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Period ending 16 February 2019

This weekly digest is intended to aggregate and distill key content from a broad spectrum of practice domains and organization types including key agencies/IGOs, NGOs, governments, academic and research institutions, consortiums and collaborations, foundations, and commercial organizations. We also monitor a spectrum of peer-reviewed journals and general media channels. The Sentinel's geographic scope is global/regional but selected country-level content is included. We recognize that this spectrum/scope yields an indicative and not an exhaustive product.

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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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Governance: Non-state Actors - ISIL/Da'esh

ISIL/Da'esh Continues Evolution into Covert Global Network Enjoying Access to Millions of Dollars, Top Anti-Terrorism Official Tells Security Council

Counter-Terrorism Directorate Chief Concerned That Group Exploits Mobile Money Payments, Anonymity of Blockchain Technology

11 February 2019

SC/13697

Despite the decline in the number of international terrorist attacks in 2018, Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) continues to evolve into a global covert network, with access to hundreds of millions of dollars and the demonstrated ability to exploit new technologies, the top-ranking United Nations counter-terrorism officials told the Security Council today.

Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General in the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, briefed the 15-member Council on the eighth "Report of the Secretary-General on the threat posed by ISIL to international peace and security and on the range of the United Nations' efforts in support of Member States in countering the threat". He said the threat has been increased by the presence of returning, relocating or released foreign terrorist fighters.

With ISIL's centre of gravity in Iraq and Syria, where it is reported to control between 14,000 and 18,000 militants, the group remains intent on undermining any form of stabilization, he emphasized. Despite its loss of revenues, ISIL sustains its operations through accessible reserves or investment in businesses ranging from \$50 million to \$300 million. "Recent ISIL losses should not lead to complacency at any level," he stressed.

He went on to outline efforts undertaken by the United Nations in countering the financing of terrorism, border control enforcement and countering terrorist narratives. Noting that ISIL continues to target Libya's police stations and oil facilities, he said approximately 1,000 foreign terrorist fighters are also reported to have travelled from the western Balkans to conflict zones in Iraq and Syria. ISIL is also reported to control training camps in Afghanistan and is increasingly recruiting women and youngsters in its South-East Asia terrorist operations.

In a second briefing, Michèle Coninx, Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, **cited with concern ISIL's use of mobile payment services in West Africa and its possible exploitation of the anonymity afforded by blockchain**

technology. On advancing justice and accountability, she emphasized the fundamental need to collect and preserve evidence, pointing out that Governments can also establish special investigative and prosecutorial entities to support criminal justice efforts, welcoming the establishment of the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (UNITAD) in that context...

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Humanitarian Response – Scale: Rohingya in Bangladesh

[United Nations seeks US\\$920 million for Rohingya humanitarian crisis in 2019](#)

15 Feb 2019

United Nations aid agencies and NGO partners launched today the [2019 Joint Response Plan \(JRP\)](#) for the Rohingya humanitarian crisis. The appeal seeks to raise US\$920 million to meet the massive needs of **more than 900,000 refugees from Myanmar and over 330,000 vulnerable Bangladeshis in host communities.**

Critical aid and services such as food, water, sanitation and shelter represent more than half of the funding needs this year. Other key sectors of the appeal include health, site management, protection activities including child protection and addressing sexual and gender-based violence, education and nutrition.

More than 745,000 Rohingya refugees have fled from Myanmar's Rakhine State to Bangladesh since August 2017, escaping violence in Myanmar and joining roughly 200,000 others already displaced in the Cox's Bazar area by previous cycles of violence.

With the generosity and support of the Bangladeshi authorities and local communities, who were the first to respond to the emergency, critical needs were met and many lives were saved.

"The solidarity shown by the Government of Bangladesh and the commitment of humanitarian partners ensured the successful implementation of the first Joint Response Plan in 2018. Moving forward, we reiterate our commitment to meeting the dire needs of this population and urge the international community to support these efforts," said International Organization for Migration Director General António Vitorino.

"Our humanitarian imperative today is to stabilise the situation of stateless Rohingya refugees and their Bangladesh hosts. We are hoping for timely, predictable and flexible contributions in order to meet the goals of this year's appeal," said the UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi.

"But while we tackle these immediate humanitarian needs we must not lose sight of solutions. I repeat my call to Myanmar to take urgent action to address the root causes of this crisis which have persisted for decades, so that people are no longer forced to flee and can eventually return home in safety and dignity. We encourage countries in this region and beyond to show solidarity with Bangladesh and to support Myanmar to start creating conditions for voluntary, safe and dignified return of Rohingya refugees," Grandi continued.

The new JRP sets out a comprehensive humanitarian effort shaped around three strategic objectives. By bringing together 132 partners - UN agencies, international and national NGOs and government bodies in a collective effort – the Plan aims to deliver protection to refugee women, men, girls and boys, provide life-saving assistance and foster social cohesion.

The 2019 JRP is the third joint humanitarian appeal and builds on achievements made thus far in order to further stabilize the situation of Rohingya refugees...

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Human Rights – Statelessness

[UNHCR and UNICEF urge action in Europe to end childhood statelessness](#)

GENEVA, 14 February 2019 - UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and UNICEF, the UN Children’s Agency, are calling on States and regional organisations to take urgent action to ensure no child is born, or remains, stateless in Europe.

While there are no precise figures on the total numbers of stateless children, more than half a million people in Europe are estimated to be stateless.

As the overall number of asylum-seeking children in Europe has grown since 2010, with peaks in 2015 and 2016, so has the number of children identified as ‘stateless’. In 2017 some 2,100 children were registered as ‘stateless’, which represented a four-fold increase compared to 2010.

Children without a nationality have limited access to basic rights and services such as education and healthcare and can face life-long discrimination. Lack of official documents can put children at greater risk of experiencing violence, abuse and trafficking, and place them and their families at risk of arrest and detention.

“Life is stacked against a stateless child right from the start. Like all of us, they can dream, and they can hope, but the legal obstacles they face often mean their dreams are dashed before they are adults, and their potential squandered,” said Pascale Moreau, UNHCR’s Director of the Bureau for Europe.

Three groups of children are particularly affected:

- :: Children who are born stateless in Europe. These include children who cannot inherit their parents’ nationality due to gender discrimination and gaps in nationality laws, and those who are stateless because their parents are.

- :: Children born in Europe whose births are not registered, including children in vulnerable minority populations like the Roma.

- :: Children from countries with known stateless populations who come to Europe as refugees and asylum-seekers.

“Every child has the right to a name and a nationality,” said Afshan Khan, UNICEF Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, and Special Coordinator for the Refugee and Migrant Response in Europe.

"Governments not only have a responsibility to adopt safeguards that prevent a child from being born stateless, but to provide legal aid and support to ensure every stateless child realizes their right to citizenship."

To better address child statelessness in Europe, UNICEF and UNHCR are proposing a series of low-cost, effective and sustainable solutions, including:

- :: Ensuring that every stateless refugee or migrant child is properly identified and protected upon arrival in Europe.

- :: Simplifying procedures to enable stateless children to acquire a nationality as soon as possible.

- :: Adopting or amending legislation to include safeguards granting nationality to all children born in a country who would otherwise be stateless.

While birth registration rates are high in Europe, information campaigns targeting families most at risk of statelessness would help identify unregistered children and support families through registration procedures.

Achieving legal identity for all through birth registration is one of the goals of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. UNICEF works to ensure all children are registered at birth, while UNHCR's #IBelong Campaign aims to end statelessness, which affects millions of people worldwide, by 2024.

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Global Governance – World Religions

A DOCUMENT ON HUMAN FRATERNITY FOR WORLD PEACE AND LIVING TOGETHER

APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

(3-5 FEBRUARY 2019)

[Introduction Excerpts]

...From our fraternal and open discussions, and from the meeting that expressed profound hope in a bright future for all human beings, the idea of this *Document on Human Fraternity* was conceived. It is a text that has been given honest and serious thought so as to be a joint declaration of good and heartfelt aspirations. **It is a document that invites all persons who have faith in God and faith in human fraternity to unite and work together so that it may serve as a guide for future generations to advance a culture of mutual respect in the awareness of the great divine grace that makes all human beings brothers and sisters.**

[Document Excerpts]

...In the name of God and of everything stated thus far; **Al-Azhar al-Sharif and the Muslims of the East and West, together with the Catholic Church and the Catholics of the East and West, declare the adoption of a culture of dialogue as the path; mutual cooperation as the code of conduct; reciprocal understanding as the method and standard.**

We, who believe in God and in the final meeting with Him and His judgment, on the basis of our religious and moral responsibility, and through this Document, call upon ourselves, upon the leaders of the world as well as the architects of international policy and world economy, **to work strenuously to spread the culture of tolerance and of living together in peace; to intervene at the earliest opportunity to stop the shedding of innocent blood and bring an end to wars,**

conflicts, environmental decay and the moral and cultural decline that the world is presently experiencing.

We call upon intellectuals, philosophers, religious figures, artists, media professionals and men and women of culture in every part of the world, to rediscover the values of peace, justice, goodness, beauty, human fraternity and coexistence in order to confirm the importance of these values as anchors of salvation for all, and to promote them everywhere.

This Declaration, setting out from a profound consideration of our contemporary reality, valuing its successes and in solidarity with its suffering, disasters and calamities, **believes firmly that among the most important causes of the crises of the modern world are a desensitized human conscience, a distancing from religious values and a prevailing individualism accompanied by materialistic philosophies that deify the human person and introduce worldly and material values in place of supreme and transcendental principles.**

While recognizing the positive steps taken by our modern civilization in the fields of science, technology, medicine, industry and welfare, especially in developed countries, we wish to emphasize that, associated with such historic advancements, great and valued as they are, there exists both a moral deterioration that influences international action and a weakening of spiritual values and responsibility. All this contributes to a general feeling of frustration, isolation and desperation leading many to fall either into a vortex of atheistic, agnostic or religious extremism, or into blind and fanatic extremism, which ultimately encourage forms of dependency and individual or collective self-destruction.

History shows that religious extremism, national extremism and also intolerance have produced in the world, be it in the East or West, what might be referred to as signs of a "third world war being fought piecemeal". In several parts of the world and in many tragic circumstances these signs have begun to be painfully apparent, as in those situations where the precise number of victims, widows and orphans is unknown. We see, in addition, other regions preparing to become theatres of new conflicts, with outbreaks of tension and a build-up of arms and ammunition, and all this in a global context overshadowed by uncertainty, disillusionment, fear of the future, and controlled by narrow-minded economic interests.

We likewise affirm that major political crises, situations of injustice and lack of equitable distribution of natural resources – which only a rich minority benefit from, to the detriment of the majority of the peoples of the earth – have generated, and continue to generate, vast numbers of poor, infirm and deceased persons. This leads to catastrophic crises that various countries have fallen victim to despite their natural resources and the resourcefulness of young people which characterize these nations. In the face of such crises that result in the deaths of millions of children – wasted away from poverty and hunger – there is an unacceptable silence on the international level.

It is clear in this context how the family as the fundamental nucleus of society and humanity is essential in bringing children into the world, raising them, educating them, and providing them with solid moral formation and domestic security. To attack the institution of the family, to regard it with contempt or to doubt its important role, is one of the most threatening evils of our era...

...The first and most important aim of religions is to believe in God, to honour Him and to invite all men and women to believe that this universe depends on a God who governs it. He is the Creator who has formed us with His divine wisdom and has granted us the gift of life to protect it. It is a gift that no one has the right to take away, threaten or manipulate to suit oneself. **Indeed, everyone must safeguard this gift of life from its beginning up to its natural end. We therefore condemn all those practices that are a threat to life such as genocide, acts of terrorism, forced displacement, human trafficking, abortion and euthanasia. We likewise condemn the policies that promote these practices.**

Moreover, we resolutely declare that religions must never incite war, hateful attitudes, hostility and extremism, nor must they incite violence or the shedding of blood. These tragic realities are the consequence of a deviation from religious teachings. They result from a political manipulation of religions and from interpretations made by religious groups who, in the course of history, have taken advantage of the power of religious sentiment in the hearts of men and women in order to make them act in a way that has nothing to do with the truth of religion. This is done for the purpose of achieving objectives that are political, economic, worldly and short-sighted. **We thus call upon all concerned to stop using religions to incite hatred, violence, extremism and blind fanaticism, and to refrain from using the name of God to justify acts of murder, exile, terrorism and oppression...**

- **Freedom is a right of every person: each individual enjoys the freedom of belief, thought, expression and action.** The pluralism and the diversity of religions, colour, sex, race and language are willed by God in His wisdom, through which He created human beings. This divine wisdom is the source from which the right to freedom of belief and the freedom to be different derives. **Therefore, the fact that people are forced to adhere to a certain religion or culture must be rejected, as too the imposition of a cultural way of life that others do not accept;**

- **Justice based on mercy is the path to follow in order to achieve a dignified life to which every human being has a right;...**

- **Terrorism is deplorable and threatens the security of people, be they in the East or the West, the North or the South, and disseminates panic, terror and pessimism, but this is not due to religion, even when terrorists instrumentalize it. It is due, rather, to an accumulation of incorrect interpretations of religious texts and to policies linked to hunger, poverty, injustice, oppression and pride.** This is why it is so necessary to stop supporting terrorist movements fuelled by financing, the provision of weapons and strategy, and by attempts to justify these movements even using the media. All these must be regarded as international crimes that threaten security and world peace. Such terrorism must be condemned in all its forms and expressions;

- **The concept of *citizenship* is based on the equality of rights and duties, under which all enjoy justice. It is therefore crucial to establish in our societies the concept of *full citizenship* and reject the discriminatory use of the term *minorities* which engenders feelings of isolation and inferiority.** Its misuse paves the way for hostility and discord; it undoes any successes and takes away the religious and civil rights of some citizens who are thus discriminated against;...

- **It is an essential requirement to recognize the right of women to education and employment, and to recognize their freedom to exercise their own political rights.**

Moreover, efforts must be made to free women from historical and social conditioning that runs contrary to the principles of their faith and dignity. It is also necessary to protect women from sexual exploitation and from being treated as merchandise or objects of pleasure or financial gain. Accordingly, an end must be brought to all those inhuman and vulgar practices that denigrate the dignity of women. Efforts must be made to modify those laws that prevent women from fully enjoying their rights;

- The protection of the fundamental rights of children to grow up in a family environment, to receive nutrition, education and support, are duties of the family and society. Such duties must be guaranteed and protected so that they are not overlooked or denied to any child in any part of the world. **All those practices that violate the dignity and rights of children must be denounced. It is equally important to be vigilant against the dangers that they are exposed to, particularly in the digital world, and to consider as a crime the trafficking of their innocence and all violations of their youth;**

- **The protection of the rights of the elderly, the weak, the disabled, and the oppressed is a religious and social obligation that must be guaranteed and defended through strict legislation and the implementation of the relevant international agreements...**

Abu Dhabi, 4 february 2019
His Holiness Pope Francis
The Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Ahmad Al-Tayyeb

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Featured Journal Content

Science

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

Policy Forum

[Long delays in banning trade in threatened species](#)

By Eyal G. Frank, David S. Wilcove

Science 15 Feb 2019 : 686-688 Restricted Access

Scientific knowledge should be applied with more urgency

Summary

The harvesting of wild animals and plants for international trade affects thousands of species, and compounds ongoing extinction threats such as habitat loss and climate change (1–4). The loss of overexploited species can result in cascading effects that reduce overall ecosystem functioning (4, 5).

The primary international framework for preventing the loss of species due to international wildlife trade is the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Given that CITES aims to be as scientifically based as possible (6), we analyzed how quickly species that are identified by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List as being threatened from trade are subsequently protected under CITES. The Red List represents an authoritative body of scientific knowledge regarding extinction risks.

We find that in nearly two-thirds of the cases, the CITES process of regulating trade in threatened species lags considerably behind the IUCN identification of species in need of protection from trade. Such delay in the application of scientific knowledge to policy formulation could result in species extinctions. With signatories to CITES set to gather in May to determine which species merit protection, we suggest opportunities to improve this process.

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Featured Journal Content

Prehospital & Disaster Medicine

Volume 34 - Issue 1 - February 2019

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

Guest Editorial

[Character Disorders among Autocratic World Leaders and the Impact on Health Security, Human Rights, and Humanitarian Care](#)

[Frederick M. Burkle](#)

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Abstract

The development of autocratic leaders in history reveals that many share severe character disorders that are consistently similar across borders and cultures. Diplomats and humanitarians negotiating for access to populations in-need and security of their programs, especially in health, must understand the limitations placed on the traditional negotiation process.

These shared character traits stem from a cognitive and emotional developmental arrest in both childhood and adolescence resulting in fixed, life-long, concrete thinking patterns. They fail to attain the last stage of mental and emotional development, that of abstract thinking, which is necessary for critical reasoning that allows one to consider the broader significance of ideas and information rather than depend on concrete details and impulses alone.

These autocratic leaders have limited capacity for empathy, love, guilt, or anxiety that become developmentally permanent and guide everyday decision making. Character or personality traits that perpetuate the lives of autocratic leaders are further distinguished by sociopathic and narcissistic behaviors that self-serve to cover their constant fear of insecurity and the insatiable need for power.

Human rights, humanitarian care, and population-based health security are examples of what has consistently been sacrificed under autocratic rule. Today, with the worst global loss of democratic leadership ever seen since WWII, leaders with these character traits now rule in major countries of the world. While history teaches us of battles and conflicts that result from such flawed leadership, it lacks explanations of why autocratic behaviors consistently emerge and dominate many societies.

Building multidisciplinary capacity and capability in societies among democracies to limit or cease such authoritarian dominance first begins with a developmental understanding of why autocrats exist and persist in externalizing their pathological behaviors on unsuspecting and vulnerable populations, and the limitations they place on negotiations.

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 13 February 2019

:: The 2019 Annual Letter by Bill & Melinda Gates makes a case for investment in global health. Progress by Global Polio Eradication Initiative is a good reminder of how investment in global health funds benefits people around the world. Read the letter [here](#).

:: In Indonesia, a circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1 (cVDPV1) outbreak is confirmed.

Summary of new viruses this week:

:: **Pakistan** – once case of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) and four wild polioviruses type 1 (WPV1) positive environmental samples;

:: **Nigeria** – two circulating vaccine derived poliovirus type 2 (VDPV2) positive environmental samples;

:: **Indonesia** – one case of circulating vaccine derived poliovirus type 1 (cVDPV1).

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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 16 Feb 2019]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of the Congo 14 February 2019

... Main challenges this past week primarily pertain to community mistrust, particularly in Katwa, and the difficulty in encouraging community members to be more proactive in reporting suspected cases, presenting early to ETCs for treatment, and participating in community-based prevention and response efforts. However, in the face of these protracted challenges, response strategies have demonstrated to be effective in curtailing the spread of EVD. Fostering greater community trust by strengthening engagement with its members remains a top priority for response teams.

On 13 February, the Ministry of Health (MoH) launched the Strategic Response Plan 3 (SRP 3). The plan lays out the response strategy, objectives and budget requirements for the MoH, WHO, and all implementing partners for the next six months (February through July 2019). SRP 3 takes into account recommendations from operational reviews, and builds on a series of new strategic directions that capitalize on lessons learned under the scope of SRP 2. Activities laid out aim to stop the transmission of EVD in North Kivu and Ituri provinces, and prevent its spread to other provinces and neighbouring countries.

WHO remains confident that this outbreak can be successfully brought to an end through strategies outlined in SRP 3. To achieve the goals set out by the plan, MoH, WHO, and partners are appealing for US\$ 148 million. WHO and partners count on the continued support of the international community to provide the required funding in order to stop this outbreak...

Nigeria

:: [WHO supports five countries to fight lassa fever outbreaks](#) 8 February 2019

[Bangladesh - Rohingya crisis](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*

[Myanmar](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*

[Somalia](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*

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

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

[Yemen](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 16 Feb 2019]

Libya

:: [US\\$ 43.5 million needed to provide life-saving health aid in Libya in 2019](#)

Cairo, 11 February 2019 – The World Health Organization and health partners are appealing for US\$ 43.5 million to provide life-saving interventions for 388 000 people inside Libya affected by ongoing conflict...

Iraq

:: [WHO intercountry cooperation yields rich health dividends](#)

13 February 2019 – Intercountry collaboration between Iraq and Jordan allowed WHO and health authorities in Iraq to rapidly and successfully respond to an increase in cases of acute respiratory infections...

MERS-CoV

:: [MERS therapeutics and vaccines workshop 30 November 2018](#)

13 Feb 2019

[Meeting report pdf, 606kb](#)

[Final Agendapdf, 290kb](#)

[List of participantspdf, 348kb](#)

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

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

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

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

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

[Niger](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*

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

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

[Sudan](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*

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

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

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WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 16 Feb 2019]

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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WHO AFRO Outbreaks – Week 06: 04 - 10 February 2019

The WHO Health Emergencies Programme is currently monitoring 60 events in the region. This week's edition covers key new and ongoing events, including:

- :: Ebola virus disease in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- :: Lassa fever in Nigeria
- :: Ebola virus disease in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- :: Measles in Madagascar
- :: Humanitarian crisis in Central African Republic

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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 digest announcements identified

Syrian Arab Republic - No new digest announcements identified

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

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

Ethiopia - No new digest announcements identified

Somalia - No new digest 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 16 Feb 2019]

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

15 February 2019

GA/PAL/1420

[Efforts to Advance Two-State Formula Untenable amid Violence, Secretary-General Tells Palestinian Rights Committee, Warning 'There Is No Plan B'](#)

Marked by sporadic deadly violence, the current situation in Israel and Palestine is untenable in terms of advancing the agreed-upon two-State solution, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres told the Palestinian Rights Committee today.

12 February 2019

SG/A/1857-AIDS/213-BIO/5178

[Secretary-General Appoints Shannon Hader of United States Deputy Executive Director, Programme, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS](#)

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[ISIL/Da'esh Continues Evolution into Covert Global Network Enjoying Access to Millions of Dollars, Top Anti-Terrorism Official Tells Security Council](#)

Despite the decline in the number of international terrorist attacks in 2018, Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL/Da'esh) continues to evolve into a global covert network, with access to hundreds of millions of dollars and the demonstrated ability to exploit new technologies, the top-ranking United Nations counter-terrorism officials told the Security Council today.

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Top News

[South Sudan: Brutal sexual violence persists in northern Unity region – UN report](#)

[Press briefing note on Philippines and South Soudan](#)

[UN experts urge Ghana to ensure justice for murdered journalist Ahmed Hussein-Suale Divela](#)

[Myanmar: Expert says violence and arrests of Karenni protesters must stop](#)

[France: UN experts denounce severe rights restrictions on "gilets jaunes" protesters](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

14/02/2019

[Twenty-second session of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee taking place in Geneva from 18 to 22 February 2019](#)

... During the session, the Committee will continue its discussions on the negative effect of terrorism

on the enjoyment of human rights (HRC resolution [31/3](#)); the activities of vulture funds and their impact on human rights (HRC resolution [31/32](#)); the non-repatriation of illicit funds (HRC resolution [34/11](#)); the contribution of development to the enjoyment of human rights (HRC resolution [35/21](#)); national policies and human rights in the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (HRC resolution [35/32](#)); the global call for comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (General Assembly resolution [72/157](#)); and the role of technical assistance and capacity building in fostering mutually beneficial cooperation in promoting and protecting human rights (HRC resolution [37/23](#))...

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

SRSR/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Tuesday, 12 February 2019

[International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers: Joint statement by EU High Representative & Special Representative for Children & Armed Conflict](#)

SRSR/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

11 February, 2019

[UN Special Representative Ms. Pramila Patten concludes her visit in Myanmar and calls for concrete implementation of Government's commitments to prevent and address conflict-related sexual violence](#)

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 16 Feb 2019]

<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 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases [as presented on webpage]

15 February 2019

[United Nations and Syrian Arab Red Crescent complete deliver of assistance of Rukban](#)

15 February 2019

[Facing a humanitarian emergency, 1.2 million people need assistance in Burkina Faso](#)

13 February 2019

[US\\$162 million urgently needed as millions in eastern Ukraine struggle to make ends meet](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

Press release

[Thousands of children vaccinated in remote Rukban settlement amid severe lack of access to medical care](#)

UNICEF, UN and Syrian Arab Red Crescent reach more than 40,000 people with life-saving supplies in largest-ever humanitarian convoy since the start of the Syria crisis

15/02/2019

Press release

[UNHCR and UNICEF urge action in Europe to end childhood statelessness](#)

14/02/2019

Press release

[More than 3,000 children released from armed groups in South Sudan since conflict began, but thousands more continue to be used](#)

12/02/2019

News note

[Fast Facts: 10 facts illustrating why we must #EndChildMarriage](#)

11/02/2019

Press release

[Dubai Cares and UNICEF announce the Dubai Declaration on Early Childhood Development at the World Government Summit](#)

Declaration is a follow-up to the official MENA launch of the Lancet Series Advancing Early Childhood Development

10/02/2019

Press release

[13.5 million children now uprooted in Africa - including those displaced by conflict, poverty and climate change](#)

On eve of African Union Summit, UNICEF urges African States to lead in the protection and empowerment of uprooted children

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Briefing notes

[Critical needs for Syrian civilians in Rukban, solutions urgently needed](#) 15 Feb 2019

[Thousands fleeing new violence in South Sudan's Central Equatoria State](#) 12 Feb 2019

Press releases and news comments

[United Nations seeks US\\$920 million for Rohingya humanitarian crisis in 2019](#) 15 Feb 2019

[See Week in Review above for detail]

[UNHCR and UNICEF urge action in Europe to end childhood statelessness](#) 14 Feb 2019

[UNHCR delighted as major human rights award presented to a Sudanese refugee](#) 13 Feb 2019

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Selected Announcements

[United Nations Seeks USD 920 Million for Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis in 2019](#)

2019-02-15 17:43

Geneva – United Nations aid agencies and NGO partners launched today (15/02) the 2019 Joint Response Plan for the Rohingya humanitarian crisis.

[Containing the Ebola Outbreak at the Crossroads of the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

2019-02-15 17:41

Kinshasa – The tenth Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo has taken the lives of more than 500 people since it was declared more than six months ago.

[IOM Monitors New Caravans of Central American Migrants in Mexico](#)

2019-02-15 17:34

Chiapas – A survey conducted by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) between 25-30 January near the border crossing flanked by Tecún Umán (Guatemala) and Suchiate (Mexico) revealed that just over half (51.6%) of approximately 5,000 Central American migrants waiting...

[Over 3,500 Returned Migrants; 2,000 Receive Reintegration Assistance in The Gambia](#)

2019-02-15 17:30

Banjul – The voluntary return of Gambians to their homes is averaging about 143 men and women per month since the start of 2017, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) reported this week, or the equivalent of one medium-sized charter flight every four weeks.

[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 7,510 in 2019; Deaths Reach 217](#)

2019-02-15 17:05

Geneva – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) reports that 7,510 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea through the first 44 days of 2019, almost a 9 per cent decline from the 8,234 arriving during the same period last year.

UNAIDS [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

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[Healthy populations for healthy economies in Africa](#)

15 February 2019

[Ethiopia demonstrates that communities deliver](#)

14 February 2019

[OAFRA to broaden its scope of work](#)

14 February 2019

[Taking action against HIV medicine stock-outs in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela](#)

12 February 2019

[AIDS care in the Californian desert](#)

12 February 2019

[UNAIDS is awarded the Science and Medicine Award at the 25th Annual Steve Chase Awards](#)

WHO & Regional Offices [to 16 Feb 2019]

12 February 2019

News Release

[**New WHO-ITU standard aims to prevent hearing loss among 1.1 billion young people**](#)

12 February 2019

News Release

[**International push to improve food safety**](#)

11 February 2019 | *News release*

[**US\\$ 43.5 million needed to provide life-saving health aid in Libya in 2019**](#)

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: [Cabo Verde is ready to host 2nd African Health Forum and share good practices on progress towards Universal Health Coverage](#) 14 February 2019

:: [Uganda Health Workers Respond Swiftly to a Suspected Ebola Death](#) 12 February 2019

:: [Ethiopia Launches Measles Vaccine Second Dose \(MCV2\) Introduction: Over 3.3 million children will receive the vaccine annually](#) 11 February 2019

:: [Nigeria's call to action - Time to Eliminate Cervical Cancer in Nigeria](#) 10 February 2019

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: [Latest PAHO "Basic Indicators" shed light on health situation in the Americas \(02/13/2019\)](#)

Vaccination

Vaccination coverage in 2017 varies for different vaccines: 94% percent of the target population of children in the Americas received the tuberculosis (BCG) vaccine; 90% received the vaccine for the first dose of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR1); 88% received three doses of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTP3) vaccine; 85% received three doses of polio vaccine; and 73% received the last dose of rotavirus vaccine.

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

- *No new digest announcements identified.*

WHO European Region EURO

:: [Towards a digital health roadmap for the WHO European Region](#) 14-02-2019

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: [Effective collaboration mitigates risk of potential outbreak](#)

13 February 2019 – Intercountry collaboration between Iraq and Jordan allowed WHO and health authorities in Iraq to rapidly and successfully respond to an increase in cases of acute respiratory infections.

The last week of November 2018 witnessed an alarming rise in the incidence of acute respiratory infections in Suleimaniya governorate in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. By 31 December, more than 35 suspected cases of influenza were admitted to Shaheed Hemin Hospital for Internal Medicine in the governorate...

:: US\$ 43.5 million needed to provide life-saving health aid in Libya 11 February 2019

WHO Western Pacific Region

- *No new digest announcements identified.*

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

14/02/19

New report shows global shift in use of antibiotics in animals

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

13 February 2019

Press Release

UNFPA Opens New Liaison Office in the Republic of Korea

SEOUL, Republic of Korea—UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, is strengthening its longstanding relationship with the Republic of Korea by opening a liaison office in Seoul.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

Addressing Inequalities and Challenges to Social Inclusion

Statement by Abdoulaye Mar Dieye - Interactive dialogue with senior UN Officials
Posted on February 13, 2019

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

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

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

Latest News

Ninth meeting of the IAEG-SDGs

The ninth meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs), will be held from 25 to 28 March 2019 in Beirut, Lebanon. The meeting will be hosted by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 16 Feb 2019]

16 Feb 2019 *Press release*

[Secretary-General nominates Inger Andersen of Denmark as Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme](#)

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, following consultations with the Chairpersons of the regional groups of Member States, today informed the General Assembly of his intention to appoint Inger Andersen...

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

14 Feb 2019

[Time for mining to deliver on zero casualty policy](#)

The head of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, Mami Mizutori, calls on the mining industry to put into action a zero casualty policy following the Brumadinho dam collapse that left hundreds dead or missing.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNESCO [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

15 February 2019

[UNESCO and Partners expand O3 Programme across Sub-Saharan Africa](#)

Africa is getting set to mark yet another milestone, with the expansion of [the Our Rights, Our Lives, Our Future \(O3\) programme](#) to more countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.

O3 supports the delivery of good quality Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) that empowers adolescents and young people while developing the skills, knowledge, attitudes and competencies required for preventing HIV, reducing early and unintended pregnancies, and eliminating gender-based violence...

January 30, 2019 marked, indeed, a big step for the O3 program with a launch ceremony held in Accra, Ghana. Ministers of Education and of Health and government officials from 14 Sub-Saharan African countries* took part in the ceremony... The program currently covers 31 countries...

14 February 2019

[Reaching vulnerable populations with digital solutions](#)

06 February 2019

[International Day of Women and Girls in Science](#)

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 16 Feb 2019]

<https://www.icomos.org/en/>

No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Posted February 13, 2019

[Housing, Land and Property Issues of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon From Homs City](#)

UN-Habitat and UNHCR present "Housing, Land and Property Issues of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon from Homs City", the second in a series of reports being produced on the HLP conditions of Syrian refugees in Lebanon. This report...

Posted February 13, 2019

[Young Somali women complete training in construction skills and ready to work](#)

Garowe, Puntland, Somalia, February 2019 – In Somalia, it is extremely rare to see a woman working in the construction industry. However nearly two thirds of the young people who have just graduated from a UN-Habitat training...

Posted February 11, 2019

[EU and UN-Habitat launch city profiling project in Yemen to coordinate humanitarian, recovery and development investments](#)

AMMAN, 28 January 2019 – UN-Habitat launched a new project to gather data on seven cities in Yemen to support them in coping with the impact of the ongoing conflict. The meeting, hosted at in Amman, brought...

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

ILO100

[Not on your own](#)

13 February 2019

What happens when you are sick, disabled, young or old? Or, you may be unemployed or just not able to earn enough for you and your dependants to live on. Social protection provides workers and their families with a secure base, helping them plan for a better future. Explore the latest chapter of our interactive, multimedia Centenary website.

World Employment and Social Outlook – Trends 2019

Poor working conditions are main global employment challenge

13 February 2019

Progress in reducing unemployment globally is not being matched by improvements in the quality of work, says the International Labour Organization's World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2019 report.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

11/2/19

ICAO, ICANN, sign new agreement to guide progress on proposed aviation trust framework for digital environments

Montréal, 11 February 2019 – ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu has signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), a development which will see the two agencies exploring the specifics for a new trust framework aimed at securing digital communications in the aviation sector.

"Identity management is critical to the safety and security of air operations when it comes to digital communications in the 21st century," Dr. Liu emphasized, "and ICAO is eager to explore the potential of how our agency can serve as a digital identity trust-broker for global air transport." ...

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

13 February 2019

[New UNWTO Report on Walking Tourism](#)

Madrid, Spain, – The report “Walking Tourism – Promoting Regional Development” showcases examples of walking tourism which can serve as a practical reference for destinations looking into the role of walking tourism for their own regional development.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

February 16, 2019

[The United States Provides Second Tranche of Humanitarian Assistance in Cúcuta, Colombia, to Help Venezuelans in Need](#)

Fact Sheet

The United States is airlifting and pre-positioning additional humanitarian commodities to provide relief to tens of thousands of Venezuelans who are suffering from severe shortages of food and medicine caused by the mismanagement of the illegitimate Maduro regime. The relief supplies include hygiene kits and nutrition products from the warehouse maintained by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Miami, Florida. U.S. military C-17 cargo planes departing from Homestead Air Reserve Base are transporting the supplies to Cúcuta, Colombia as part of the Trump Administration's whole-of-government response to the Venezuela regional crisis.

DFID [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases

[UK to host Gavi pledging conference in 2020](#)

13 February 2019 DFID Press release

[UK aid to provide life-saving assistance for Venezuelans](#)

12 February 2019 DFID Press release

[UK aid helps stop 750 pieces of illegal ivory being smuggled from South Sudan into Uganda](#)

12 February 2019 Defra, DFID and FCO Press release

ECHO [to 16 Feb 2019]

<http://ec.europa.eu/echo/en/news>
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African Union [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

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[African Union Action Plan towards Eradication of Child Labour and Modern Slavery on the Continent](#)

February 12, 2019

[African Leaders for Nutrition launch the Continental Nutrition Accountability Score Card](#)

February 10, 2019

[Africa's leaders recommit to increase domestic resources to eliminate Malaria by 2030 Significant progress has been made since 2000, but progress has stalled and eliminating malaria by 2030 requires sustained action](#)

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

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[ASEAN intensifies campaign efforts for migrant workers' rights](#)

CHIANG RAI, 14 February 2019 - ASEAN Senior labour officials gathered for the 12th Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on the Implementation of ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers (ACMW) on 12-14 February 2019 in Chiang Rai, Thailand. To keep the momentum going since the adoption last year [...]

European Commission [to 16 Feb 2019]

<http://europa.eu/rapid/search-result.htm?query=18&locale=en&page=1>
15/02/2019

[Rohingya Crisis: EU releases €24 million for Bangladesh](#)

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 15 February 2019 The European Commission has released an additional €24 million in humanitarian aid for vulnerable Rohingya refugees and host communities living in Cox's Bazar district, in Bangladesh. Part of the funding will also cover disaster preparedness initiatives in the country.

[EU provides €45 million in support for smallholder agri-businesses in rural Africa](#)

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 15 February 2019 Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven Mimica is in Rome today for the launch of the new Agri-Business Capital (ABC) Fund, which will help deliver on the Africa-Europe Alliance for Sustainable Investments and Jobs.

OECD [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

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13-February-2019

Boosting adult learning essential to help people adapt to future of work

Many OECD countries need to urgently scale-up and upgrade their adult learning systems to help people adapt to the future world of work, according to a new OECD report.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

13/02/2019

OIC Urges for more Humane Treatment of Refugees and Migrants

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has stressed that common faith on multilateralism was at the core of the international solidarity and cooperation that led to the adoption of two milestone global compacts on refugees and migrants. It urged all UN Member States and their international partners, to put humanity at the center of these two compacts on global migration.

In a message to the 4th Geneva Interfaith Dialogue in commemoration of World Interfaith Harmony Week delivered by the OIC Deputy Permanent Observer in Geneva Ambassador Aissata Kane on 12 February 2019 at the Palais des Nations, the Organization noted that providing asylum, protecting refugees and assisting migrants and other displaced persons in compassion and faith are fundamental pillars in the Islamic tradition.

"Irrespective of their faith, color or ethnic origin, assisting displaced persons is not only a legal obligation, but also a moral and a religious duty," said the OIC statement.

Group of 77 [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

[Remarks on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr. Majed Bamyia, First Counsellor at the Mission of the State of Palestine, at the First Informal Consultation on the Draft Resolution "The 2020 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and Sustainably Use the Oceans, Seas and Marine Resources for Sustainable Development" \(New York, 13 February 2019\)](#)

[Opening remarks by H.E. Dr. Mohammad Shtayyeh, Minister of the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction \(PECDAR\) of the State of Palestine, at the G-77 High Level Interactive Dialogue on "Inclusive development and inequality within and among countries" \(New York, 12 February 2019\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by H.E. Dr. Mohammad Shtayyeh, Minister of the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction \(PECDAR\) of the State of Palestine](#)

[to the United Nations, at the fifty-seventh session of the Commission for Social Development \(New York, 11 February 2019\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

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Press Releases

12 Feb 2019 –

[Colombia's Development Agenda Needs to Prioritise Productive Transformation – New Report](#)

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Selected Latest News

No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

13 February 2019

[Certain Iranian Assets \(Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America\)](#) -

The Court finds that it has jurisdiction to entertain part of the Application of the Islamic Republic of Iran and that the Application is admissible

Press release 2019/3

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 16 Feb 2019]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

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No new digest content identified.

IMF [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

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February 15, 2019

[Transparency, inclusivity and development needs take centre stage at the Seventh African Fiscal Forum \(Nairobi, 14 and 15 February 2019\)](#)

The event was attended by more than 80 participants, including officials from the ... The discussions here centred around reforming subsidies and social assistance to reach ...

February 13, 2019

[Building Resilience to Natural Disasters and Climate Change in Grenada and the Caribbean](#)

The legacy of bad loans continues to weigh on economic prospects. ... Stronger fiscal discipline will be essential to achieving this target across the ... Grenada's Important Breakthroughs

African Development Bank Group [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

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

14/02/2019

[South Africa hosts first-ever Africa Continental Play-based Learning Conference](#)

- Ensuring that the children of Africa are adequately prepared for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century, as defined by its fast-paced social, economic and technological change, requires the re-thinking and re-imagining of traditional approaches to learning. An education system that supports the development of skills such as problem solving, critical thinking and creativity will be crucial for success.

[African Union Commission and African Development Bank launch scorecard to track nutrition progress](#)

11/02/2019 - The African Union Commission, the African Development Bank and global partners today launched the Continental Nutrition Accountability Scorecard to raise awareness and reinforce commitments by African governments to help end malnutrition.

Asian Development Bank [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

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

15 Feb 2019

[Green and Blue Finance Will Help Bridge Infrastructure Investment Gap in Southeast Asia](#)

Countries in Southeast Asia need to promote innovative green and blue finance approaches to address the rising financing gap for sustainable infrastructure in the region, according to an ASEAN workshop in Bangkok.

13 Feb 2019

[Right Fiscal Reforms, Policies Can Help Meet Social Protection Agenda in Asia and Pacific — ADB Report](#)

Countries in Asia and the Pacific have a good chance of achieving the social protection agenda under the Sustainable Development Goals if the right fiscal reforms and policies are in place, says a new study by ADB.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 16 Feb 2019]

<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 16 Feb 2019]

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

15 FEB

[Innovative impact fund to create jobs for rural youth in developing countries](#)

15 FEB

[Innovation, Finance, Partnerships: IFAD's Member State event closes with a push for progress and greater impact](#)

14 FEB

['Make hunger a thing of the past' Pope Francis tells government leaders attending IFAD's annual Member State meeting](#)

13 FEB

[Forum leaders call on governments to recognize the contributions of indigenous peoples in the fight against climate change](#)

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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 16 Feb 2019]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Wednesday, 13 February, 2019

[Averting Health Worker Strikes through Round Table Forums in Turkana County](#)

With health service delivery crippled in a number of counties across the country as a result of the ongoing nurses' strike, Amref Health Africa in Kenya is leading the way in bringing the striking nurses and county health leadership to the negotiation table...

Aravind Eye Care System [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Latest

No new digest content identified.

CARE International [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

News & Updates

Italy: Poverty and social stigma increasing risk of child sexual exploitation

Posted on 13/02/20

Roma and other ethnic minorities at higher risk of sexual exploitation, with poverty, prejudice and stigma exacerbating the problem

Internet now playing a larger role in this crime, with children sexually exploited through prostitution often first groomed through social media

Child sex offenders may be taking advantage of children in Italy made vulnerable to sexual exploitation by poverty and social stigma, according to [a new report](#).

Government data shows that Roma and Traveller children, often stigmatized by the culture and media, are among those ethnic minorities at highest risk, particularly through trafficking and prostitution. Research cited in the report also identified that ethnic minority children, especially female adolescents, are being forced into street prostitution in Italian cities. There have also been cases of boys being kidnapped and/or recruited, even from orphanages. In 2017 there was just one such child victim taken into social protection despite NGOs saying the phenomenon is common...

Fountain House [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Posted: 14 February 2019

Recommendations on the Draft Agreed Conclusions of the 63rd Commission on the Status of Women

To achieve the empowerment of women and girls, it is essential that their needs, rights and preferences at every stage of their lives are met. HelpAge International and our global network members and partners are therefore calling for rights-based and gender-responsive social protection throughout the life course to...

ICRC [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

ICRC: Is the world ready to face a nuclear war? No. So let's ban the bomb

News release 11 February 2019

Geneva (ICRC-IFRC) – Seventy-four years after nuclear weapons obliterated the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the risk that nuclear weapons will again be used is growing.

IFRC [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Press Releases

Asia Pacific, Fiji

[Red Cross ready as South Pacific cyclone season gets under way](#)

With the South Pacific cyclone season under way and Cyclone Oma headed for Vanuatu, Red Cross societies are prepared and ready to respond.

13 February 2019

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Statement 14 Feb 2019

[IRC responds to U.S. Emergency Declaration, reports of forcible return of children to Mexico](#)

New York, NY, February 15, 2019 — The U.S. administration's use of an emergency declaration to build a physical barrier on the southern border, alongside [reports](#) of the first forcible return of an asylum-seeking child and their family into Mexico, is of exceptional concern to the International Rescue Committee...

IRCT [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

News 14 Feb 2019

[New Editorial Advisory Board to grow the Torture Journal's impact](#)

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Latest News

Emergencies

[Bullets and starvation claiming Yemeni lives](#)

Published: 6 February, 2019

[Interfaith project 'builds back better' in Nepal](#)

Published: 15 February, 2019

Latest News | [Nepal](#) |

[Stark warning issued at Climate Change policy launch](#)

Published: 15 February, 2019

[Latest News](#) |

[Taking on Tunisia's cold wave](#)

Published: 13 February, 2019

[Latest News](#) | [Tunisia](#)

[New partnership to reach people who are deaf](#)

Published: 11 February, 2019

Landsea [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Selected News; Project Updates, Reports [as presented on website]

Cameroon

[Nothing to drink and nowhere to sleep for thousands who've fl...](#)

Press Release 14 Feb 2019

Democratic Republic of Congo

[Even during a widespread measles epidemic, we can sa...](#)

Interview 14 Feb 2019

Yemen

[MSF opens new emergency room in Ad Dahi hospital](#)

Project Update 14 Feb 2019

DRC 2018 Ebola outbreaks

[Potential new Ebola drugs being trialled in MSF treatment centres](#)

Statement 12 Feb 2019

[See Emergencies above for detail]

El Salvador

[Breaking the invisible barriers that divide neighbourhoods con...](#)

Project Update 11 Feb 2019

Colombia

[Buenaventura: "MSF fills a huge vacuum in helping victims of vio...](#)

Interview 11 Feb 2019

Mercy Corps [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Operation Smile [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Program Schedule

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

News Posted 2/15/2019

American Heart Month: Operation Smile Trains 33,000 Students, Parents, Caregivers & Healthcare Providers in Life Support Resuscitation

OXFAM [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Selected News/Announcements

Education and income-generation must be top priorities for Rohingya refugees

16 February 2019

The lack of options for Rohingya women to find work in the refugee camps makes it very hard for single mothers to support their children.

Hebron monitors: aid organizations raise the alarm at increased risks to civilians

14 February 2019

The withdrawal of international observers deployed in Hebron threatens the already fragile security situation and risks contributing to a rapid decline in the city's stability.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Latest news from NRC

Palestine | 14. Feb 2019

Hebron monitors: aid organisations raise the alarm at increased risks to civilians

Palestinians, including children, left without international protection in one of the most volatile areas in the occupied Palestinian territory.

Afghanistan | 13. Feb 2019

Afghanistan: Record numbers of casualties amid peace talks

The first weeks of 2019 have seen large numbers of civilians displaced by intensified conflict across the Afghan countryside. "Whilst international attention is focused on very welcome peace talks, I have in recent days met countless Afghan women, men and children who have fled air raids, cross-fire and military offensives in Central and Southern Afghanistan," said Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council who is currently visiting the country. "Many recent casualties in the Afghan war are in hard-to-reach areas where the few humanitarian groups are overwhelmed by the needs."

Africa | 11. Feb 2019

[African countries must step up their support for displaced people](#)

With the Kampala Convention, African countries have taken the lead in promising protection and assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs). The Norwegian Refugee Council calls on African leaders to ensure its full implementation.

Pact [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

News

Feb 15, 2019

[PIH Staff Safe, Facilities Open But Struggling During Unrest in Haiti](#)

PIH staff and patients remain safe and health facilities open, although in need of food, clean water, and fuel following eight consecutive days of strikes and civil unrest in Haiti. [Read More](#)

Feb 13, 2019

[UGHE Alumni Spotlight: Benjamin Ndayambaje](#)

Benjamin Ndayambaje is a Rwandan who grew up in a refugee camp in Uganda. A trained veterinarian and former veterinary surgeon, he graduated in UGHE's inaugural Class of 2017. [Read More](#)

Feb 13, 2019

[UGHE Alumni Spotlight: Titus K. Koikoi](#)

Titus K. Koikoi is a program director for global health nonprofit Population Services International in Liberia. He attended UGHE's inaugural Executive Education course in 2016, and said the university is starting "a movement" to rethink how global health care is delivered. [Read More](#)

Feb 13, 2019

[UGHE Alumni Spotlight: Dr. Grace Dugan](#)

2018 graduate Dr. Grace Dugan describes her time at UGHE, treating children with leukemia at the nearby hospital, and why working in global health is "an expression of solidarity with some of the world's most vulnerable people." [Read More](#)

Feb 12, 2019

[Surgery, New Home Empower Young Mother in Malawi](#)

A joyous home-handover ceremony for Rose Kapeni and her three children in Neno District, Malawi, showed how community-based care can provide healing that is far more than physical. [Read More](#)

PATH [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Friday 15 February 2019

At least 100,000 babies die every year because of conflict

More children are living in areas affected by armed conflict than at any time over the past two decades, a new report from Save the Children reveals

At least 550,000 babies are thought to have died as a result of armed conflict between 2013 and 2017 in the 10 worst-affected countries, according to new analysis by Save the Children — an average of well over 100,000 every year.

Thursday 14 February 2019

Hebron monitors: aid organisations raise the alarm at increased risks to civilians

Palestinians, including children, left without international protection in one of the most volatile areas in the occupied Palestinian territory.

RAMALLAH - The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Oxfam and Save the Children have warned today that hundreds of civilians, including children, will see their safety put at risk by the withdrawal of international observers deployed in the city of Hebron.

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 16 Feb 2019]

<https://www.sos-childrensvillages.org/news>

All News

Peru

Parenting from behind bars

13.02.2019 - One in four children at the SOS Children's Village Ayacucho needs care because their parents are in prison. To maintain the relationship between parent and child, SOS Children's Villages Peru partners with the local prison to schedule children's visits and parenting workshops

Tostan [to 16 Feb 2019]

<http://www.tostan.org>

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 16 Feb 2019]

<http://wvi.org/>

Thursday, February 14th 2019

[Education, income-generation for Rohingya refugees must be top priorities, say Oxfam, Save the Children and World Vision](#)

(Cox's Bazar, 15 February 2019) Education and income-generating opportunities must be made top priorities

Tuesday, February 12th 2019

[Children forced 'to choose' to become soldiers, new research suggests](#)

Children forced 'to choose' to become soldiers, new research suggests

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Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR [to 16 Feb 2019]

<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 16 Feb 2019]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research Statements

[Joint Statement calling for Xinjiang Resolution at the United Nations Human Rights Council](#)

February 13, 2019

Human rights and civil society organizations request urgent international investigations into severe abuses including the unlawful detainment of Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, China.

Human Rights Watch [to 16 Feb 2019]

<https://www.hrw.org/#>

No new digest content identified.

Transparency International [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

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Bond [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

12 February 2019

[Embracing digital principles for inclusive development](#)

More and more organisations are endorsing the Principles for Digital Development, which help guide the effective use of technology.

Eliguard Dawson

ChildFund Alliance [to 16 Feb 2019]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

15 Feb 2019 *Press release*

Ethical leadership & multilateral cooperation

[The Elders propose 'minimisation agenda' as urgent first step to nuclear disarmament](#)

Lakhdar Brahimi Mary Robinson

The Elders today called on all nuclear powers to take urgent steps towards nuclear disarmament, in the form of a "minimisation" agenda, to counter a dangerous rise in geopolitical tensions and distrust between states.

Evidence Aid [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

13 February 2019

[UK to host Gavi replenishment in 2020](#)

Geneva, 13 February 2019 – The UK government today announced that it will host Gavi's replenishment pledging conference in mid-2020.

The event will follow the successful Gavi pledging conference in Berlin in January 2015, which raised US \$7.5 billion for the 2016-2020 period. Next year's event will raise funds to support Gavi's programmes from 2021-2025, and will aim to bring together contributions from donors. These resources will be complemented by developing countries co-financing and the vaccine industry's

contributions. The investment case, which will set out the amount required, will be published later this year...

12 February 2019

[Ethiopia introduces measles vaccine second dose with support from Gavi](#)

Addis Ababa, 12 February 2019 – Ethiopia has introduced measles vaccine second dose (MCV2) vaccination into the routine immunization programme, with technical and financial support from Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and the World Health Organisation. Around 3.3 million children throughout the country will receive measles vaccine second dose annually...

Global Fund [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 16 Feb 2019]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources

[ICVA Bulletin - January 2019 - English](#)

February, 2019

[Guidance note on complementary capacity strengthening](#)

February, 2019

[Inter-Agency Misconduct Disclosure Scheme Documents](#)

February, 2019

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Event

3ie and IEG conference on citizen engagement and accountable government

Evidence Week 08 April 2019 Washington, DC 3ie and the World Bank's Independent Evaluation Group will hold a one-day conference on citizen engagement and accountable government in Washington, DC on 8 April 2019. It is the start of the 3ie Washington Evidence Week, which includes a series of internal and public events.

Improving irrigation access in Madagascar

This brief is based on the findings of an impact evaluation that examined the effects of the Appui au Développement du Menabe et du Melaky programme in Madagascar, which combined land titling with improved irrigation infrastructure. Smallholder farmers who participated in the programme experienced improved welfare resulting from an increase in crop production.

Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

08 Feb 2019 *News*

DI welcomes new board members

Four new non-executive directors will join Development Initiatives' (DI) board in 2019

DI is pleased to announce that Paul Stuart, Timothy Takona, Tina Blazquez-Lopez and Professor Alex Ezeh will join the organisation's board of non-executive directors in 2019.

The new members will bring varied and considerable experience to DI's board, which serves to provide advice, support and strategic direction to the organisation...

EHLRA/R2HC [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 16 Feb 2019]
<https://www.urd.org/?lang=en>
No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 16 Feb 2019]
<https://ihsa.info/>
No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 16 Feb 2019]
<http://www.sphereproject.org/news/>
News
No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 16 Feb 2019]
<https://phap.org/>
Latest News
No new digest content identified.

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Brookings
<http://www.brookings.edu/>
Accessed 16 Feb 2019
Latest Research
Report
[**Empowering women entrepreneurs in developing countries**](#)
Eyerusalem Siba
Friday, February 15, 2019

Technology & Innovation
[**Countering the geographical impacts of automation: Computers, AI, and place disparities**](#)
Mark Muro
Thursday, February 14, 2019

Report
[**Men without work**](#)
Sergio Pinto and Carol Graham
Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Arms Control
[**Managing risk: Nuclear weapons in the new geopolitics**](#)
Madelyn R. Creedon, Robert Einhorn, Kate Hewitt, Bonnie Jenkins, Bruce Jones, Suzanne Maloney,
Michael E. O'Hanlon, Jung H. Pak, Frank A. Rose, and Strobe Talbott
Monday, February 11, 2019

U.S. Economy

[If Not Now, When? New Estimates of the Federal Budget Outlook](#)

Alan Auerbach, William G. Gale, and Aaron Krupkin

Monday, February 11, 2019

Center for Global Development [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

February 14, 2019

[Women and the Future of Work: Fix the Present](#)

There is a lot we don't know about what automation will mean for jobs in the future, including its impact (if any) on gender inequality. This note reviews evidence and forecasts on that question and makes four main points.

Charles Kenny

CSIS [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Selected Reports

Report

[The Game Has Changed: Rethinking the U.S. Role in Supporting Elections in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)

February 15, 2019 | Judd Devermont

CSIS Africa Program expert Judd Devermont identifies the investments, partnerships, and interventions the United States must pursue to adapt to sub-Saharan Africa's game-changing electoral landscape.

Report

[Asianism and Universalism: The Evolution of Norms and Power in Modern Asia](#)

February 15, 2019 | Nicholas Szechenyi, Michael J. Green

This edited volume analyzes national debates on democratic norms in Japan, South Korea, India, Indonesia, and the United States, as well as the potential to prioritize democracy promotion in foreign policy strategy as a foundation for a more stable order in Asia.

Report

[Development Finance Institutions: Plateaued Growth, Increasing Need](#)

February 13, 2019 | Daniel F. Runde, Aaron Milner

Budget constraints and lagging public interest have stifled Development Finance Institutions' growth in recent years. The global community should recommit to growing them to reach the Sustainable Development Goals and reinvigorate investment in emerging markets.

Report

[Risk & Resilience: Advancing Food and Nutrition Security in Nigeria through Feed the Future](#)

February 13, 2019 | Julie Howard, Emmy Simmons, Kimberly Flowers This report examines the challenges of implementing the United States Government's global hunger and food security initiative in the complex political, economic, environmental, and cultural context of Nigeria.

Report

Risk & Resilience: Advancing Food and Nutrition Security in Nigeria through Feed the Future

February 13, 2019 | [Julie Howard](#), [Emmy Simmons](#), [Kimberly Flowers](#) This brief is a summary of the report that examines the challenges of implementing the United States Government's global hunger and food security initiative in the complex political, economic, environmental, and cultural context of Nigeria.

Report

On the Horizon: A Collection of the Papers from the Next Generation

February 11, 2019 | [Sarah Minot Asrar](#), [Rebecca Hersman](#)

The annual journal from the Project on Nuclear Issues (PONI) features new voices from emerging nuclear experts presenting their ideas and recommendations for addressing the nuclear community's most pressing challenges.

Report

Evaluating Consolidation and the Threat of Monopolies within Industrial Sectors

February 11, 2019 | [Andrew Philip Hunter](#), [Gregory Sanders](#) As concerns over consolidation within defense industrial sectors are becoming more apparent, CSIS Defense-Industrial and Initiatives Group looks at the relationship between industrial consolidation, competition, and contracting performance outcomes.

ODI [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

No new digest content identified.

Urban Institute [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

February 15, 2019

How Do Lifetime Social Security Benefits and Taxes Differ by Earnings?

Most workers contribute to Social Security throughout their working lives and receive benefits after they retire. The balance between lifetime contributions and benefits determines the program's sustainability and progressivity. This brief uses DYNASIM, the Urban Institute's dynamic microsimulation model, to project lifetime benefits and taxes for people born between 1940 and 1999. The results show that most nondisabled

[C. Eugene Steuerle](#), [Damir Cosic](#), [Caleb Quakenbush](#)

February 15, 2019

Brief

Financial Distress among American Families: Evidence from the Well-Being and Basic Needs Survey

Concern is growing among some analysts that recent economic growth in the US has not translated to economic well-being across the board. This study focuses on the share of Americans in financial distress in 2017, a year of relatively low unemployment. We find that a third of moderate-income adults experience financial insecurity in the past 12 months. In addition, one in eight of them say they must turn to high interest rate

[Steven Brown](#), [Breno Braga](#)

February 14, 2019

Research Report

[Working to Make Ends Meet during Good Economic Times](#)

Employment is a key step on the pathway to economic security, but having a job far from guarantees financial stability. This study finds that employment is not always an effective shield against financial insecurity. Among households with two working adults, about 23 percent experienced some form of financial insecurity and about 9 percent relied on alternative financial services to cover expenses. In addition, we find workers

[Breno Braga](#), [Steven Brown](#), [Signe-Mary McKernan](#)

February 14, 2019

Research Report

[Responding to a Crisis: The National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program, 2008-2018](#)

In 2007, as the scale and urgency of the housing crisis became clear, Congress authorized an emergency program to help Americans in danger of losing their homes. Between 2008–18, the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling (NFMC) program helped homeowners in need by substantially boosting the nation’s capacity for foreclosure counseling. Implemented by NeighborWorks America®, the program served more than 2

[Corianne Payton Scally](#), [Camille H. Anoll](#), [Jung Hyun Choi](#), [Patrick Spauster](#), [Leah Hendey](#), [Diane K. Levy](#), [Bing Bai](#)

February 13, 2019

Research Report

[Evaluating Training and Professional Development for Home-Based Providers](#)

As states implement new training and professional development initiatives for home-based child care providers in response to the 2014 reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act, opportunities exist for planning research and evaluation to learn more about these providers and how to improve the quality of care they provide. This brief is intended to support Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) lead

[Amelia Coffey](#), [Julia B. Isaacs](#)

February 11, 2019

Research Report

[Slow Growth in Medicare and Medicaid Spending per Enrollee Has Implications for Policy Debates](#)

Between 2006 and 2017, growth in spending per enrollee in Medicare and Medicaid was much slower than in private insurance according to a new analysis by John Holahan and Stacey McMorrow of the Urban Institute, with funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Medicare and Medicaid spending per enrollee grew 2.4 percent per year and 1.6 percent per year, respectively, compared to 4.4 percent per year for private insurance.

[John Holahan](#), [Stacey McMorrow](#)

February 11, 2019

Brief

[Nontraditional-Hour Child Care in the District of Columbia](#)

Finding high-quality child care that aligns with parents' work schedules can be a significant barrier to successful employment and children's healthy development. In the District of Columbia, many residents with young children work nontraditional hours, and the supply of licensed child development facilities is likely insufficient to meet that need. The extent of the need for child care during nontraditional hours in [Heather Sandstrom](#), [Erica Greenberg](#), [Teresa Derrick-Mills](#), [Cary Lou](#), [Shirley Adelstein](#), [Charmaine Runes](#), [Ashley Hong](#), [Devon Genua](#), [Travis Reginal](#), [John Marotta](#)

February 11, 2019
Research Report

World Economic Forum [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Selected News Releases

No new digest content identified.

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

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

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 16 Feb 2019]

<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 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 16 Feb 2019]

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 16 Feb 2019]

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

In The Headlines 14 February 2019

[How grant-makers can tune in to what nonprofits need most](#)

In this op-ed, Hilary Pennington, the foundation's executive vice president for program, and Kathy Reich, director of our BUILD program, argue that funders should do a better job of listening to grantees—and recount some of Ford's recent efforts and insights in this area.

GHIT Fund [to 16 Feb 2019]

<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 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Latest Updates

February 11, 2019

[Q&A with Peter Rivera: Supporting innovative approaches to teaching and learning](#)

By [Peter Rivera](#)

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Our News

[Dr. Mark Rosenberg Calls for Us to Use the Full Power of Science to Address Gun Violence Prevention](#)

By Mark Rosenberg, MD, MPP, February 15, 2019

Our thoughts are with the Parkland community and our own community of Thousand Oaks

IKEA Foundation [to 16 Feb 2019]
<https://www.ikeafoundation.org/category/press-releases/>
No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 16 Feb 2019]
<https://www.hhmi.org/news>
No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 16 Feb 2019]
https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release
February 15, 2019 *News Release*

[Analysis Finds that Medications for Hepatitis C and HIV/AIDS Are the Costliest Group of Outpatient Prescription Drugs for Medicaid, While Diabetes Drugs Have Posted the Sharpest Rise in Costs](#)

Antiviral medications, including those that treat hepatitis C and HIV/AIDS, cost the Medicaid program more money (before rebates) than any other group of outpatient prescription drugs for each year from 2014 to 2017, according to a new KFF analysis. The analysis of utilization and spending trends finds that antivirals accounted...

February 14, 2019 *News Release*

[Missouri Foundation for Health and KFF Announce New Long-term Partnership, Establish Kaiser Health News Midwest Bureau in St. Louis](#)

ST. LOUIS, Mo. & SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) and KFF (the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation) have entered into a new long-term partnership to establish a KHN (Kaiser Health News) Midwest Bureau, based in St. Louis, Missouri. KFF – the trusted source of health policy...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 16 Feb 2019]
<https://www.akdn.org/our-agencies/aga-khan-foundation>
No new digest content identified.

Kellogg Foundation [to 16 Feb 2019]
<https://www.wkkf.org/news-and-media>
No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 16 Feb 2019]
<http://www.macfound.org/>

February 7, 2019 | *Press Release* | *Human Rights*

[Additional \\$15 Million to Protect Human Rights, Reform Justice System in Mexico](#)

MacArthur today committed an additional \$15 million to support Mexico's civil society and continued efforts to protect human rights and reform the nation's justice system.

“Our grantee partners across Mexico confront challenges every day in protecting and advancing human rights,” said Sharon Bissell, Director of MacArthur’s Mexico office. “They are highly experienced, innovative, quick, compassionate, and inclusive in their strategies. This new commitment of \$15 million will enable them to continue their important work in the short term and to strengthen voices from the field.”...

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundation [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

News

[Carol S. Larson To Step Down as President and CEO of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation at the End of 2019](#)

Carol Larson, President and CEO of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, announced today that she will step down as head of the 55-year old family foundation at the end of 2019 when a successor is named. Larson has served as President and CEO of the Foundation since 2004 and has been on staff since 1989...

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 16 Feb 2019]

<http://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/>

Latest News Releases, Blog Posts, Reports

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

"...a group of organizations working together to increase philanthropic support for basic scientific research on a global basis..."
No new digest content identified.

SDG Philanthropy Platform

<http://sdgfunders.org/>

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

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

No new digest content identified.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

Opinion | 15 February 2019

[This is a pivotal moment for clinical trial regulations](#)

by Beth Thompson

Globally, clinical research is governed by guidelines established almost three decades ago. And Brexit is a looming issue for trials that take place in the UK. Wellcome's Policy team is working to address both problems.

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Foundation Center [to 16 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 16 Feb 2019]

<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

February 2019 Volume 47, Issue 2, p117-228

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

February 2019 Volume 56, Issue 2, p179-334

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

February 2019 109(2)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 100, Issue 2, 2019

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/100/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 16 Feb 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

January 2019 - Volume 4 - 1

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/4/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 16 Feb 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 16 Feb 2019)

No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 16 Feb 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 16 Feb 2019)

Research article

[A scoping review of health-related stigma outcomes for high-burden diseases in low- and middle-income countries](#)

Stigma is associated with health conditions that drive disease burden in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), including HIV, tuberculosis, mental health problems, epilepsy, and substance use disorders. Ho...

Authors: Jeremy C. Kane, Melissa A. Elafros, Sarah M. Murray, Ellen M. H. Mitchell, Jura L. Augustinavicius, Sara Causevic and Stefan D. Baral

Citation: BMC Medicine 2019 17:17

Published on: 15 February 2019

Research article

[A systematic review of multi-level stigma interventions: state of the science and future directions](#)

Researchers have long recognized that stigma is a global, multi-level phenomenon requiring intervention approaches that target multiple levels including individual, interpersonal, community, and structural lev...

Authors: Deepa Rao, Ahmed Elshafei, Minh Nguyen, Mark L. Hatzenbuehler, Sarah Frey and Vivian F. Go

Citation: BMC Medicine 2019 17:41

Published on: 15 February 2019

Research article

[Implementation science and stigma reduction interventions in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review](#)

Interventions to alleviate stigma are demonstrating effectiveness across a range of conditions, though few move beyond the pilot phase, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

Implementation sc...

Authors: Christopher G. Kemp, Brooke A. Jarrett, Churl-Su Kwon, Lanxin Song, Nathalie Jetté, Jaime C. Sapag, Judith Bass, Laura Murray, Deepa Rao and Stefan Baral

Citation: BMC Medicine 2019 17:6
Published on: 15 February 2019

Correspondence

[The Health Stigma and Discrimination Framework: a global, crosscutting framework to inform research, intervention development, and policy on health-related stigmas](#)

Stigma is a well-documented barrier to health seeking behavior, engagement in care and adherence to treatment across a range of health conditions globally. In order to halt the stigmatization process and mitig...

Authors: Anne L. Stangl, Valerie A. Earnshaw, Carmen H. Logie, Wim van Brakel, Leickness C. Simbayi, Iman Barré and John F. Dovidio

Citation: BMC Medicine 2019 17:31
Published on: 15 February 2019

Opinion

[Out of the silos: identifying cross-cutting features of health-related stigma to advance measurement and intervention](#)

Many health conditions perceived to be contagious, dangerous or incurable, or resulting in clearly visible signs, share a common attribute – an association with stigma and discrimination. While the etiology of...

Authors: Wim H. van Brakel, Janine Cataldo, Sandeep Grover, Brandon A. Kohrt, Laura Nyblade, Melissa Stockton, Edwin Wouters and Lawrence H. Yang

Citation: BMC Medicine 2019 17:13
Published on: 15 February 2019

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 16 Feb 2019)

Research article

[“We are the ones who should make the decision” – knowledge and understanding of the rights-based approach to maternity care among women and healthcare providers](#)

Experiences and perceptions of poor quality of care is a powerful determinant of utilisation of maternity services. With many reports of disrespect and abuse in healthcare facilities in low-resource settings, ...

Authors: Yasmin Jolly, Mamuda Aminu, Florence Mgawadere and Nynke van den Broek

Citation: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2019 19:42
Published on: 15 February 2019

Research article

[Antenatal care as a means to increase participation in the continuum of maternal and child healthcare: an analysis of the poorest regions of four Mesoamerican countries](#)

Antenatal care (ANC) is a means to identify high-risk pregnancies and educate women so that they might experience a healthier delivery and outcome. There is a lack of evidence about whether receipt of ANC is a...

Authors: Claire R. McNellan, Emily Dansereau, Marielle C. G. Wallace, Danny V. Colombara, Erin B. Palmisano, Casey K. Johanns, Alexandra Schaefer, Diego Ríos-Zertuche, Paola Zúñiga-Brenes, Bernardo Hernandez, Emma Iriarte and Ali H. Mokdad

Citation: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2019 19:66

Published on: 12 February 2019

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 16 Feb 2019)

Research article

[Connection to the land as a youth-identified social determinant of Indigenous Peoples' health](#)

Social determinants of Indigenous health are known to include structural determinants such as history, political climate, and social contexts. Relationships, interconnectivity, and community are fundamental to...

Authors: Laurie-Ann Lines and Cynthia G. Jardine

Citation: BMC Public Health 2019 19:176

Published on: 11 February 2019

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 16 Feb 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

February 2019 - Volume 9 - 2

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 97, Number 2, February 2018, 73-168

<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/97/2/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 45, Issue 1 Pages: 1-145 January 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

January 2019 Volume 41, Issue 1, p1-190

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 16 Issue 1, February 2019
<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/16/1>
[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/>
[Accessed 16 Feb 2019]
[No new digest content identified]

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 77 Pages 1-110 (February 2019)
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/76/suppl/C>
[Reviewed earlier]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

February 2019 - Volume 32 - Issue 1
<https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx>
[Reviewed earlier]

Developing World Bioethics

Volume 18, Issue 4 Pages: 307-432 December 2018
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 29, Issue 2, 2019
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

Volume 37, Issue 2 Pages: i-iv, 153, 155-310 March 2019
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>
Themed issue: Health and well-being
[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 6 - December 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

Volume 43, Issue 1 Pages: 1-217 January 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

Volume 19, Number 12 01 December 2018

<http://embor.embopress.org/content/19/12?current-issue=y>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Emergency Medicine Journal

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

[Accessed 16 Feb 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 25, Number 2—February 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Volume 25 Pages 1-112 (December 2018)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 147 - 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & Human Research

Volume 41, Issue 1 January-February 2019

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/25782363>

New Challenges and Unresolved Issues

The inaugural issue of Ethics & Human Research (E&HR) marks an exciting milestone in The Hastings Centers' 40-year history of publishing a journal that focuses on the ethical, regulatory, and policy issues related to research with humans. Like its predecessor, IRB: Ethics & Human Research, E&HR will publish conceptual and empirical analyses on a wide range of topics related to the human research enterprise.

The journal's name change conveys to the global community of authors and readers that E&HR is not solely about issues related to institutional review boards (IRBs) in the United States. The title shift provides an opportunity to identify new ethical, policy, and regulatory challenges that rapid developments in science, medicine, and regulatory frameworks bring to the conduct and oversight of human subjects research in the United States and elsewhere. Along with publishing work that investigates new challenges, E&HR aims not only to draw attention to unresolved issues but also to broaden the scope of issues for investigation and analysis in the field of human research ethics. The pieces in this inaugural issue identify several new challenges and hint at some of the unresolved issues and broader topics that merit further attention.

Ethics & International Affairs

Winter 2018 (Issue 32.4) December 2018

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2018/winter-2018-issue-32-4/>

[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

SUPPLEMENT - Volume 28, Issue suppl_5, December 2018

https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/28/suppl_5

Health in Crises: Migration, Austerity and Inequalities in Greece and Europe

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy Volume 75

Volume 82, Pages 1-84 (January 2019)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/82/suppl/C>

Special Issue: Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

December 2018, Issue 6, Pages 1297-1672

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/10/6/page/1>

Re-building food systems: Food and Nutritional Security in Europe and Food Policy

[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 46, 2019 - Issue 1

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

[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 16 Feb 2019]

[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. 4 December 27, 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Public Health

Volume 14, 2019 Issue 4

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

Special Issue: Analysing power and politics in health policies and systems;

Guest Editors: Radhika Gore and Richard Parker

introduction

[Analysing power and politics in health policies and systems](#)

Radhika Gore & Richard Parker

Pages: 481-488

Published online: 16 Feb 2019

ABSTRACT

This special issue of Global Public Health presents a collection of articles that analyse power and its mechanisms in health systems and health policy processes. Researchers have long noted that the influence of power is implicated throughout the global health field, yet theories and methods for examining power—its sources, workings, and effects—are rarely applied in health policy and systems research. By engaging with the social sciences and humanities, contributors to this collection aim to analytically sharpen and thematically broaden the study of power and politics in global health. Contributors analyse the exercise of power by actors typically considered powerful on the global stage as well as actors across the health system who may be powerful in national or local contexts. Additionally, the papers draw attention to actors, interest groups, and practices not usually viewed as politically salient in health policy and systems research in low- and middle-income countries. The papers not only analyse power but also identify ways to counteract it, such as by using human rights-based frameworks to investigate and challenge power asymmetries. Collectively, they show how researchers working on global health issues can theorise power and deepen political analysis of health policy and systems.

Globalization and Health

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

[Accessed 16 Feb 2019]

Research

| 14 February 2019

[Assessment of the stated policies of prominent food companies related to obesity and non-communicable disease \(NCD\) prevention in Thailand](#)

Authors: Nisachol Cetthakrikul, Sirinya Phulkerd, Nongnuch Jaichuen, Gary Sacks and Viroj Tangcharoensathien

Health Affairs

Vol. 38 , No. 2 February 2019

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

Hospitals, Health IT & More

[Reviewed earlier]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 20, Issue 2, December 2018

<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-20-issue-2-december-2018/>

Issue 20.2 features a special section: Special Section on Human Rights and the Social Determinants of Health and a General Papers section

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 14 - Issue 1 - January 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Equity

Volume 2, Issue 1 / September 2018

<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>

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Promotion International

Volume 34, Issue 1, February 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Research Policy and Systems

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

[Accessed 16 Feb 2019]

Research

| 14 February 2019

[Addressing fragility through community-based health programmes: insights from two qualitative case study evaluations in South Sudan and Haiti](#)

Fragility can have a negative effect on health systems and people's health, and poses considerable challenges for actors implementing health programmes. However, how such programmes, in turn, affect the overall fragility of a context is rarely considered. The Swiss Red Cross has been active in South Sudan and Haiti since 2008 and 2011, respectively, and commissioned a scoping study to shed new light on this issue within the frame of a learning process launched in 2015.

Authors: Séverine Erismann, Sibel Gürler, Verena Wieland, Helen Prytherch, Nino Künzli, Jürg Utzinger and Bernadette Peterhans

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 41, Number 1, February 2019

<http://muse.jhu.edu/issue/39881>

[Reviewed earlier]

Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 74, February 2019

<https://odihpn.org/magazine/communication-community-engagement-humanitarian-response/>

Communication and community engagement in humanitarian response

This edition of Humanitarian Exchange, co-edited with Charles-Antoine Hofmann from the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), focuses on communication and community engagement. Despite promising progress, coherent and coordinated information is still not provided systematically to affected communities, and humanitarian responses take insufficient account of the views and feedback of affected people. In 2017, UNICEF, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and other partners came together under the auspices of the Communicating with Disaster Affected Communities (CDAC) Network to establish the Communication and Community Engagement (CCE) initiative, which aims to organise a collective service for communications and community engagement. The articles in this edition take stock of efforts to implement this initiative.

Drawing on lessons from 23 Peer 2 Peer Support missions, [Alice Chatelet and Meg Sattler](#) look at what's needed to integrate CCE into the humanitarian architecture. [Viviane Lucia Fluck and Dustin Barter](#) discuss the institutional and practical barriers to implementing community feedback mechanisms. [Bronwyn Russel](#) analyses the performance of the Nepal inter-agency common feedback project; [Justus Olielo and Charles-Antoine Hofmann](#) outline the challenges of establishing common services in Yemen; and [Gil Francis Arevalo](#) reports on community engagement in preparedness and response in the Philippines. [Ian McClelland and Frances Hill](#) discuss emerging findings from a strategic partnership in the Philippines between the Humanitarian Innovation Fund and the Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network.

[Charlotte Lancaster](#) describes how call centres in Afghanistan and Iraq are enhancing two-way communication with crisis-affected people. [Mia Marzotto](#) from Translators without Borders reflects on the importance of language and translation in communication and community engagement, and [Ombretta Baggio and colleagues](#) report on efforts to bring community perspectives into decision-making during an Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo. [Ayo Degett](#) highlights emerging findings from a Danish Refugee Council project on participation in humanitarian settings, and [Jeff Carmel and Nick van Praag](#) report on the Listen Learn Act (LLA) project. [Geneviève Cyvoct and Alexandra T. Warner](#) write on an innovative common platform to track the views of affected people in Chad. The edition ends with an article by [Stewart Davies](#) on collective accountability in the response to the Central Sulawesi earthquake.

IDRiM Journal

Vol 8, No 2 (2018)

<http://idrimjournal.com/index.php/idrim/issue/view/20>

[Reviewed earlier]

Infectious Diseases of Poverty

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

[Accessed 16 Feb 2019]

Scoping Review

| 13 February 2019

[Are malaria elimination efforts on right track? An analysis of gains achieved and challenges ahead](#)

Authors: Sunil Dhiman

International Health

Volume 11, Issue 1, January 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

International Human Rights Law Review

Volume 7 (2018): Issue 2 (Nov 2018)

<https://brill.com/abstract/journals/hrlr/7/2/hrlr.7.issue-2.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

Vol 6, No 2 (2019) February 2019

<https://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/47>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 32, Pages 1-124 (December 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/32/suppl/C>

Advancing Ecosystems and Disaster Risk Reduction in Policy, Planning, Implementation, and Management

Edited by Adam W. Whelchel, Fabrice Renaud, Karen Sudmeier-Rieu, Zita Sebesvari

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 47, Issue 6, 1 December 2018

<https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue/47/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 25, Issue 4 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

Volume 11 Issue 5 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Infectious Diseases

February 2019 Volume 79, p1-202 *Open Access*

[https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712\(18\)X0014-9](https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712(18)X0014-9)

[Reviewed earlier]

International Migration Review

Volume 53 Issue 1, March 2019

<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/mrx/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Intervention – Journal of Mental Health and Psychological Support in Conflict Affected Areas

September-December 2018 Volume 16 | Issue 3 Page Nos. 197-295

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

[Reviewed earlier]

JAMA

February 12, 2019, Vol 321, No. 6, Pages 523-620

<http://jama.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>

Viewpoint

Trust in Health Care

[A Framework for Increasing Trust Between Patients and the Organizations That Care for Them](#)

Thomas H. Lee, MD, MSc; Elizabeth A. McGlynn, PhD; Dana Gelb Safran, ScD

free access

JAMA. 2019;321(6):539-540. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.19186

This Viewpoint summarizes key findings and conclusions of a working group of health care leaders and patient advocates who participated in a 2018 American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Foundation Forum on [Re]Building Trust, convened to identify and prioritize interventions to restore trust in health care teams, standards, measures, and systems.

Editorial

[Trust in Health Care](#)

Howard Bauchner, MD

JAMA Pediatrics

February 2019, Vol 173, No. 2, Pages 115-204

<http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>

[Reviewed earlier]

JBI Database of Systematic Review and Implementation Reports

February 2019 - Volume 17 - Issue 2

<http://journals.lww.com/jbisrir/Pages/currenttoc.aspx>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Adolescent Health

February 2019 Volume 64, Issue 2, p141-282

[https://www.jahonline.org/issue/S1054-139X\(18\)X0004-4](https://www.jahonline.org/issue/S1054-139X(18)X0004-4)

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Community Health

Volume 44, Issue 1, February 2019

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10900/44/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Cultural Heritage

Volume 35, Pages 1-308 (January–February 2019)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-cultural-heritage/vol/34/suppl/C>

Modern and Contemporary Art

Edited by Francesca Caterina Izzo, Patrizia Tomasin

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development

2019: Volume 9 Issue 1

<https://www.emeraldinsight.com/toc/jchmsd/9/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Development Economics

Volume 137 Pages 1-140 (March 2019)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-development-economics/vol/137/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics

Volume 14 Issue 1, February 2019

<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/jre/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

February 2019 - Volume 73 - 2

<https://jech.bmj.com/content/73/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine

Volume 12, Issue S1 Pages: 1-34 January 2019

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/17565391/current>

7th Meeting of the COMET Initiative (VII), Thursday 15th and Friday 16th November 2018, De Rode Hoed, Amsterdam

On the 15th and 16th November 2018, the Core Outcome Measures in Effectiveness Trials (COMET) Initiative held its seventh international meeting. After success at COMET VI, the COMET meeting returned to De Rode Hoed (The Red Hat) in Amsterdam for their second consecutive meeting. One-hundred and fifteen participants gathered from around the world, coming from five continents and 18 countries.

Journal of Global Ethics

Volume 14, Issue 2, 2018

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjge20/current>

Special Issue: Reconciliation, Transitional and Indigenous Justice

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (JHCPU)

Volume 29, Number 4, November 2018

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/39355>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Human Trafficking

Volume 5, Issue 1, 2018

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uhmt20/current>

Article

[Measurements of Vulnerability to Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking: A Systematic Review](#)

Mary McCoy

Pages: 1-12

Published online: 26 Oct 2017

Article

[Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking in the Medical Setting: A Survey of the Knowledge, Discomfort, and Training of Pediatric Attending Physicians](#)

Christine E. Barron, Jessica L. Moore, Grayson L. Baird & Amy P. Goldberg

Pages: 13-24

Published online: 04 Dec 2017

Article

[Moving to Restoration: The Experiences of Women Exiting Sex Trafficking](#)

Nicole Gonzalez, Chelsea Spencer & Sandra Stith

Pages: 60-73

Published online: 20 Dec 2017

Journal of Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Volume 8 Issue 4 2018

<https://www.emeraldinsight.com/toc/jhls/cm/8/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health

February 2019, Issue 1, Pages 1-209

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10903/21/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies

Volume 16, 2018_ Issue 4

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/wimm20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Infectious Diseases

Volume 217, Issue 11, 16 Feb 2019

<https://academic.oup.com/jid/issue/217/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of International Development

Volume 31, Issue 1 Pages: 1-116 January 2019

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/10991328/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Medical Ethics

February 2019 - Volume 45 - 2

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Medical Internet Research

Vol 21, No 1 (2019): January

<https://www.jmir.org/2019/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Operations Management

Volume 64 Pages 1-88 (November 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-operations-management/vol/64/suppl/C>
[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Patient-Centered Research and Reviews

Volume 6, Issue 1 (2019)

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Editorial

Russia's burgeoning HIV epidemic

The Lancet

While some countries in western Europe celebrate relative successes in the treatment and control of HIV, a burgeoning epidemic in the eastern part of the region poses a continued threat to progress. A [report](#), published Feb 4, from the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control underlines the inequality of treatment and care for people living with HIV in Europe and central Asia. The report states that in these regions overall, one of five people living with HIV (PLHIV) is unaware of their status and only 43% of PLHIV have viral loads low enough to prevent transmission—substantially less than the UNAIDS goal of 73%. The failure to reach the target is largely due to low rates of viral suppression reported from countries in the central and eastern subregions of the WHO European Region. Specifically, in Russia, the number of PLHIV is reported as 998 525, with only 26% achieving viral suppression and in Ukraine, the number is 244 000, with 23% achieving viral suppression. However, the situation in Russia is worthy of closer examination because the findings in the report are based on estimates from data provided for the first time by the country's Ministry of Health to UNAIDS, in 2017, and covering the year ending 2016.

The latest information, obtained directly by us from the Ministry, covers the year ending 2017, and reports the number of newly registered PLHIV has increased by 105 844. Clearly, this is not an exact measure of incidence, but it gives an indication that numbers continue to rise unabated. Reasons for the absence of progress in Russia are numerous and include insufficient access to sterile injecting equipment, unavailability of opioid substitution therapy, and a shortage of treatment in populations where it is most needed, namely people who inject drugs and their partners, sex workers, and men who have sex with men.

The release of HIV data by Russia is to be applauded. But if serious inroads are to be made into the epidemic, then attention must now turn to treatment of key, marginalised populations of PLHIV.

Comment

Ebola in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: time to sound a global alert?

Lawrence Gostin, Alexandra Phelan, Alex Godwin Coutinho, Mark Eccleston-Turner, Ngozi Erondu, Oyebanji Filani, Tom Inglesby, Rebecca Katz, Allan Maleche, Jennifer B Nuzzo, Oyewale Tomori, Matthew Kavanagh

[See Milestones above for full text]

We call upon the WHO Director-General to reconvene the EC to review the grounds for a PHEIC declaration. He should invite states, the UN, and NGOs to attend and submit evidence. [10](#) The United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO),

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and civil society could provide critical information. The EC should recommend proactive measures on health, diplomacy, security, and community engagement. Concrete recommendations could specify the level and kind of resources needed and composition of security and diplomatic assets.

A PHEIC is a clarion call to galvanise high-level political, financial, and technical support. A PHEIC would provide a clear signal from the world's global health body that UN leadership is urgent. A PHEIC also empowers the WHO Director-General to make temporary, non-binding recommendations that have normative force.[10](#)

The IHR do not specify any surge in authority or financing when declaring a PHEIC. In the past, states did not heed WHO warnings that travel and trade restrictions are harmful. During the west African Ebola epidemic, 58 states restricted travel from affected areas, and during the 2009 influenza A H1N1 pandemic, states imposed trade and travel restrictions.[12,13,14](#)

Trade or travel barriers in the DRC would have devastating impacts. WHO, with UN support, should take active steps to prevent unlawful and harmful restrictions. In 2009, WHO and the World Trade Organization (WTO) criticised governments that took non-evidence-based actions; going forward, WHO and WTO could publicly name non-compliant countries. Governments should also agree to dispute resolution, including binding IHR arbitration.[10](#)

If a PHEIC escalated conflict by raising the profile of the international response, it would be deeply concerning. Recent elections in DRC were clouded by concerns about vote-rigging, unsettling lines of power and legitimacy. Armed groups have used violence to generate chaos. A PHEIC could increase incentives to target Ebola responders to gain leverage. As in South Sudan, armed groups could manipulate aid for non-humanitarian purposes.[15](#) Like any complex multilateral negotiation, cultural competence and smart diplomacy are required. Outsiders are unlikely to be privy to all on-the-ground realities and risks.

The IHR were designed to respond to a health emergency like the DRC Ebola epidemic. We urge the WHO Director-General to reconvene the EC and re-assess the declaration of a PHEIC. The UN and governments should increase support for WHO and partners. If the IHR fails, or worse, increases political instability, it will require urgent reform.

State non-compliance should not obscure the value of the IHR in establishing norms of rapid identification, notification, and response. The IHR require states to develop health-system capacities, assessed by WHO's Joint External Evaluation. IHR reform should focus on technical and financial assistance for national health capacities. A PHEIC should trigger surge capacity in relation to authority and finances, with effective mechanisms to gain state compliance.

WHO has shown leadership and operational endurance, working tirelessly to combat the DRC Ebola epidemic. But WHO and partners cannot succeed alone. We live at a political moment when international solutions to collective threats are increasingly hard to achieve. But WHO and the UN system will be called upon with ever-greater frequency in the future to manage complex humanitarian crises. We must plan for a future in which political violence and instability become the new abnormal.
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[Trump's goal to eradicate the HIV epidemic in the United States is achievable — yet remote](#)

The president's pledge rings hollow without a major shift in policy and rhetoric.

Editorial | 13 February 2019

[Artificial intelligence alone won't solve the complexity of Earth sciences](#)

Studies of complex climate and ocean systems could gain from a hybrid between artificial intelligence and physical modelling.

Comment | 11 February 2019

[Overdue: a US advisory board for research integrity](#)

Research needs an authoritative forum to hash out collective problems, argue C. K. Gunsalus, Marcia K. McNutt and colleagues.

C. K. Gunsalus, Marcia K. McNutt[...] & Robert M. Nerem

Perspective | 13 February 2019

[Deep learning and process understanding for data-driven Earth system science](#)

Complex Earth system challenges can be addressed by incorporating spatial and temporal context into machine learning, especially via deep learning, and further by combining with physical models into hybrid models.

Markus Reichstein, Gustau Camps-Valls[...] & Prabhat

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[Brazil's Fight against Hepatitis C — Universalism, Local Production, and Patents](#)

Elize M. da Fonseca, Ph.D., Kenneth Shadlen, Ph.D., and Francisco I. Bastos, M.D., Ph.D.

Brazil's strategy for addressing hepatitis C, which combines evidence-based treatment protocols and innovative initiatives for local production of generic direct-acting antiviral drugs, needs to be considered in light of ongoing conflicts over pharmaceutical patents.

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[Creative arts in psychotherapy for traumatized children in South Africa: An evaluation study](#)

In spite of severe challenges implementing and executing this pioneering study in underprivileged areas of South Africa, support was found for creative arts in psychotherapy reducing hyperarousal and avoidance symptoms, but not for other symptoms. Valuable lessons were learned on feasibility of implementing this intervention in a developing context.

Nadine van Westrhenen, Elzette Fritz, Adri Vermeer, Paul Boelen, Rolf Kleber

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Guest Editorial

[Character Disorders among Autocratic World Leaders and the Impact on Health Security, Human Rights, and Humanitarian Care](#)

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Abstract

The development of autocratic leaders in history reveals that many share severe character disorders that are consistently similar across borders and cultures. Diplomats and humanitarians negotiating for access to populations in-need and security of their programs, especially in health, must understand the limitations placed on the traditional negotiation process. These shared character traits stem from a cognitive and emotional developmental arrest in both childhood and adolescence resulting in fixed, life-long, concrete thinking patterns. They fail to attain the last stage of mental and emotional development, that of abstract thinking, which is necessary for critical reasoning that allows one to consider the broader significance of ideas and information rather than depend on concrete details and impulses alone. These autocratic leaders have limited capacity for empathy, love, guilt, or anxiety that become developmentally permanent and guide everyday decision making. Character or personality traits that perpetuate the lives of autocratic leaders are further distinguished by sociopathic and narcissistic behaviors that self-serve to cover their constant fear of insecurity and the insatiable need for power. Human rights, humanitarian care, and population-based health security are examples of what has consistently been sacrificed under autocratic rule. Today, with the worst global loss of democratic leadership ever seen since WWII, leaders with these character traits now rule in major countries of the world. While history teaches us of battles and conflicts that result from such flawed leadership, it lacks explanations of why autocratic behaviors consistently emerge and dominate many societies. Building multidisciplinary capacity and capability in societies among democracies to limit or cease such authoritarian dominance first begins with a developmental understanding of why autocrats exist and persist in externalizing their pathological behaviors on unsuspecting and vulnerable populations, and the limitations they place on negotiations.

Original Research

[The Yew Disaster Severity Index: A New Tool in Disaster Metrics](#)

Ying Ying Yew, Rafael Castro Delgado, David James Heslop, Pedro Arcos González

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Abstract

Objectives

The Richter Scale measures the magnitude of a seismic occurrence, but it does not feasibly quantify the magnitude of the "disaster" at the point of impact in real humanitarian needs, based on United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR; Geneva, Switzerland) 2009 Disaster Terminology. A Disaster Severity Index (DSI) similar to the Richter Scale and the Mercalli Scale has been formulated; this will quantify needs, holistically and objectively, in the hands of any stakeholders and even across timelines.

Background

An agreed terminology in quantifying "disaster" matters; inconsistency in measuring it by stakeholders posed a challenge globally in formulating legislation and policies responding to it.

Methods

A quantitative, mathematical calculation which uses the median score percentage of 100% as a baseline, indicating the ability to cope within the local capacity, was used. Seventeen indicators were selected based on the UNISDR 2009 disaster definition of vulnerability and exposure and holistic approach as a pre-condition. The severity of the disaster is defined as the level of unmet needs. Thirty natural disasters were tested, retrospectively, and non-parametric tests were used to test the correlation of the DSI score against the indicators.

Results

The findings showed that 20 out of 30 natural disasters tested fulfilled the inability to cope, within local capacity in disaster terminology. Non-parametric tests showed that there was a correlation between the 30 DSI scored and the indicators.

Conclusion

By computing a median fit percentage score of 100% as the ability to cope, and the correlation of the 17 indicators, in this DSI Scale, 20 natural disasters fitted into the disaster definition. This DSI will enable humanitarian stakeholders to measure and compare the severity of the disaster objectively, as well as enable future response to be based on needs.

Comprehensive Review

[Human Stampedes: An Updated Review of Current Literature](#)

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[DOE to limit foreign research collaborations](#)

By Jeffrey Mervis

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Recent memos describe crackdown on grantees and on lab scientists with foreign ties.

Policy Forum

[Long delays in banning trade in threatened species](#)

By Eyal G. Frank, David S. Wilcove

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Scientific knowledge should be applied with more urgency

Summary

The harvesting of wild animals and plants for international trade affects thousands of species, and compounds ongoing extinction threats such as habitat loss and climate change (1–4). The loss of overexploited species can result in cascading effects that reduce overall ecosystem functioning (4, 5). The primary international framework for preventing the loss of species due to international wildlife trade is the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Given that CITES aims to be as scientifically based as possible (6), we analyzed how quickly species that are identified by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List as being threatened from trade are subsequently protected under CITES. The Red List represents an authoritative body of scientific knowledge regarding extinction risks. We find that in nearly two-thirds of the cases, the CITES process of regulating trade in threatened species lags considerably behind the IUCN identification of species in need of protection from trade. Such delay in the application of scientific knowledge to policy formulation could result in species extinctions. With signatories to CITES set to gather in May to determine which species merit protection, we suggest opportunities to improve this process.

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[Temporalities of emergency: Migrant pregnancy and healthcare networks in Southern European borderlands](#)

Grotti Vanessa, Malakasis Cynthia, Quagliariello Chiara, Sahraoui Nina
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Highlights

- :: Focus on under-researched perinatal and maternity care to post-2015 migrants.
- :: Contributes to understandings of the emerging configurations of care in Southern EU borderlands.
- : Conceptualizes temporalities of emergency in the context of health provision to recent migrants.
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[Predictive Peacekeeping: Strengthening Predictive Analysis in UN Peace Operations](#)

Allard Duursma, John Karlsrud

Stanford Social Innovation Review

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There has been a dramatic increase in the number and size of private foundations around the world. Many people view the growth of big philanthropy as a positive thing, but a growing number of critics are asking whether it is undermining democracy. One of these critics is Stanford University Professor Rob Reich, author of "Philanthropy in the Service of Democracy," the cover story in the Winter 2019 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review.

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

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World Heritage Success Stories

The World Heritage Convention is a legal tool. In adhering to it, countries commit to protect heritage within their borders and to refrain from any deliberate measures that might damage directly or indirectly the cultural and natural heritage of the territory of other States Parties to this Convention.

The true measure of the Convention is the effectiveness of its implementation. It is the concrete results that matter, for the sites and for the people who live in or near them. When there are positive results at one World Heritage property, all countries that are party to the Convention can benefit from this success.

In this issue, we look at specific cases of actions at World Heritage sites that have benefited and improved their state of conservation...

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