinformation on migration and migrants has become widespread, making it harder to separate facts from fiction.

[IOM Facilitates Return of 418 Migrants Stranded in Yemen in First Evacuation Flight in More than Three Years](#)

2018-11-27 14:08

Sana'a / Addis Ababa – The UN Migration Agency (IOM) this week (26-29 November) began assisting 418 Ethiopian migrants stranded in Yemen to safely return under IOM's Voluntary Humanitarian Return (VHR) operation.

UNAIDS [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

27 November 2018

[Call for minimum standards of PrEP provision and monitoring in Europe](#)

26 November 2018

[Countries in eastern Europe and central Asia agree to expand access to a range of medicines](#)

WHO & Regional Offices [to 1 Dec 2018]

1 December 2018

[Why the HIV epidemic is not over](#)

1 December 2018 marks the 30th anniversary of World AIDS Day – a day created to raise awareness about HIV and the resulting AIDS epidemics. Since the beginning of the epidemic, more than 70 million people have acquired the infection, and about 35 million people have died. Today, around 37 million worldwide live with HIV, of whom 22 million are on treatment...

29 November 2018

News Release

[Measles cases spike globally due to gaps in vaccination coverage](#)

[See Milestones above for more detail]

26 November 2018

News Release

[Democratic Republic of the Congo begins first-ever multi-drug Ebola trial](#)

[See Milestones above for more detail]

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

Selected Featured News

- :: Tailoring services to people at higher risk of HIV in Nigeria 30 November 2018
- :: Self-testing for HIV is getting high marks in Zimbabwe 30 November 2018
- :: South Sudan declares Yellow fever outbreak in Sakure, Nzara County, Gbudue State 29 November 2018
- :: With WHO support, South Sudan enhances meningitis preparedness and response 28 November 2018

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

- :: PAHO and Ministers of Health from the Americas identified a series of actions that seek to improve the health of migrants in the Region (11/30/2018)
- :: PAHO urges testing as the first step towards preventing HIV and halting the AIDS epidemic (11/30/2018)
- :: Violence against women affects almost 60% of women in some countries of the Americas (11/29/2018)
- :: PAHO launches campaign to prevent cervical cancer (11/27/2018)
- :: Countries in the Americas commit to continuing to collaborate in strengthening regulatory systems to ensure safe, effective and quality medicines (11/26/2018)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

- No new announcement identified

WHO European Region EURO

- :: New HIV diagnoses at alarmingly high levels in the European Region despite progress in EU/EEA 28-11-2018
- :: Countries of eastern Europe and central Asia improve access to HIV, TB and viral hepatitis diagnostic technologies and medicines 27-11-2018
- :: WHO and EU commit to work together to accelerate progress on health 27-11-2018

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

- :: Twentieth polio case reported in Afghanistan: the highest number since 2015 29 November 2018
- :: Lifesaving medical supplies reach Shirqat for Iraqi flood victims 28 November 2018
- :: Strengthening the health system response to gender-based violence in the Region 25 November 2018

WHO Western Pacific Region

- No new announcement identified

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

Posted on November 29, 2018

[United Nations Secretary-General launches task force on digital financing of Sustainable Development Goals](#)

UN Secretary-General António Guterres announced the launch of a global task force charged with recommending strategies to harness the potential of financial technology to advance the SDGs.

[Global project launched to protect marine biodiversity](#)

A new international effort to combat the negative environmental impacts of the transfer of aquatic species through ships has been launched this week. The GloFouling Partnerships project

Posted on November 26, 2018

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Latest News

[30 Nov 18 | Analysis of the Voluntary National Reviews Relating to Sustainable Development Goal 7](#)

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 1 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 1 Dec 2018]

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

29 Nov 2018 *Press release*

[OECD, UN Environment and World Bank call for a radical shift in financing for a low-carbon, climate-resilient future](#)

Buenos Aires, 29 November 2018 - The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), UN Environment and World Bank Group called on leaders of G20 countries to do more to enable a radical shift of investment...

[UN Environment commits to support a sustainable blue economy](#)

Nairobi, 29 November 2018 – Aiming for a better planet and a sustainable economy, UN Environment, together with over 100 delegations, presented various commitments at the first global conference on the sustainable blue economy that took place in Nairobi, Kenya this week.

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

26 Nov 2018

[Global Platform calls for innovation](#)

The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) has called for innovative ideas and approaches for DRR to be showcased at its most prominent conference, the Global Platform. The 2019 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction will be the first to feature a dedicated Innovation Platform. The aim is to attract, showcase and display applications of new and innovative approaches in disaster risk reduction.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

28 November 2018, *New York*

[World cannot be transformed without 'ingenuity of the countries of the South': UN Chief](#)

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the plan to transform the world agreed at the UN by 193 countries, cannot happen without "the ideas, energy, and tremendous ingenuity of the countries of the South," said UN chief António Guterres on Wednesday, speaking at the opening session of the 2018 Global South-South Development Expo (GSSD Expo), alongside María Fernanda Espinosa, President of the General Assembly, and other senior UN officials.

The event, taking place between November 28 and 30 at UN Headquarters in New York, is the only expo offered by the UN system solely for the "Global South", or Southern Hemisphere nations, benefiting from the support and participation of all UN specialized agencies, as well as strong support and partnership of other inter-governmental organizations and entities of the South...

UNESCO [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

1 December 2018

[Colombia will host 2019 meeting of Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage](#)

30 November 2018

[UNESCO cautions against reckless application of gene editing](#)

29 November 2018

[Fifteen elements inscribed on Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage](#)

29 November 2018

[UNESCO launches new Interactive Platform on Intangible Heritage](#)

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

30/11/2018 –

[Statement of UNODC Executive Director, Yury Fedotov, on World AIDS Day](#)

29/11/2018 –

[Mexico and UNODC present second opium poppy cultivation survey](#)

25/11/2018 –

[Home, the most dangerous place for women, with majority of female homicide victims worldwide killed by partners or family, UNODC study says](#)

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Posted November 29, 2018

[UN-Habitat and the Global Green Growth Institute sign a global Memorandum of Understanding on sustainable and green urban development](#)

KIGALI, 29 November 2018 – UN-Habitat and the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) have signed a global Memorandum of Understanding to promote cooperation on sustainable, climate-resilient and green urban development at the Africa Green Growth Forum. UN-Habitat...

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

30-11-2018

[Sites in Iran and Italy designated FAO globally important agricultural heritage sites](#)

Traditional grape cultivation systems in Iran and Soave vineyards in Italy were formally recognised today as Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems, for their unique ways to produce grape and grape-based products using traditional practices and knowledge while preserving biodiversity and ecosystems.

[Nuclear technologies support food, agriculture and the SDGs](#)

Innovation and technology are critical tools in achieving FAO's vision of a world free from hunger and malnutrition, Deputy Director-General Maria Helena Semedo said in an address to the Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Science and Technology at the International Atomic Energy Agency.

28-11-2018

[Nations urged to accelerate efforts to wipe out hunger and malnutrition](#)

Child stunting is a major problem and nearly two billion still suffer from hidden hunger or a deficiency of important nutrients. This also includes people who are overweight or obese," said FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva in a video message to the conference.

28-11-2018

Treasuring trees to make cities greener and healthier

Forests and green spaces can help create more resilient and sustainable cities, and address the challenges of an increasing urban population, is the message FAO delivered today to participants of the first World Forum on Urban Forests.

28-11-2018

Farmers grappling with Afghanistan drought urgently need seed and animal feed support

A new drought response will help 1.4 million of the most vulnerable drought-affected people in Afghanistan during the coming winter season and into April next year, FAO announced today on the sidelines of the Geneva Conference on Afghanistan.

27-11-2018

Mediterranean forest area on the rise but increasingly in jeopardy

The Mediterranean forest area has increased by two percent between 2010 and 2015, resulting in a rise of 1.8 million hectares – about the size of Slovenia, says a new FAO-Plan Bleu report - The State of Mediterranean Forests.

27-11-2018

ILO International Labour Organization [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

G20 Leaders' Summit

Leaders' Declaration stresses the need to put people first in preparing the future of work

01 December 2018

G20 Communiqué covers key issues, including the future of work, infrastructure for development, sustainable food supply and gender equality.

100 years of ILO History - Series

When morals become actions – the ILO's Nobel Peace Prize

29 November 2018

As part of the series looking at 100 years of ILO history, we chart some key moments of the ILO's story. One high point was the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize, something that also marked a recognition of the social, economic and political changes resulting from two world wars.

Global Wage Report 2018/19

Global wage growth lowest since 2008, while women still earning 20 per cent less than men

26 November 2018

The latest ILO Global Wage report finds global wage growth has been weak while the gender pay gap, at about 20 per cent globally, remains unacceptably high.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

30/11/18

[Five Middle East States to share sensitive aviation security information](#)

Egypt, Jordan, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and United Arab Emirates

30/11/18

[ICAO joins UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact](#)

30/11/18

[Secretary General stresses ICAO's commitment to dignity and diversity](#)

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

26/11/2018

[Global project launched to protect marine biodiversity](#)

GloFouling Partnerships project will address the build-up of aquatic organisms on a ship's underwater hull and on other marine mobile infrastructure.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Publish Date: 29 November 2018

[Climate change signals and impacts continue in 2018](#)

The long-term warming trend has continued in 2018, with the average global temperature set to be the fourth highest on record. The 20 warmest years on record have been in the past 22 years, with the top four in the past four years, according to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). Other tell-tale signs of climate change, including sea level rise, ocean heat and acidification and sea-ice and glacier melt continue, whilst extreme weather left a trail of devastation on all continents, according to the WMO provisional Statement on the State of the Climate in 2018. It includes details of impacts of climate change based on contributions from a wide range of United Nations partners.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Friday 02. December 2016

[UPU, South Africa discuss regional e-commerce hub](#)

The Universal Postal Union and the South African government have agreed to work together to establish an electronic commerce hub to serve the Southern region of Africa.

Friday 25. November 2016

[DG and DDG officially reappointed to top jobs](#)

The UPU Director General Bishar A. Hussein and Deputy Director General Pascal Clivaz have officially received their letters of reappointment for a second term.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

30 November 2018

12 international organizations renew their commitment to promote quality through INetQI

GENEVA– Responding to the challenges of globalization, trade and sustainable development, international organizations part of International Network of Quality Infrastructure (INetQI) today met in Geneva to enhance their cooperation in promoting the understanding, value and acceptance of the quality infrastructure and providing guidance and support for its effective implementation and integration worldwide...

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

By Clare Naden on 28 November 2018

Mobilizing the green dollar: a new expert committee to help

Moving to a sustainable world requires money, and lots of it. Trillions, not billions, according to the World Bank. A new international ISO committee has just been formed to take sustainable finance to another level.

A new ISO technical committee, [ISO/TC 322](#), Sustainable finance, aims to foster a sustainable investment market through the development of new International Standards. The first project for the committee will be to develop a framework for sustainable finance, which will consolidate concepts that exist and agree common terminology...

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

28 November 2018

2018 Poised to Advance Tourism's Leadership among Top Global Economic Sectors

Madrid, Spain, 28 November 2018 – The latest figures on world tourism issued by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) show that international tourist arrivals grew 5% year-on-year in the first nine months of 2018. This reflects continued strong demand in a favourable overall economic context.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

29 November 2018

196 Governments agree to scale up investments in nature and people towards 2020 and beyond: UN Biodiversity Conference closes in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt

[See Week in Review above for detail]

29 November 2018

Statement of the Executive Secretary, Ms. Cristiana PaSca Palmer, at the closing of the United Nations Biodiversity Conference 2018, Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, 29 November 2018

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USAID [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

November 29, 2018

[United States Announces Emergency Food Assistance for Yemen](#)

This week, Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo announced the United States is providing nearly \$131 million in additional emergency food assistance to the people of Yemen, who are suffering from the world's largest humanitarian crisis and food-security emergency. This brings the total U.S. humanitarian assistance for the Yemen response to more than \$697 million since the beginning of Fiscal Year 2018.

[U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Mark Green's Remarks at the PEPFAR Faith Communities and HIV Technical Summit](#)

November 28, 2018

DFID [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

[UK aid supporting more than 18 million farmers with plant doctors and new satellite 'pest forecasts'](#)

30 November 2018 DFID Press release

[UK aid to provide life-saving assistance to hundreds of thousands of Afghans at risk from severe drought](#)

26 November 2018 DFID Press release

ECHO [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

29/11/2018

[EU provides € 500 000 for refugees and migrants in Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)

The European Commission has committed an additional € 500 000 to continue assisting the most vulnerable refugees and migrants in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This additional funding brings EU humanitarian assistance in the Western Balkans to € 31...

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African Union [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

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November 29, 2018

[African Union Commission and the United States commit to advance efforts towards stability and development in Africa](#)

November 28, 2018

[African countries are becoming more open to each other; 2018 Africa Visa Openness Report shows.](#)

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 1 Dec 2018]
<http://asean.org/category/news/asean-secretariat-news/>
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No new digest content identified.

European Commission [to 1 Dec 2018]
<http://europa.eu/rapid/search-result.htm?query=18&locale=en&page=1>
29/11/2018

[EU provides humanitarian aid for refugees and migrants in Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 29 November 2018 The European Commission has allocated an additional €500,000 to continue assisting the most vulnerable refugees and migrants in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This additional funding brings EU humanitarian assistance in the Western Balkans to €31 million since the start of the refugee...

[Commission launches Knowledge Centre to fight malnutrition](#)

European - Press release Commission Brussels, 28 November 2018 The new virtual centre, bringing together experts and knowledge from different sources inside and outside the European Commission, will help to tackle the root causes of food insecurity around the world.

[EU steps up its assistance for the reconstruction of Iraq](#)

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 27 November 2018 The European Union has adopted today a €56.5 million package to promote sustainable job creation and strengthen support to refugees, internally displaced populations and their host communities in Iraq.

[New €474 million co-operation package for Afghanistan](#)

European Commission - Press release Geneva, 27 November 2018 The European Commission has today announced a financial package worth €474 million to support state building and public sector reforms, health, justice, and elections, as well as to address migration and displacement challenges in Afghanistan.

[EU steps up support to displaced and crisis-affected communities in Yemen](#)

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 27 November 2018 The European Union has adopted a €30 million programme in support of vulnerable communities suffering the effects of prolonged displacement in Yemen. This brings the total EU development assistance to Yemen in 2018 to €71 million.

OECD [to 1 Dec 2018]
<http://www.oecd.org/>
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No new digest content identified.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

28/11/2018

[Al-Othaimeen Calls for Prioritizing Trade and Investment Projects to Bridge Development Gap in the Member States](#)

The Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Dr. Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Othaimeen, called for the restructuring of the economies of many OIC Member States, which face challenges due to the negative effects of the economic slowdown. He stressed the importance of further focus on economic diversification and achieving comprehensive development.

[OIC to Hold the Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in Development](#)

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) will hold the Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of the OIC Member States under theme of "Women Empowerment in Member States: Challenges and Prospects", from 30 November to 1 December 2018 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

28/11/2018

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

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has initiated a joint event of Permanent Observer Delegations to the United Nations in Geneva to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) on 26 November 2018 at the Palais des Nations.

25/11/2018

Group of 77 [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

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Press Releases

26 Nov 2018 –

[Africa seeks ways to make international trade cheaper, faster and easier at landmark forum](#)

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Latest News

30 November 2018

WCO publishes new tool to assist countries in the prevention of illicit trafficking of cultural heritage

On 30 November 2018, the WCO published its Training Handbook on the Prevention of Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Heritage (PITCH). It is a unique specialized tool, aimed at improving the knowledge and know-how of Customs officers deployed in the field, and goes hand in hand with a training programme.

28 November 2018

Illegal trade in waste: overview of Operation Demeter IV

28 November 2018

Africa seeks ways to make international trade cheaper, faster and easier at landmark forum

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

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27 November 2018

New WTO publication analyses potential impact of Blockchain on international trade

Amid growing interest and debate on Blockchain, the WTO launched a new publication today (27 November) that seeks to demystify the technology and analyse its capacity to transform world trade. The publication entitled "Can Blockchain revolutionize international trade?" explores how the technology could enhance areas related to WTO work and examines challenges that will have to be tackled to unlock the technology's potential.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

29 November 2018

IPU report shows that new technologies can help reconnect people with parliaments

A new IPU report shows that information and communication technology (ICT) is helping parliaments become better connected and more transparent, and that MPs are engaging more with people through social media and instant messaging. The report is being launched at the IPU's World e-Parliament Conference taking place from 3-5 December in Geneva, Switzerland. At the conference, the IPU will also launch the Centre for Innovation in Parliament, a new resource to support the use of digital tools in parliaments.

International Court of Justice [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 1 Dec 2018]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

Press Release : 29 November 2018

International Gender Champions: ICC leaders join in pioneering initiative to break down gender barriers

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World Bank [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

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Disability-Inclusive Education in Africa Program

Globally, there are between 93 and 150 million children with disabilities under the age of 14, according to the...

Date: November 30, 2018 Type: Brief

Investors Partner with World Bank to Highlight Vital Role of Ocean and Fresh Water Resources

Washington, D.C/Nairobi, November 26, 2018—The World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; IBRD) has raised more than US\$660 million in Sustainable Development Bonds highlighting...

Date: November 25, 2018 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 1 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 1 Dec 2018]

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

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African Development Bank approves \$100 million facility to enhance trade financing across Africa

29/11/2018 - The Board of Directors of the African Development Bank Group (the Bank), on Thursday, 29 November, 2018, approved a second unfunded \$100-million Risk Participation Agreement (RPA II) facility for First Rand Bank Ltd (FRB). Housed under the Trade Finance operations of the Bank, this facility will enhance FRB's ability to underwrite trade finance transactions originating from issuing banks in transition states and low-income countries (LICs) across Africa.

African countries are becoming more open to each other, 2018 Africa Visa Openness Report shows

28/11/2018 - The year 2018 is a landmark chapter in Africa's regional integration efforts. The launch of the African Continental Free Trade Area and the Single African Air Transport Market are major milestones in the creation of a regulatory environment that promotes air connectivity and makes it faster, easier and less expensive for Africans to travel within Africa.

Asian Development Bank [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

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27 Nov 2018

[ADB Promoting Access to Justice to Fight Gender-Based Violence](#)

Countries should invest in measures that protect women's physical security and promote access to justice to help end the global pandemic of gender-based violence.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

29 Nov 18

[IFAD and Zimbabwe to affirm partnership and commitment to reducing rural poverty](#)

29 Nov 8

[IFAD and Egypt partner to reduce rural poverty and improve farm productivity and income](#)

27 Nov 18

[Pope Francis to address world leaders at the Governing Council of IFAD, a Rome-based United Nations agency, on 14 February 2019](#)

26 Nov 18

[Agriculture Advantage 2.0: Transforming Food Systems Under a Changing Climate](#)

26 Nov 18

[Bolivia and IFAD team up to improve the lives of rural poor people](#)

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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 1 Dec 2018]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Thursday, 29 November, 2018

[Response to study published in BMJ Global Health “Secular trends in the prevalence of female genital mutilation/cutting among girls: a systematic analysis”](#)

Aravind Eye Care System [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

[Google is partnering with Aravind on an AI-based algorithm to screen Diabetic Retinopathy - November 12, 2018 | The Hindu](#)

BRAC [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

November 30, 2018

[BRAC at UN General Assembly: Transforming a group disenfranchised for generations](#)

by [Asif Saleh](#)

Imagine two-thirds of Manhattan’s population showing up at your doorstep overnight. Yet, Bangladesh responded with all its might. BRAC’s Asif Saleh spoke on Bangladesh’s journey in responding to the Rohingya crisis at this year’s UN General Assembly.

CARE International [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

25th Nov 2018

[One year on from #MeToo: CARE calls “times up” on lack of global treaty to protect women at work](#)

Over this year’s 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign CARE is calling for an end to one of the most widespread forms of abuse against women – violence and harassment in the world of work. Governments and employers have 6 months to forge agreement with trade unions and...

Clubhouse International [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

News & Updates

[Geneva: Tourism sector meets at UN to tackle human trafficking and sexual exploitation](#)

28/11/2018

Representatives of the travel and tourism industry are meeting at the UN in Geneva today to discuss the global action needed to end forced labour, human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of children within the sector.

[#MeToo India is helping survivors deal with past child sexual exploitation](#)

27/11/2018

The #MeToo movement has taken the world by storm, exposing those who would exploit their power for sexual gain. In Western countries it has mostly focused on adults, with the most newsworthy examples concentrating on stories about celebrities. #MeToo India however, has taken a different turn, with many victims of child sexual exploitation and abuse speaking out.

[ECPAT: Religious leaders in unique position to end online child sexual exploitation](#)

26/11/2018

ECPAT Executive Director Robbert van den Berg has urged a group of global religious leaders to stay on top of evolving trends in social media and other online platforms – and to work in their communities to protect children from online sexual exploitation.

Fountain House [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[ICRC President statement on 150th Anniversary of the St Petersburg Declaration](#)

... The authors of the 1868 St Petersburg Declaration were alive to this necessity. They set limits not only to prohibit a new weapon but also to reaffirm the humanitarian principles applicable to warfare, and as they described: "the necessities of war ought to yield to the requirements of humanity".

The Declaration was ground-breaking for the time. It was the first formal multilateral agreement to prohibit the use of a weapon in war – exploding bullets – deemed to be too cruel. And further, it was pre-emptive: banning a weapon before it had even been used.

The Declaration is also remarkable for how it came about: it was adopted by military powers convened by Russia to prohibit a new weapon that it had itself developed but which, it had concluded, was morally unacceptable...

30-11-2018 | Statement

[Afghanistan: Real commitment to reduce civilian suffering needed from warring parties](#)

Public statement from Peter Maurer, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC):

28-11-2018 | News release

[Fourth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention](#)

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is pleased to have this opportunity to address the States party to the Chemical Weapons Convention at this Fourth Review Conference. The past five years have seen significant progress by States and t

28-11-2018 | Statement

[Seventeenth meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personal mines and their destruction](#)

The success of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC) in protecting lives and limbs is undeniable. Twenty-one years after adoption, countless lives have been saved, and the goal of a mine-free world is within reach. Thankfully, we no longer liv

26-11-2018 | Statement

IFRC [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

28 November 2018

[IFRC responds to withdrawal of governments from Global Migration Compact](#)

Geneva, 28 November 2018 – The following is in response to the announcement earlier today by the Italian government that it will not attend the Intergovernmental Conference on the Global Compact for Migration. This decision follows similar announcements by a number of other governments in recent weeks...

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Statement

[Ebola outbreak in DRC is second worst in history](#)

November 29, 2018

Press Release

[New IRC/YouGov poll: As pressure mounts for Yemen ceasefire, US opinion united: end support to the war](#)

November 26, 2018

Statement

[Humanitarian CEOs to U.S. Government: We have no means left to avert a catastrophe, please act now to save Yemeni lives](#)

November 26, 2018

[See Week in Review above for detail]

IRCT [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

News 26 Nov 2018

[UN calls on Mexico to conduct independent torture investigations](#)

On 9 November, the UN Human Rights Council issued recommendations to Mexico to improve the independence of torture investigations conducted by the Procuraduría General de la República (the Attorney General's Office). These follow recommendations from Mexican civil society that independence is key to ensure that perpetrators are sanctioned and torture victims can get justice and reparation.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Latest News

['Don't abandon us': Indonesia earthquake and tsunami survivors mark 60 days of grief](#)

Published: 29 November, 2018

[HODEIDA: Stockpiling emergency supplies as fresh bombs hit port](#)

Published: 28 November, 2018

[Displacement rises again as fresh bombing rocks Idlib](#)

Published: 27 November, 2018

Landsea [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Selected News; Project Updates, Reports

South Sudan

[125 women and girls seek emergency assistance in Bentiu after horrific sex...](#)

Press Release 30 Nov 2018

Mediterranean Migration

[Spanish fishing boat blocked by EU authorities highlights s...](#)

Press Release 29 Nov 2018

Guinea-Bissau

[Paediatric emergency services in practice](#)

Voices from the Field 29 Nov 2018

Guinea-Bissau

[Five things to know about our emergency paediatric project in Bis...](#)

Project Update 29 Nov 2018

Democratic Republic of Congo

[Mortality among malnourished children on the rise in Masisi](#)

Project Update 29 Nov 2018

World AIDS Day

[UNAIDS report overlooks significant aspects of the global HIV response](#)

Statement 29 Nov 2018

UNAIDS' World AIDS Day 2018 report is selectively silent on persistently high AIDS mortality and looming treatment rationing in light of donor disengagement.

This year's [UNAIDS report](#) highlights the importance of viral load testing, a critical indicator of the effectiveness of HIV treatment in people living with HIV.

Yet the focus on HIV testing and regular viral load monitoring overlooks fundamental aspects of today's HIV epidemic and continued high numbers of AIDS-related deaths.

The report also fails to profile the significant shortfalls in international support to effectively fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

HIV/AIDS

[Pharmaceutical corporations are failing children with HIV](#)

Press Release 29 Nov 2018

:: Kids living with HIV need to be on antiretroviral (ARV) treatment for life to stay healthy

:: One year ago, pharmaceutical corporations committed to improving access to paediatric versions of HIV drugs for children, but very little progress has been made

:: MSF urges pharmaceutical corporations including Viiv and Merck to immediately register paediatric ARVs and improve access for kids.

Palestine

[Gazans' injuries risk permanently shattering lives](#)

Press Release 29 Nov 2018

Indonesia

[Update on Central Sulawesi response - November 2018](#)

Project Update 27 Nov 2018

Mercy Corps [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

November 30, 2018

[Open Letter to the G20: 'We, not They'](#)

Operation Smile [to 1 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 1 Dec 2018]

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

Selected News/Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Latest news from NRC

[Afghanistan: Amid progress talks in Geneva, military use of schools put thousands of children at risk](#)

Published 28. Nov 2018

While international governments meet in Geneva this week to discuss progress and development in Afghanistan, thousands of children remain at risk and out of school due to the ongoing conflict.

Pact [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

November 30, 2018

[Know your status: Pact marks 30th annual World AIDS Day by joining Undetectable = Untransmittable movement – endorsing CDC finding that people living with HIV on effective treatment do not sexually transmit HIV](#)

Pointing to a shared vision for achieving healthy, HIV-free communities through systemic, integrated prevention and care, Pact announced that it is marking World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, by adding its voice to the nearly 800 organizations that have joined the Undetectable = Untransmittable Movement, or U=U...

Partners In Health [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Nov 30, 2018

[Teens with HIV Find Support, Friendship at Malawi Club](#)

On Saturdays in Neno District, Malawi, teens living with HIV can find friendship, games, snacks, HIV education and, most importantly, support.

Nov 28, 2018

[November Conference Call with Dr. Paul Farmer](#)

During a recent conference call, Dr. Paul Farmer, PIH's co-founder and chief strategist, spoke with Leslie Friday, interim director of content, about what he looks forward to in the new year and answers questions from donors. Listen to the entire interview here.

Nov 28, 2018

[Safe Deliveries, Big Smiles at Lesotho Health Center](#)

Kamohelo Phoofolo, 8 months old, was born safely at a facility revitalized by Lesotho's national health care reform, one of nearly 4,000 more safe childbirths in 2017 than in years prior.

Nov 27, 2018

[PIH's Parvannah Lee Reflects on Food Access in the Navajo Nation for Teen Vogue](#)

Parvannah Lee has a clear picture in her mind of what hunger looks like. It's of her mother walking miles through a snowstorm to the nearest grocery store.

PATH [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Nov. 30, 2018

[Vietnam launches national program for pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV](#)

PATH, USAID, and Vietnam's Ministry of Health launch PrEP program to substantially reduce new HIV infections as total PrEP service enrollment passes 2,000.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Tuesday 27 November 2018

[Increasing insecurity and a significant rise in school attacks puts almost two decades of progress at risk for Afghan children](#)

[Geneva, November 27] – With twice as many UN-verified attacks on education in Afghanistan in the first half of 2018 than during the whole of 2017—and, the number of out-of-school children on the rise for the first time since 2002, according to an inter-agency study*—urgent action is needed to prevent more Afghan children from being excluded from the education system, the Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack (GCPEA) is warning today in a new briefing paper.

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Peru – 29 November 2018

Women in Peru knit their present and future

In Ayacucho, Peru, a group of entrepreneurial women are changing their future using inherited knowledge as a source for a better future.

Tostan [to 1 Dec 2018]

<http://www.tostan.org>

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 1 Dec 2018]

<http://wvi.org/>

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR [to 1 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 1 Dec 2018]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research
Joint Letters*

Human Rights Defenders are a Cornerstone of Sustainable Development

November 27, 2018

On the need to ensure that the United States' development interventions support the realization of human rights, safeguard human rights defenders and ensure meaningful public participation

Transparency International [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

30 Nov 2018

[Deutsche Bank raid underscores need for coordinated global leadership against financial secrecy](#)

Yesterday's police raid at the headquarters of Deutsche Bank highlights the lack of coordinated global leadership against financial secrecy from the world's richest nations, according to Transparency International.

29 Nov 2018

[#G20TAKEACTION - Transparency International takes anti-corruption message to streets of Buenos Aires](#)

"G20 leaders seem to have been too busy arguing among themselves to pay attention to their own anti-corruption policy recommendations," said Maria Emilia Berazategui of Poder Ciudadano, "So we decided to put the message somewhere they can't miss it – on the avenue leading to the summit ...

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Bond [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

29 November 2018

[Stats on international development: how did the UK spend aid in 2017?](#)

Government stats published today show that the UK increased its aid spending, but the share spent by DFID fell.

[New bill could prevent aid workers from travelling to countries in crisis](#)

The Counter Terrorism and Border Security Bill could severely restrict NGOs' ability to operate in some of the world's worst humanitarian crises.

29 November 2018

[From voices to choices: Disrupting the humanitarian state of play](#)

How can we harness humanitarian trends to support crisis-affected people to have more influence over the aid they receive?

[Michel Maietta](#)

26 November 2018

ChildFund Alliance [to 1 Dec 2018]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

Press release 29 November 2018

[The Elders demand urgent climate action at G20 summit](#)

G20 countries must take decisive, long-overdue action to cut emissions and end fossil fuel subsidies to avoid irreversible climate catastrophe.

Press release 25 November 2018

[Martti Ahtisaari steps down from The Elders](#)

Martti Ahtisaari, Nobel peace laureate and former President of Finland, has stepped down as an active member of The Elders.

END Fund [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 1 Dec 2018]

www.evidenceaid.org

November 23, 2018 *Blog*

[Do we all speak and practice "humanitarian" in the same way?](#)

[Claire Allen](#)

Gavi [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

29 November 2018

[Measles cases spike globally due to gaps in vaccination coverage: New report](#)

[Gavi Board starts framing Alliance's approach to 2021-2025 period](#)

29 November 2018

[See Milestones above for detail]

[Gavi recognised as an equal salary employer](#)

26 November 2018

Global Fund [to 1 Dec 2018]
<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/>
30 November 2018
[Global Fund Marks World AIDS Day](#)

Feature Story
[Young Women at the Epicenter of HIV](#)
29 November 2018

[Global Fund Applauds UNAIDS Report on HIV Testing](#)
27 November 2018

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria welcomed a new report by UNAIDS that shows great gains in HIV testing, and getting people to know their HIV status. Knowledge is Power, the report released just prior to World AIDS Day on 1 December, shows that 75 percent of people living with HIV aware of their status in 2017, compared with 67 percent in 2015...

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 1 Dec 2018]
<http://prizecoalition.charity.org/>
No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 1 Dec 2018]
<https://icvanetwork.org/>
Latest resources
[CVA Statement: Global Compact on Refugees – a step forward in translating words into collective action](#)
November, 2018

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 1 Dec 2018]
<http://www.ineesite.org/en/news>
Save the Children 27 November 2018

[Joint statement of the Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack](#)

Increasing insecurity and a significant rise in school attacks puts almost two decades of progress at risk for Afghan children

Council of the European Union 26 November 2018

[Education in emergencies and crises: Council adopts conclusions](#)

The Council adopted conclusions on education in emergencies and protracted crises. The Council expresses its grave concern that more than 75 million children affected by emergencies and protracted crises have no access to quality education. The Council is equally concerned that violence is on the increase in and around the education environment

InterAction [to 1 Dec 2018]
<http://www.interaction.org/>

Latest News; Blog Entries
No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 1 Dec 2018]
<https://startnetwork.org/news-and-blogs>
No new digest content identified.

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 1 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 1 Dec 2018]
<http://www.alnap.org/>
Website not responding at inquiry

CHS Alliance [to 1 Dec 2018]
<http://chsalliance.org/news-events/news>
26/11/2018

Board elections: only one week before the election starts!

Elections for Vice-President and two other vacant seats on our Board will take place from Monday, 3rd to Friday, 7th December. Many thanks to those of you who have submitted nominations. We will announce the voting results and update you about our latest activities at a webinar on Monday, 10th December at 10:00 CEST.

26/11/2018

Towards collective accountability in Chad

Ground Truth Solutions (GTS) is currently carrying out a second survey round in some of the most crisis-affected regions of Chad within the framework of a joint project funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency. Based on the points of view and priorities of people affected by crisis, we will monitor the implementation of the Humanitarian Response Plan 2017-2019 for Chad against the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS).

Development Initiatives [to 1 Dec 2018]
<http://devinit.org/news/>
No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 1 Dec 2018]
<http://www.elrha.org/resource-hub/news/>
No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Undated

[Feedback workshop \(RETEX\) 3 months after the tsunami in Indonesia](#)

The French Disaster Risk Management Network is organising a feedback workshop (RETEX) on Wednesday 19 December on the assistance provided following the September 2018 Tsunami in Indonesia.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 1 Dec 2018]

<https://ihsa.info/>

No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

[Sphere discusses past and future of humanitarian standards at 2018 Handbook launch event](#)

28 November 2018 | Sphere

“When we started it, we had a real hard time publishing the Handbook”, said Peter Walker, co-founder of the Sphere movement. “It now exists in more than 30 languages. The humanitarian community has taken it, run with it, and...

[Sphere General Assembly elects new President, Executive Committee](#)

27 November 2018 | Sphere

The Sphere General Assembly met in Geneva, Switzerland, on 5 November. The meeting was aimed at welcoming the new members who joined Sphere during 2018, as well as providing new governance for the organisation. The Assembly,...

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 1 Dec 2018]

<https://phap.org/>

Latest News

[Localization: Perspectives on change – Recording available now](#)

Shiela Marcos 30 November 2018

On 8 November, ICVA and PHAP organized the first session in the learning stream on “Navigating change.” This event provided an overview of the concept of localization in the humanitarian sector, how it has evolved, and how it is currently used. Participants had the opportunity to learn more about how governments, private donors, the business community, and diaspora actors see current opportunities, trends, and challenges in this area...

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Brookings

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

Accessed 1 Dec 2018

Latest Research

Economic Development

[Why rural America needs cities](#)

Nathan Arnosti and Amy Liu

Friday, November 30, 2018

Report

[Tax advantages and imperfect competition in auctions for municipal bonds](#)

Daniel Garrett, Andrey Ordin, James W. Roberts, and Juan Carlos Suárez Serrato

Friday, November 30, 2018

Technology & Innovation

[The role of AI in future warfare](#)

Michael E. O'Hanlon

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Technology & Innovation

[Malevolent soft power, AI, and the threat to democracy](#)

Elaine Kamarck

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Higher Education

[Parents are borrowing more and more to send their kids to college—and many are struggling to repay](#)

Adam Looney and Vivien Lee

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Center for Global Development [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

November 29, 2018

[The Dilemma of AfDB Shareholders: Does Governance Matter for the Long-Run Financing of the MDBs? - Working Paper 498](#)

Does governance matter for the long-run financing and effectiveness the multilateral development banks? Does their system of weighted voting matter for their long-run access to financing and their effectiveness as development institutions? Does the voting structure involve some tradeoff between the confidence of creditor countries in the different MDBs, and the sense of ownership, legitimacy, and trust of borrowers?

Nancy Birdsall

November 28, 2018

[The Medium-Run and Scale-Up Effects of Performance-Based Financing: An Extension of Rwanda's 2006 Trial Using Secondary Data - Working Paper 497](#)

Rwanda's performance-based incentives were effective for some indicators, but unconditional financing also induced improvements. The incentive effects persisted in the mediumrun and as the program was scaled-up.

Diana Ngo and Sebastian Bauhoff

CSIS [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

*Selected Reports, Commentary
Commentary*

[Addressing Human Rights Is Central to U.S. Leadership on Global HIV](#)

November 30, 2018 | [Sara M. Allinder](#) As we pause to reflect on this World AIDS Day, we must commit to putting prevention at the top of the agenda and addressing the underlying human rights issues to keep more from being afflicted by this disease, writes Sara Allinder from CSIS Global Health Policy Center.

Commentary

[Who Cares about France's Energy Transition?](#)

November 28, 2018 | By [Sarah Ladislaw](#)

Commentary

[Bad Idea: Expecting the Private Sector to Drive Innovation in National Security](#)

November 30, 2018 | By [Samuel Brannen](#)

Report

[Accessing South Sudan: Humanitarian Aid in a Time of Crisis](#)

November 27, 2018 | By [Erol Yayboke](#)

ODI [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

[Measuring the iceberg: the opportunities and limits of better tracking of resources beyond international humanitarian assistance](#)

Working and discussion papers | November 2018 | Barnaby Willitts-King, Lydia Poole and John Bryant

This paper aims to understand the scale, nature and use of crisis response resources beyond those known about and tracked by the humanitarian system.

[How to grow manufacturing and create jobs in a digital economy: 10 policy priorities for Kenya](#)

Research reports and studies | November 2018 | Karishma Banga and Dirk Willem te Velde

A 10-point policy agenda for Kenya's government and private sector to support digital transformation in Kenya's manufacturing sector.

[Stories from G20 countries: shifting public money out of fossil fuels](#)

Working and discussion papers | November 2018 | Ivetta Gerasimchuk, Shelagh Whitley, Christopher Beaton, Richard Bridle, Alex Doukas, Maria Marta Di Paola and Yanick Touchette

This working paper presents eight case studies on how G20 governments have made progress in shifting support away from fossil fuels.

[Humanitarian action and foreign policy: balancing interests and values](#)

Research reports and studies | November 2018 | Barnaby Willitts-King, Sherine El Taraboulsi-McCarthy and John Bryant

This paper examines the complex foreign policy drivers that influence the role governments play in responding to crises in other countries.

[As local as possible, as international as necessary: understanding capacity and complementarity in humanitarian action](#)

Bibliography and literature reviews | November 2018 | Veronique Barbelet

This paper explores definitions and understanding of terms relating to capacity, complementarity and localisation in humanitarian action.

[Dignity and displaced Syrians in Lebanon](#)

Working and discussion papers | November 2018 | Francesca Grandi, Kholoud Mansour and Kerrie Holloway

This case study aims better understand what Syrians mean by their own dignity and how they understand it in terms of their displacement to Lebanon.

Urban Institute [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

November 19, 2018

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

The November 2018 edition of At A Glance, the Housing Finance Policy Center's reference guide for mortgage and housing market data, includes updated figures describing mortgage delinquency rates, Federal Reserve's MBS purchase activities, mortgage insurance activities and a special quarterly feature on GSE loan composition, repurchase rates, defaults, and loss severity. Housing Finance at a Glance: Monthly Chartbooks Archive

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

November 29, 2018

Research Report

[Public Investment in Community-Driven Safety Initiatives](#)

This study documents the range of approaches that states, localities, and neighborhoods are pursuing to direct public resources to community-driven public safety solutions that fall outside the traditional justice system. This allows for targeted interventions that meet priorities that communities grappling with the realities of mass incarceration identify for themselves. Our research found three primary funding strategies for

[Leah Sakala](#), [Samantha Harvell](#), [Chelsea Thomson](#)

November 28, 2018

Research Report

[Analysis of the FHFA Proposal on Enterprise Capital](#)

The Federal Housing Finance Agency's (FHFA) recently issued a proposed capital standard for the government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs), Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae. In this brief, we analyze how well the rule aligns risk and capital across the various mortgage attributes and how capital requirements vary across the business cycle, to begin to understand whether the capital standards are appropriately calibrated. Our

[Edward Golding](#), [Laurie Goodman](#), [Jun Zhu](#)

November 28, 2018

Research Report

[Assessing the Impact of Idaho's Parole Reforms](#)

Idaho enacted comprehensive criminal justice reform legislation (S.B. 1357) in 2014, aimed at improving parole outcomes and safely controlling prison population growth by increasing timely release for people convicted of nonviolent offenses. Our analysis finds that Idaho has met its goal of increasing timely release for people convicted of nonviolent offenses and this has corresponded with reductions in prison time served. While

[Elizabeth Pelletier](#), [Leigh Courtney](#), [Brian Elderbroom](#)

November 27, 2018

Research Report

[The Community Reinvestment Act Lending Data Highlights](#)

An earlier version of this chartbook was submitted to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency on November 19, 2018 in response to an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) on Modernizing the Community Reinvestment Regulatory Framework. The ANPR's purpose is to gather ideas to enable regulators to revise Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) regulations. This Chartbook is meant to provide facts about CRA lending

[Laurie Goodman](#), [Jun Zhu](#), [John Walsh](#)

November 27, 2018

Research Report

[Why Do Medicare Advantage Plans Have Narrow Networks?](#)

In contrast to commercial markets, narrow networks in Medicare Advantage (MA) markets are not motivated by unit-price discounts for insurers in exchange for higher patient volume for health systems. Through 15 interviews with MA experts, MA insurers, and health systems, we confirmed that the Medicare fee schedule is the basis for most provider payments in MA regardless of network breadth. Cost savings from narrow networks in MA

[Laura Skopec](#), [Robert A. Berenson](#), [Judith Feder](#)

November 25, 2018

Research Report

World Economic Forum [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Selected News Releases

[Business Urges Governments to Step Up Fight Against Climate Change](#)

News 29 Nov 2018

[High-Level Cybersecurity Meeting Warns of Dire Effects of Cyberattacks on Prosperity, Innovation and Global Collaboration](#)

News 27 Nov 2018

[New Policies Required to Unlock Full Potential of the Fourth Industrial Revolution in the Arab World](#)

News 26 Nov 2018

[Concern Grows over Failure to Tackle Global Threats to Cybersecurity](#)

News 26 Nov 2018

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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 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 1 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 1 Dec 2018]

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

Press Release

November 28, 2018

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

Work in Greater Houston with a wide range of partners, including GE Healthymagination, has improved community health and wellness since 2013; will continue through sustained Foundation efforts...

Co Impact [to 1 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 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 1 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 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Latest Updates

[California Education Policy Fund Evaluation of Deeper Learning Policy Changes in California](#)

Created by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation in 2011, the California Education Policy Fund (CEPF) has worked to improve education policies in California by strengthening and supporting an "ecosystem" of nonprofit advocacy, research, grassroots and information sharing organizations. With an annual budget of about \$4 million, the Fund—managed by Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors (RPA) and...

December 1, 2018

[What we've learned so far from our transparency, participation, and accountability strategy evaluation](#)

By [Pat Scheid](#) and [Joseph Asunka](#)

November 27, 2018

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

November 28, 2018 *News Release*

[Bipartisan Majorities Support Trump Administration's Push to Get Drug Prices in Advertisements, Even after Hearing Counter-Arguments](#)

Only 1 in 4 Potential Marketplace Customers Know When ACA Open Enrollment Ends; 1 in 5 Say They Would Buy a Short-Term Plan A large majority of the public backs the Trump Administration's initiative to require prescription drug advertisements to include information about prices, but fewer support other administrative actions...

November 26, 2018 *News Release*

[Some Can Get Marketplace Plans With No Premiums, Though With Higher Deductibles and Cost-Sharing](#)

Many low-income consumers who are eligible for federal financial help under the Affordable Care Act can get a bronze-level plan and pay nothing out-of-pocket in premiums in more than 2,000 counties next year, depending on their annual income, according to a new analysis from KFF (the Kaiser Family Foundation). Such plans come...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

29 November 2018

[Prince Rahim and Princess Salwa Aga Khan visit Pakistan](#)

28 November 2018

[Aga Khan at 2018 Conference on Afghanistan](#)

Kellogg Foundation [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Nov. 30, 2018

[Twenty global leaders named to Solidarity Council on Racial Equity](#)

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. – Today, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) named and convened 20 individuals who will serve on a newly established Solidarity Council on Racial Equity (SCoRE). These inaugural members are luminaries and thought leaders from advocacy, the arts, entertainment, business, education and media. At the council's first meeting today in Washington, D.C. they began setting a course for two years of unified action to place racial equity center stage in public awareness. Their collective efforts will culminate in a global symposium in September 2020.

"Every one of these leaders stands at the forefront of equity in their individual professions," said La June Montgomery Tabron, the Kellogg Foundation's president and CEO who conceived the idea and

formed the group. "As part of the Solidarity Council on Racial Equity we are coming together to reach beyond familiar circles and inspire more people to actively pursue racial equity."

Solidarity Council on Racial Equity (SCoRE) members include: author Michelle Alexander, law professor Megan Davis, filmmaker Ava DuVernay, journalist Maria Hinojosa, author-activist Saru Jayaraman, Father Timothy P. Kesicki, singer-activist John Legend, senior fellow Heather McGhee, professors Manuel Pastor and John A. Powell, business executive Tim Ryan, activists Dr. Hélio Santos and Linda Sarsour, poet-author Mayra Santos-Febres, attorney Bryan A. Stevenson, author Jerry Tello, journalist Irma Alicia Velasquez Nimatuj, professor David R. Williams, Parkland, Florida teacher Diane Wolk-Rogers and educator Kent Wong...

Nov. 29, 2018

[Study outlines steps to increase student achievement in Jackson Public Schools](#)

Partners Commit to Working Together to Develop Plan of Action to Support Educational Excellence in Jackson Public Schools

MacArthur Foundation [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

November 28, 2018 *Grantee Research*

[Unintended Pregnancy and Abortion in India](#)

A broad report on unintended pregnancy and abortion in six Indian states provides important data about women's reproductive health care in the country, where unsafe abortion is the third leading cause of maternal mortality. About half of pregnancies in the six states are unintended, and a majority of those are terminated. Though abortion has been legal in India since 1971, the Guttmacher Institute and research partners found that access, quality, and incidence is drastically different from state to state. Guttmacher, a MacArthur grantee, recommends improving access to accurate information as well as the availability and quality of reproductive health care by training and certifying more doctors, nurses, and other health practitioners on abortion care.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

November 30, 2018

[Perspective: Just the facts, seeking the truth in today's media landscape](#)

Holly Potter is the chief communications officer at the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

[Moore Foundation community fund supports efforts to improve access to healthy food](#)

November 27, 2018

Open Society Foundation [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

Latest News Releases, Blog Posts, Reports

[Per Capita Change in Monthly Spending to Stay in Same Plan Under Hypothetical Scenario](#)

November 28, 2018 Report

In some health insurance markets, increased competition may result in a reduction in the purchasing power of subsidized consumers by narrowing the gap between the benchmark premium and plans that are cheaper than the benchmark.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 1 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).

29-11-2018

[Monitoring SDGs in Africa](#)

The African Development Bank has developed the SDGs Data Hub as part of its efforts to build statistical capacity in Africa and promote greater access to information for decision-making. The SDG Data Hub allows users to select SDGs and indicators of interest, generate reports, and check the progress made by each country towards achieving each goal, and/or compare progress across African countries.

Several African countries have adopted the SDG Data Hub provided by the Bank through its Africa Information Highway (AIH) initiative.

SDGs Data Hubs for all African countries are available on the [AfDB's SDGs Data Hub Platform](#).

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

29 November 2018

[How should Wellcome best support science to achieve our mission of improving health?](#)

We're launching a review of how Wellcome supports science. Jeremy Farrar explains why it's necessary and what we hope to achieve.

Wellcome's mission is to improve health for everyone by helping great ideas to thrive. We achieve this in large part through our support for science, where we spend almost £630 million a year through many different mechanisms. But while the way we support science has varied little over several decades, science and the way it is done have changed.

With this in mind, it is timely for Wellcome to review the way we support research to ensure we get the best possible advances in scientific knowledge and health. How do we know, as technologies and ways of working change, that our current approach is the right one?

To answer these questions, we have decided to review how Wellcome supports science. Director of Science Jim Smith will lead a small group that will explore questions such as:

- :: What disciplines and areas of science should Wellcome support?
- :: What career stages should Wellcome focus on?
- :: Where should Wellcome fund?
- :: With whom should Wellcome partner?...

Foundation Center [to 1 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 1 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>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

December 2018 Volume 55, Issue 6, p759-944

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

American Journal of Public Health

December 2018 108(12)

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

DISASTERS

[Implications of Social and Legal Status on Immigrants' Health in Disaster Zones](#)

Environment, Immigration, Occupational Health

Elizabeth Fussell, Linda Delp, Kevin Riley, Sergio Chávez and Abel Valenzuela Jr

108(12), pp. 1617–1620

Abstract

This commentary highlights how immigrants who are linguistically isolated, have limited social networks, and lack legal immigration status experience unique health risks in disaster zones. Research on immigrants and disasters tends to focus on immigrants with these characteristics who are residents of disaster-affected areas, disaster recovery workers, or both. We review the sparse research literature and provide examples of innovative but underresourced programs that reduce immigrants' exposure to disaster-related health hazards and economic exploitation in the recovery. We conclude with recommendations for advancing these initiatives while, simultaneously, addressing the anti-immigrant policies that contribute to these disaster-related inequities...

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 99, Issue 5, 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 1 Dec 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

December 2018 - Volume 3 - 6

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/3/6>

Analysis

[**Reshaping public hospitals: an agenda for reform in Asia and the Pacific**](#) (28 November, 2018)

Robin Gauld, Nima Asgari-Jirhandeh, Walaiporn Patcharanarumol, Viroj Tangcharoensathien

Commentary

[**Still a leap of faith: microfinance initiatives for reduction of violence against women and children in low-income and middle-income countries**](#) (1 December, 2018)

Amber Peterman, Tia M Palermo, Giulia Ferrari

Research

[**Health aid projects have both expanded and constrained the capacity of health facilities to deliver malaria services to under-five children in Malawi**](#) (1 December, 2018)

Carrie B Dolan

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 1 Dec 2018)

Research article

[**Dementia and immigrant groups: a qualitative study of challenges related to identifying, assessing, and diagnosing dementia**](#)

Along with the ageing of the general population, Europe's migrant populations are also ageing, thus posing new challenges for dementia care services, particularly if the services are to be adjusted to persons ...

Authors: Mette Sagbakken, Ragnhild Storstein Spilker and T. Rune Nielsen

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2018 18:910

Published on: 29 November 2018

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 1 Dec 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 1 Dec 2018)

Research article

| 26 November 2018

[**Consent requirements for research with human tissue: Swiss ethics committee members disagree**](#)

Authors: Flora Colledge, Sophie De Massougnes and Bernice Elger

Background

In Switzerland, research with identifiable human tissue samples, and/or its accompanying data, must be approved by a research ethics committee (REC) before it can be allowed to take place. However, as the demand for such tissue has rapidly increased in recent years, and biobanks have been created to meet these needs, committees have had to deal with a growing number of such demands. Detailed instructions for evaluating every kind of tissue request are scarce. Committees charged with evaluating research protocols therefore sometimes face uncertainty in their decision-making.

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 1 Dec 2018)

Commentary

[Improving access to multi-drug resistant tuberculosis diagnostic and health services for refugees and migrants](#)

By the end of 2017, an estimated 68.5 million people were displaced from their homes worldwide, of whom 25.4 million were refugees. The transmission and globalization of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis durin...

Authors: Alimuddin Zumla and Ibrahim Abubakar

Citation: BMC Medicine 2018 16:221

Published on: 30 November 2018

Editorial

[Fifteen years of progress in understanding frailty and health in aging](#)

The notion of frailty has evolved for more than 15 years. Although there is no consensus definition, frailty reflects a state of increased vulnerability to adverse health outcomes for individuals of the same C...

Authors: Kenneth Rockwood and Susan E. Howlett

Citation: BMC Medicine 2018 16:220

Published on: 27 November 2018

Editorial

[Universal health coverage for refugees and migrants in the twenty-first century](#)

Migration is a determinant of health. Tackling the health needs of migrants and refugees will require action at the local, national, and global levels. Over the past 12 months, BMC Medicine has published a collec...

Authors: Ibrahim Abubakar and Alimuddin Zumla

Citation: BMC Medicine 2018 16:216

Published on: 26 November 2018

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 1 Dec 2018)

Research article

[Availability and affordability of priority life-saving medicines for under-five children in health facilities of Tigray region, northern Ethiopia](#)

In developing countries, child health outcomes are influenced by the non-availability of priority life-saving medicines at public sector health facilities and non-affordability of medicines at private medicine...

Authors: Solomon Abrha, Ebisa Tadesse, Tesfay Mehari Atey, Fantahun Molla, Wondim Melkam, Birhanetensay Masresha, Solomon Gashaw and Abrham Wondimu

Citation: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2018 18:464

Published on: 29 November 2018

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 1 Dec 2018)

Research article

[Measles vaccination coverage, determinants of delayed vaccination and reasons for non-vaccination among children aged 24–35 months in Zhejiang province, China](#)

This study was aimed to assess the coverage of two doses of measles vaccine and identify the determinants of the delayed vaccination.

Authors: Yu Hu, Ying Wang, Yaping Chen, Hui Liang and Zhiping Chen

Citation: BMC Public Health 2018 18:1298

Published on: 27 November 2018

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 1 Dec 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

November 2018 - Volume 8 - 11

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 96, Number 12, December 2018, 797-864

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/96/12/en/>

EDITORIALS

[Shifting global health governance towards the sustainable development goals](#)

– Robert Marten, Sowmya Kadandale, Anders Nordström & Richard D Smith

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.18.209668>

RESEARCH

[Oral cholera vaccination in hard-to-reach communities, Lake Chilwa, Malawi](#)

To evaluate vaccination coverage, identify reasons for non-vaccination and assess satisfaction with two innovative strategies for distributing second doses in an oral cholera vaccine campaign in 2016 in Lake Chilwa, Malawi, in response to a cholera outbreak.

– Francesco Grandesso, Florentina Rafael, Sikhona Chipeta, Ian Alley, Christel Saussier, Francisco

Nogareda, Monica Burns, Pauline Lechevalier, Anne-Laure Page, Leon Salumu, Lorenzo Pezzoli, Maurice Mwesawina, Philippe Cavailler, Martin Mengel, Francisco Javier Luquero & Sandra Cohuet
<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.17.206417>

[Cost of a human papillomavirus vaccination project, Zimbabwe](#)

The government of Zimbabwe conducted the project from 2014–2015, delivering two doses of HPV vaccine to 10-year-old girls in two districts. School delivery was the primary vaccination strategy, with health facilities and outreach as secondary strategies. A retrospective cost analysis was conducted from the provider perspective. Financial costs (government expenditure) and economic costs (financial plus the value of existing or donated resources including vaccines) were calculated by activity, per dose and per fully immunized girl.

– Anna Hidle, Gwati Gwati, Taiwo Abimbola, Sarah W Pallas, Terri Hyde, Amos Petu, Deborah McFarland & Portia Manangazira

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.18.211904>

Child Care, Health and Development

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

November 2018 Volume 40, Issue 11, p1789-1956

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Clinical Trials

Volume 15 Issue 6, December 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 1 Dec 2018]

[No new digest content identified]

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 75 Pages 1-86 (December 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/75/suppl/C>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

December 2018 - Volume 31 - Issue 6

<https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx>
[Reviewed earlier]

Developing World Bioethics

Volume 18, Issue 3 Pages: 205-306 September 2018
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 29, Issue 1, 2019
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

Volume 36, Issue 6 Pages: i-iv, 629, 631-759 October 2018
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 13, Issue 8, 2018
<http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idt/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 12 - Issue 5 - October 2018
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-preparedness/latest-issue>
[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

Volume 42, Issue 4 Pages: S159-S327 October 2018
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>

Disasters in Conflict Areas

[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

01 November 2018; volume 19, issue 11
<http://embor.embopress.org/content/19/11?current-issue=y>
[New issue; No digest content identified]

Emergency Medicine Journal

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

[Accessed 1 Dec 2018]

[No new digest content identified]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 24, Number 12—December 2018

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Epidemics

Volume 25 Pages 1-112 (December 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/25/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 146 - Issue 16 - December 2018

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

Vaccines

Original Paper

[Implementing large Foot and Mouth Disease vaccination programmes for smallholder farmers: lessons from Lao PDR](#)

[S. Nampanya, S. Khounsy, R. Abila, P. A. Windsor](#)

<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0950268818002443>

Published online: 23 August 2018, pp. 2086-2095

Ethics & International Affairs

Fall 2018 (Issue 32.3)

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2018/fall-2018-issue-32-3/>

[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 28, Issue 5, 1 October 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy Volume 75

Volume 81 Pages 1-132 (December 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/81/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

October 2018, Issue 5, Pages 1143-1295

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 59 October 2018

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

Twenty Years of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 45, Issue 3, 2018

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Genocide Studies International

Volume 12 Issue 1, Spring 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Genome Medicine

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

[Accessed 1 Dec 2018]

[No new digest content identified]

Geoheritage

Volume 10, Issue 4, December 2018

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

Special Issue: Geodiversity and Geoheritage: Crossing Disciplines and Approaches

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

Global Health Action

Volume 11, 2018 – Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

Vol. 6, No. 3 October 03, 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Public Health

Volume 14, 2019 Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health

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

[Accessed 1 Dec 2018]

Review

[The financial sustainability of the World Health Organization and the political economy of global health governance: a review of funding proposals](#)

The World Health Organization (WHO) continues to experience immense financial stress. The precarious financial situation of the WHO has given rise to extensive dialogue and debate. This dialogue has generated ...

Authors: Srikanth K. Reddy, Sumaira Mazhar and Raphael Lencucha

Citation: Globalization and Health 2018 14:119

Published on: 29 November 2018

Health Affairs

Vol. 37 , No. 11 November 2018

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

Patient Safety

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 20, Issue 1, June 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 13 - Special Issue 3-4 - July 2018

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

Health Equity

Issue in Progress

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 33, Issue 9, 1 November 2018

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/33/9>

Editor's Choice

[**Developing more participatory and accountable institutions for health: identifying health system research priorities for the Sustainable Development Goal-era**](#)

K Scott; N Jessani; M Qiu; S Bennett

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 33, Issue 9, 1 November 2018, Pages 975–987,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czy079>

Health Promotion International

Volume 33, Issue 5, October 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Research Policy and Systems

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

[Accessed 1 Dec 2018]

Research

[**An analysis of research priority-setting at the World Health Organization – how mapping to a standard template allows for comparison between research priority-setting approaches**](#)

A review of research priorities completed by WHO technical units was undertaken. Results of the mapping were recorded in a database that was used to generate analysis and compare research priorities and the di...

Authors: R. F. Terry, E. Charles, B. Purdy and A. Sanford

Citation: Health Research Policy and Systems 2018 16:116

Published on: 29 November 2018

Research

[**Application of the i-PARIHS framework for enhancing understanding of interactive dissemination to achieve wide-scale improvement in Indigenous primary healthcare**](#)

Participatory research approaches improve the use of evidence in policy, programmes and practice. Few studies have addressed ways to scale up participatory research for wider system improvement or the intensit...

Authors: Alison Laycock, Gillian Harvey, Nikki Percival, Frances Cunningham, Jodie Bailie, Veronica Matthews, Kerry Copley, Louise Patel and Ross Bailie
Citation: Health Research Policy and Systems 2018 16:117
Published on: 29 November 2018

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 40, Number 4, November 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 73, October 2018

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

Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh: the humanitarian response

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

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

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

IDRiM Journal

Vol 8, No 1 (2018)

<http://idrimjournal.com/index.php/idrim/issue/view/19>
[Reviewed earlier]

Infectious Agents and Cancer

<http://www.infectagentscancer.com/content>
[Accessed 1 Dec 2018]
[No new digest content identified]

Infectious Diseases of Poverty

<http://www.idpjournal.com/content>
[Accessed 1 Dec 2018]
Research Article

[Improving immunization capacity in Ethiopia through continuous quality improvement interventions: a prospective quasi-experimental study](#)

Strong scientific evidence is needed to support low-income countries in building effective and sustainable immunization programs and proactively engaging in global vaccine development and implementation initiatives. This study aimed to implement and evaluate the effectiveness of system-wide continuous quality improvement (CQI) interventions to improve national immunization programme performance in Ethiopia.

Authors: Tsegahun Manyazewal, Alemayehu Mekonnen, Tesfa Demelew, Semegnew Mengestu, Yusuf Abdu, Dereje Mammo, Workeabeba Abebe, Belay Haffa, Daniel Zenebe, Bogale Worku, Amir Aman and Setegn Tigabu

Citation: Infectious Diseases of Poverty 2018 7:119
Published on: 30 November 2018

International Health

Volume 10, Issue 6, November 2018
<http://inthehealth.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

International Human Rights Law Review

Volume 7, Issue 1, 2018
<https://brill.com/view/journals/hrlr/hrlr-overview.xml>
[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

Vol 5, No 12 (2018) December 2018
<http://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/45>
Original Research Articles
[HPV vaccine knowledge and coverage among female students in a medical college, Kerala](#)
Niveditha Das E., Paul T. Francis
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Editorial

[An introduction to a Special Issue: A focus on mental health and psychosocial support in Afghanistan](#)

Mental health in Afghanistan

Afghanistan continues to face extraordinary challenges after almost 40 years of continuous armed conflict. Despite these difficulties, many Afghans have been working tirelessly to protect, rebuild, develop and maintain their national institutions. One such effort was the National Strategy for a Mentally Healthy Afghanistan (Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GOIRA), & Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), 2009), which recognised the impact of conflict on mental health and psychosocial wellbeing. The National Strategy laid out an ambitious scheme for establishing integrated and comprehensive mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) in the country. Under the leadership of the Ministry of Public Health, professional psychiatric care is now part of the Basic Package of Health Services and Essential Package of Hospital Services. Furthermore, primary care doctors, assisted by paraprofessionals, are available to diagnose and treat people with mental health, neurological and substance use disorders, working in settings ranging from the hospital to the community.

...Therefore, in this Special Issue, we present a diverse range of texts, including one interview, four research articles, four field reports and nine personal reflections. Fifteen contributions have been authored or co-authored by Afghans with direct experience in MHPSS. The following pages will give the reader a timely and rare glimpse into the work and lives of these Afghan professionals who are committed to the wellbeing of their communities and their country...

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[Increasing the Participation of Pregnant Women in Clinical Trials](#)

Katrina Heyrana, MD, PhD; Heather M. Byers, MD; Pamela Stratton, MD

JAMA. 2018;320(20):2077-2078. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.17716

This Viewpoint discusses widespread perceptions of vulnerability and risk that discourage enrollment of pregnant women in clinical trials, and calls for actionable guidelines to overcome those perceptions and eliminate barriers to their participation.

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[Evaluation of a Tool to Identify Child Sex Trafficking Victims in Multiple Healthcare Settings](#)

V. Jordan Greenbaum, Michelle S. Livings, Betty S. Lai, Laurel Edinburgh, Peggy Baikie, Sophia R. Grant, Jamie Kondis, Hillary W. Petska, Mary Jo Bowman, Lori Legano, Oriaku Kas-Osoka, Shannon Self-Brown

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Abstract

Purpose

Estimate the prevalence of child sex trafficking (CST) among patients seeking care in multiple healthcare settings; evaluate a short screening tool to identify victims in a healthcare setting.

Methods

This cross-sectional observational study involved patients from 16 sites throughout the U.S.: five pediatric emergency departments, six child advocacy centers, and five teen clinics. Participants included English-speaking youth ages 11–17 years. For emergency department sites, inclusion criteria included a chief complaint of sexual violence. Data on several domains were gathered through self-report questionnaires and examiner interview. Main outcomes included prevalence of CST among eligible youth; sensitivity, specificity, positive/negative predictive values, and positive/negative likelihood ratios for a CST screening tool.

Results

Eight hundred and ten participants included 91 (11.52%) youth from emergency departments, 395 (48.8%) from child advocacy centers, and 324 (40.0%) from teen clinics. Overall prevalence of CST was 11.1%: 13.2% among emergency department patients, 6.3% among child advocacy center patients, and 16.4% among teen clinic patients, respectively. The screen had a sensitivity, specificity,

and positive likelihood ratio of 84.44% (75.28, 91.23), 57.50% (53.80, 61.11), and 1.99% (1.76, 2.25), respectively.

Conclusions

This study demonstrates a significant rate of CST among patients presenting to emergency departments (for sexual violence complaints), child advocacy centers, and teen clinics. A six-item screen showed relatively good sensitivity and moderate specificity. Negative predictive value was high. Intervention for a "positive" screen may identify victims and help prevent high-risk youth from becoming victimized. This is one of the first CST screening tools specifically developed and evaluated in the healthcare setting.

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Kathleen B. Schwarz, Wikrom Karnsakul

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Editorial

[The disgraceful neglect of childhood pneumonia](#)

The Lancet Global Health

This week WHO held its first ever Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health and published an [associated report](#), Prescribing clean air, which summarised the “uniquely damaging” effects of breathing polluted air on the health of children. The evidence in this age group is compelling: some of the stark headline figures include the fact that 93% of children younger than 5 years globally live in environments where levels of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) exceed the WHO guidelines and that air pollution, both ambient and household, contributed to more than half a million deaths from lower respiratory tract infections in children under 5 years in 2016.

Lower respiratory tract infections, by which we usually mean pneumonia, are the second leading cause of death in under-5s worldwide, and the leading cause in Africa. Air pollution is just one of many poverty-linked risk factors, others being undernutrition, poor hygiene, limited or no breastfeeding, and lack of access to vaccines. In turn, death rates in those who succumb to infection are much higher in impoverished regions than in higher-income ones owing to slow care seeking (stemming from poor health education or geographical or financial barriers to care), diagnostic failure, and inappropriate treatment.

The WHO report recognises that the issue of air pollution, particularly ambient air pollution, is largely a high-level issue for governments and regions, and its recommendations for health professionals centre around awareness-raising, research, advocacy, and prescribing of household-level solutions (such as switching to cleaner fuels, where possible). But what about the other, potentially more tractable, risk factors and system failures that contribute to pneumonia's standing as a barely surpassed killer of children?

A simple search of this journal's website reveals a healthy number of research and opinion pieces that combine the topic of pneumonia with those of breastfeeding (28 articles in 5 years), nutrition (11 articles), and WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene; 5 articles). Similarly, in this journal alone, pneumonia vaccination, diagnosis, and treatment have all received recent attention. In this month's issue, for example, Eileen Dunne and colleagues report positive effects of the roll-out of 10-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) on direct and indirect carriage of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* in Fiji, and Keith Klugman and colleagues highlight the potential for PCV to reduce the burden of mortality from *S pneumoniae*–influenza co-infection. January also saw the publication of Ambrose Agweyu and colleagues' important paper on the appropriateness (or not) of WHO's updated guidance on management of childhood pneumonia.

Why, then, is there so little cross-disciplinary global solidarity around childhood pneumonia? Or, as Kevin Watkins and Devi Sridhar put it in *The Lancet* recently, why is it “a global cause without champions”? They point out that pneumonia does not feature in WHO’s latest Global Programme of Work and that no major donor has made the cause their own. In fact, according to the [report](#) Sizing up pneumonia research, pneumonia research received just US\$84 in funding per death in 2015, compared with \$336 for tuberculosis, \$2120 for HIV, and \$3585 for influenza. Further, pneumonia barely registers as a top child killer in the minds of the general public. A straw poll of non-medical acquaintances pointed to malaria or diarrhoea as the most likely candidates. Yes, we have the upcoming [World Pneumonia Day](#) on November 12 (the website of which remained sadly unpopulated as we went to press), and WHO released a [Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Pneumonia and Diarrhoea](#) (GAPPD) in 2013. Yet there has otherwise been relative quiet on the global and national fronts.

In trying to explain the neglect, Watkins and Sridhar point to the poverty-linked nature of pneumonia, in children particularly, and the fact that—unlike cholera, measles, or HIV—it is not easily transmitted across social boundaries into the constituencies with the most political influence. They call for all high-burden countries to adopt integrated pneumonia action plans framed around the GAPPD and for a global summit on pneumonia. We concur. A child dying of pneumonia may be more difficult to imagine than one dying from inhaling visibly polluted air, but the solutions, in large part, are much closer at hand.

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Eileen M Dunne, Catherine Satzke, Felisita T Ratu, Eleanor F G Neal, Laura K Boelsen, Silivia Matanitobua, Casey L Pell, Monica L Nation, Belinda D Ortika, Rita Reyburn, Kylie Jenkins, Cattram Nguyen, Katherine Gould, Jason Hinds, Lisi Tikoduadua, Joseph Kado, Eric Rafai, Mike Kama, E Kim Mulholland, Fiona M Russell

[Estimating the cost of vaccine development against epidemic infectious diseases: a cost minimisation study](#)

The Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations was established in 2016, to develop vaccines that can contribute to preparedness for outbreaks of epidemic infectious diseases. Evidence on vaccine development costs for such diseases is scarce. Our goal was to estimate the minimum cost for achieving vaccine research and development preparedness targets in a portfolio of 11 epidemic infectious diseases, accounting for vaccine pipeline constraints and uncertainty in research and development preparedness outcomes.

Dimitrios Gouglas, Tung Thanh Le, Klara Henderson, Aristidis Kaloudis, Trygve Danielsen, Nicholas Caspersen Hammersland, James M Robinson, Penny M Heaton, John-Arne Røttingen

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[The Astana Declaration: time to focus on primary health care](#)

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[Global, regional, and national burden of tuberculosis, 1990–2016: results from the Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors 2016 Study](#)

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Editorial | 26 November 2018

[Beware the rise of the radical right](#)

Academic freedom is on the hit list when radical politicians gain office — as they have done in Europe.

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Differential Pricing of Pharmaceuticals: Theory, Evidence and Emerging Issues

Patricia M. Danzon

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Yun-Kyung Kim, Joon Young Song, Hyeongap Jang, Tae Hyun Kim, Heejo Koo...

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Perspective

Machine learning in population health: Opportunities and threats

Abraham D. Flaxman, Theo Vos

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Machine learning (ML) has succeeded in complex tasks by trading experts and programmers for data and nonparametric statistical models. However, the applications for which ML has been successfully deployed in health and biomedicine remain limited [1]. These limits also apply in population health, in which we are concerned with the health outcomes of a group of individuals and the distribution of outcomes within the group. In our metrics, we deal with messy global health data, and a large effort goes into piecing together sparse, noisy information to understand what causes how much health loss, where it occurs, and how it is changing. In our interventions, we often face stringent constraints on resources and need to develop appropriate and acceptable solutions under these constraints. How might ML-based approaches change population health? Here, we discuss opportunities and threats from ML, with our views on further development needed within ML to create the best possible outcomes...

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Daniel Grace, Mark Gaspar, Rachelle Paquette, Ron Rosenes, Ann N. Burchell, Troy Grennan, Irving E. Salit

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Research Article

[Religiosity predicts negative attitudes towards science and lower levels of science literacy](#)

Jonathon McPhetres, Miron Zuckerman

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[Evaluating science communication](#)

Baruch Fischhoff

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Abstract

Effective science communication requires assembling scientists with knowledge relevant to decision makers, translating that knowledge into useful terms, establishing trusted two-way communication channels, evaluating the process, and refining it as needed. Communicating Science Effectively: A Research Agenda [National Research Council (2017)] surveys the scientific foundations for accomplishing these tasks, the research agenda for improving them, and the essential collaborative relations with decision makers and communication professionals. Recognizing the complexity of the science, the decisions, and the communication processes, the report calls for a systems approach. This perspective offers an approach to creating such systems by adapting scientific methods to the practical constraints of science communication. It considers staffing (are the right people involved?), internal collaboration (are they talking to one another?), and external collaboration (are they talking to other stakeholders?). It focuses on contexts where the goal of science communication is helping people to make autonomous choices rather than promoting specific behaviors (e.g., voter turnout, vaccination rates, energy consumption). The approach is illustrated with research in two domains: decisions about preventing sexual assault and responding to pandemic disease.

Communicating uncertainty in policy analysis

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Abstract

The term “policy analysis” describes scientific evaluations of the impacts of past public policies and predictions of the outcomes of potential future policies. A prevalent practice has been to report policy analysis with incredible certitude. That is, exact predictions of policy outcomes are routine, while expressions of uncertainty are rare. However, predictions and estimates often are fragile, resting on unsupported assumptions and limited data. Therefore, the expressed certitude is not credible. This paper summarizes my work documenting incredible certitude and calling for transparent communication of uncertainty. I present a typology of practices that contribute to incredible certitude, give illustrative examples, and offer suggestions on how to communicate uncertainty.

Scientific communication in a post-truth society

Shanto Iyengar and Douglas S. Massey

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Abstract

Within the scientific community, much attention has focused on improving communications between scientists, policy makers, and the public. To date, efforts have centered on improving the content, accessibility, and delivery of scientific communications. Here we argue that in the current political and media environment faulty communication is no longer the core of the problem. Distrust in the scientific enterprise and misperceptions of scientific knowledge increasingly stem less from problems of communication and more from the widespread dissemination of misleading and biased information. We describe the profound structural shifts in the media environment that have occurred in recent decades and their connection to public policy decisions and technological changes. We explain how these shifts have enabled unscrupulous actors with ulterior motives increasingly to circulate fake news, misinformation, and disinformation with the help of trolls, bots, and respondent-driven algorithms. We document the high degree of partisan animosity, implicit ideological bias, political polarization, and politically motivated reasoning that now prevail in the public sphere and offer an actual example of how clearly stated scientific conclusions can be systematically perverted in the media through an internet-based campaign of disinformation and misinformation. We suggest that, in addition to attending to the clarity of their communications, scientists must also develop online strategies to counteract campaigns of misinformation and disinformation that will inevitably follow the release of findings threatening to partisans on either end of the political spectrum.

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

Edited by Stephen T. Higgins

This Special Issue of Preventive Medicine (PM) is the 5th in a series on behavior change, health, and health disparities. Unhealthy behavior patterns (i.e., lifestyle choices) including cigarette smoking and other substance abuse, physical inactivity, unhealthy food choices, and non-adherence with recommended medical regimens, undermine U.S. population health by increasing risk for chronic disease and premature death. This Special Issue brings together scholarly contributions from the emerging area of tobacco regulatory science to examine current topics of critical importance to reducing the burden of cigarette smoking on U.S. population health. More specifically, three related topics are examined including (a) the potential for reducing smoking by adopting a national policy that would cap the nicotine content of cigarettes at minimally-addictive levels; (b) increasing scientific understanding of cigarette smoking and other tobacco use among populations that are especially vulnerable to initiating smoking, tobacco addiction, and its adverse health consequences; and (c) the potential of a harm-reduction strategy for reducing the burden of smoking by advocating that those who are unwilling or unable to quit nicotine use substitute electronic cigarettes or other non-combusted sources of nicotine for cigarettes in order to avoid exposure to the other toxins in tobacco smoke that are most responsible for smoking morbidity and mortality. While tremendous progress has been made in reducing overall U.S. smoking prevalence and its adverse health impacts, more needs to be done. This Special Issue offers some ideas that have the potential to make a substantive contribution towards that goal.

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From Local Action to National Progress on 5 Major Health Challenges: The Bloomberg American Health Initiative

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The articles in this supplemental issue of Public Health Reports provide insight into what it will take for the field of public health to tackle 5 of the most complex and difficult health problems of our time: (1) large numbers of adolescents disconnected from work and school; (2) violence (including gun

violence), intimate partner and sexual violence, and suicide; (3) opioid addiction and overdose; (4) a dysfunctional food system associated with obesity; and (5) threats to the environment.

These 5 problems are the central focus of the new Bloomberg American Health Initiative, which Mackenzie et al¹ describe in their Commentary. "All 5 areas of focus are serious problems facing the nation, with deep connections to economic and social factors," they write. "None have quick fixes."¹ Yet there is reason to believe that public health can lead the way toward meaningful progress.

From December 2017 to April 2018, the initiative held 5 national symposia to document the state of understanding and to inform a public health perspective on each challenge. This supplement includes these perspectives, as well as commentaries in the cross-cutting areas of evidence, policy, and equity. Together, these articles provide a road map for efforts to bring public health training to frontline organizations, pursue insights through innovative research, and advance effective programs, policies, and strategies for change...

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Research Articles

[An Ounce of Prevention: Identifying Cues to \(In\)Action for Maternal Vaccine Refusal](#)

Melissa L. Carrion

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Preview

Recent increases in childhood vaccine exemption rates are a source of concern within the public health community. Drawing from the health belief model and in-depth interviews with 50 mothers (n = 50) who refused one or more vaccine, the aim of this study was to identify the specific reasons and the broader decision context(s) that underscored participants' vaccine refusal. Results indicate that the vast majority of participants supported vaccination until a particular cue motivated them to consider otherwise, and qualitative analysis identified three main categories into which these cues fell: perceived adverse reactions, endorsements from health care professionals, and perceived contradiction among expert-endorsed messages. These categories point to the central role of health communication in motivating vaccine refusal. Better understanding these cues can inform vaccine communication scholarship and practice, and also lend theoretical insight into the intertextual nature of controversial health messages and decisions.

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Bruce Burson, LLB (Hons) (Cantab), MPP (VUW); Walter Kälin, Dr.iur. (Bern), LLM (Harvard); Jane McAdam, BA (Hons), LLB (Hons) (Sydney), DPhil (Oxf); Sanjula Weerasinghe, LLB (Hons) (Monash), LLM (Dist) (Georgetown)

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Review

Prevalence and determinants of adolescent pregnancy in Africa: a systematic review and Meta-analysis

Adolescence is the period between 10 and 19 years with peculiar physical, social, psychological and reproductive health characteristics. Rates of adolescent pregnancy are increasing in developing countries, with higher occurrences of adverse maternal and perinatal outcomes. The few studies conducted on adolescent pregnancy in Africa present inconsistent and inconclusive findings on the distribution of the problems. Also, there was no meta-analysis study conducted in this area in Africa. Therefore, this systematic review and meta-analysis were conducted to estimate the prevalence and sociodemographic determinant factors of adolescent pregnancy using the available published and unpublished studies carried out in African countries. Also, subgroup analysis was conducted by different demographic, geopolitical and administrative regions.

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Editorial

[Define the human right to science](#)

By Jessica M. Wyndham, Margaret Weigers Vitullo

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Summary

The adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly will mark its 70th anniversary on 10 December. One right enshrined in the UDHR is the right of everyone to “share in scientific advancement and its benefits.” In 1966, this right was incorporated into the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, a treaty to which 169 countries have voluntarily agreed to be bound. Unlike most other human rights, however, the right to science has never been legally defined and is often ignored in practice by the governments bound to implement it. An essential first step toward giving life to the right to science is for the UN to legally define it.

In Depth

[Shock greets claim of CRISPR-edited babies](#)

By Dennis Normile

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Apparent germline engineering by Chinese researcher prompts outrage and investigations.

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Research Article

[Women and 'New Wars' in El Salvador](#)

Anna Applebaum, Briana Mawby

Abstract

The most violent countries in the world are increasingly countries considered 'at peace'. From Honduras to Mexico to South Africa, armed violence, often by gangs, has led to high levels of casualties. Disruption of daily life due to armed violence is similar to the challenges experienced during wartime, though often without the markers or recognition associated with war. With gang violence primarily viewed as a domestic criminal issue, external support for conflict mitigation and humanitarian assistance is often low. Yet the disruptive impact of such high rates of violence is significant, and the humanitarian impact is severe. New theoretical frameworks are needed to better problematize extreme armed violence in 'peacetime' states. This article seeks to bring an understanding of the severity of armed violence in states such as El Salvador into engagement with the critical and theoretical foundations of the women, peace and security (WPS) field...

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All too often nonprofit organizations think that communications is simply about getting your message out. But to do that effectively you need to understand what shapes people's feelings and values. And for that you need to understand social science, which is the subject of "The Science of What Makes People Care," the cover story in the Fall 2018 issue of *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.
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[A review protocol on research partnerships: a Coordinated Multicenter Team approach](#)

Research partnership approaches, in which researchers and stakeholders work together collaboratively on a research project, are an important component of research, knowledge translation, and implementation. De...

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Research

[Barriers and facilitators to the integration of mental health services into primary health care: a systematic review](#)

The objective of the review was to synthesize evidence of barriers and facilitators to the integration of mental health services into PHC from existing literature. The structure of the review was guided by the...

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[2030 Agenda](#)

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This issue focuses on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity, which commits United Nations Member States to work towards a sustainable future for all. The articles, by Senior Officials of the United Nations system, examine the Organization's lead role in advancing the 2030 Agenda, and in promoting peace, social equality and human rights.

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[World Heritage and Wetlands](#)

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

For this issue of World Heritage, we have collaborated with our friends at the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, which recognizes and helps protect wetland sites of international importance. Over 100 World Heritage properties are also designated as Ramsar Sites, in whole or in part, and our two Conventions work together closely. In an interview, Martha Rojas Urrego, Secretary General of the

Ramsar Convention, describes how the two Conventions cooperate, discusses the role of wetlands in urban areas as they continue to grow, and addresses the challenge of preserving wetlands in cultural heritage places...

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