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Period ending 23 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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Venezuela – Exodus

Venezuelan Outflow Continues Unabated, Population Abroad Now Stands at 3.4 Million

Joint Announcement Posted: 02/22/19

Geneva – The number of refugees and migrants from Venezuela worldwide now stands at 3.4 million, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and IOM, the International Organization for Migration, announced today.

According to data from national immigration authorities and other sources, **countries in Latin America and the Caribbean are hosting an estimated 2.7 million Venezuelans, while other regions account for the rest.**

On average, during 2018, an estimated 5,000 people left Venezuela every day in search of protection or a better life.

Colombia hosts the highest number of refugees and migrants from Venezuela, with over 1.1 million. It is followed by Peru, with 506,000; Chile, 288,000; Ecuador, 221,000; Argentina, 130,000; and Brazil, 96,000. Mexico and countries in Central America and the Caribbean are also hosting significant numbers of refugees and migrants from Venezuela.

“The countries of the region have shown tremendous solidarity with refugees and migrants from Venezuela, and implemented resourceful solutions to help them. But these figures underscore the strain on host communities and the continued need for support from the international community, at a time when the world’s attention is on political developments inside Venezuela,” said Eduardo Stein, joint UNHCR-IOM Special Representative for Venezuelan refugees and migrants.

Latin American countries have granted some 1.3 million residence permits and other forms of regular status to Venezuelans and reinforced their asylum systems in order to process an unprecedented number of asylum applications. Since 2014, over 390,000 asylum claims have been lodged by Venezuelans, over 232,000 in 2018 alone.

With rising numbers, the needs of refugees and migrants from Venezuela and the communities hosting them continue to increase. Governments in the region have strengthened their national response and are cooperating – through the Quito process – to enhance the assistance and protection of Venezuelan

nationals and facilitate their legal, social and economic inclusion. The next regional meeting of this process will take place in Quito in the first week of April.

To complement these efforts, a humanitarian Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan (RMRP) for refugees and migrants from Venezuela was launched last December, targeting 2.2 million Venezuelans and 500,000 people in host communities in 16 countries.

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Yemen

[Nationwide measles and rubella immunization campaign reaches 11.6 million children in Yemen](#)

21 February 2019 – In collaboration with local health authorities, WHO and UNICEF have concluded a nationwide measles and rubella vaccination campaign in Yemen reaching more than 11.6 million (90%) children aged 6 months–16 years across the country.

WHO, with the support of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, contributed to the campaign through the provision of vaccines, fuel, training, deployment of health workers and supervisors, as well as raising awareness among communities about ways to protect themselves against these diseases.

Dhamar, Mareb and Sana'a governorates have reported over 100% coverage due to a large number of internally displaced persons coming from other governorates. The campaign continued for an additional 3 days in districts where low coverage was reported.

Despite the challenging conditions, WHO teams and health workers were able to reach high-risk areas, IDP camps and marginalized communities with awareness-raising activities and vaccination.

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Development :: World Youth Report

[WORLD YOUTH REPORT: YOUTH AND THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT](#)

UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
2018 :: 252 pages ISBN: 978-92-1-130349-0 eISBN: 978-92-1-363256-7

THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN ADAPTING THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO NATIONAL AND LOCAL CONTEXTS

Institutional and structural synergies and integration at the local and national levels are essential for meeting the objectives embodied in the 2030 Agenda. Achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals will require working not only horizontally across policy sectors and 4 The priority areas are education, employment, hunger and poverty, health, environment, substance abuse, juvenile justice, leisure-time activities, girls and young women, full and effective participation of youth in the life of society and in decision-making, globalization, information and communication technologies, HIV/AIDS, armed conflict, and intergenerational issues...

STRUCTURE OF THE REPORT

The Report comprises six substantive chapters.

Chapter I provides an overview of global youth population trends and their implications, the role of youth in relation to the 2030 Agenda, and how youth are referenced in the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

Chapter II explores the area of youth education, outlining opportunities and challenges for young people and policymakers. The chapter details aspects of the Sustainable Development Goals that pertain to education—with particular emphasis on Goal 4 (quality education)—and examines related targets. This chapter also explores the multidimensional issues surrounding education and how they impact youth, with special attention given to disparities in education; the rights-based approach to education; education challenges for young women, youth with disabilities, migrant youth and youth affected by conflict; entrepreneurship education; and financing education.

Chapter III explores the area of youth employment, highlighting development challenges and opportunities for young people and policymakers. The chapter focuses on aspects of the Sustainable Development Goals pertaining to employment, looking specifically at Goal 8 (decent work and economic growth), and examines the relevant targets. This chapter also explores global and regional trends and priorities such as underemployment, formal versus informal work, entrepreneurship, and disguised employment; it further considers employment challenges specific to youth living in poverty, youth with disabilities, young women, youth in conflict and post-conflict settings, and young migrants.

Chapter IV explores the nexus between the youth education and employment issues addressed in chapters II and III. It specifically examines those areas in the context of the transition from school to work, providing a set of case studies on skills development targeting marginalized and vulnerable youth. It also explores the human development approach to youth education and employment.

Chapter V examines the key elements of youth policies and their role in advancing youth development objectives in the context of the 2030 Agenda. Special emphasis is given to the importance of accurate, timely and high-quality age-disaggregated data for the development of evidence-based youth policymaking. The chapter considers how enhanced efforts to ensure the collection of such data, including data on marginalized and vulnerable youth, can be undertaken through statistical and data system capacity-building, public-private partnerships, and support for youth-led data collection and use. It also addresses issues related to defining and interpreting indicators, and provides an in-depth analysis of indicators associated with both the Sustainable Development Goals and the World Programme of Action for Youth.

Chapter VI moves to the concrete aspects of implementing the 2030 Agenda, analysing the role young people have and can play at the local and national levels. It sets out a series of principles to help guide such engagement, while highlighting, including through case studies, the many ways young people are contributing to the implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda through engagement in awareness-raising, policymaking and data collection, as well as through participation in national and international review processes.

A concluding chapter summarizes and synthesizes the key messages put forward in the Report. A statistical annex presents the most recent data available on the 90 youth-related indicators

for the Sustainable Development Goals and the 34 core indicators for the World Programme of Action for Youth.

Press Release

[World Youth Report: Addressing the complex challenges facing young people today](#)

20 February 2019, New York

Today, there are 1.2 billion young people aged 15 to 24 years, accounting for 16 per cent of the global population. The active engagement of youth in sustainable development efforts is central to achieving sustainable, inclusive and stable societies by the target date, and to averting the worst threats and challenges to sustainable development, including the impacts of climate change, unemployment, poverty, gender inequality, conflict, and migration...

In education, 142 million youth of upper secondary age are out of school. In employment, 71 million young people are unemployed; and millions more are in precarious or informal work. Disparities within and between countries in education and employment among youth are stark, with gender, poverty, rurality, disability, and migrant/refugee status all being major elements of disadvantage. For instance, about 156 million youth in low- and middle-income countries are working poor (ILO), while almost 30 per cent of the poorest 12- to 14-year old have never attended school...

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Health :: Labor :: Environment

[US\\$180m programme launched on mining sector](#)

New \$180-million Global Environment Facility programme will improve health conditions for artisanal miners across eight countries, while slashing mercury emissions harmful to the environment

The artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) sector accounts for 20 per cent of the world's annual gold production;

As many as 15 million people work in the ASGM sector globally – including 4.5 million women and over 600,000 children;

The ASGM sector is the single largest source of man-made mercury emissions, responsible for the release of as much as 1,000 tonnes of mercury to the atmosphere annually, which represents nearly 40% of the total emissions.

London, 18 Feb 2019 - Urgent action is needed to protect millions of men, women and children exposed to toxic levels of mercury through gold production every year, according to the supporters of a new \$180-million programme to reform the artisanal and small-scale mining (ASGM) sector. Launched today at London's Goldsmiths' Centre, the Global Environment Facility (GEF) supported Global Opportunities for the Long-term Development of the ASGM Sector (GEF GOLD) programme aims to reduce the use of mercury in artisanal gold mining and introduce and facilitate access to mercury-free extraction methods, while also working with governments to formalize the sector, promote miners' rights, safety and their access to markets.

Spanning eight countries the five-year programme is a partnership between the Global Environment Facility, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Conservation International and the governments of Burkina Faso, Colombia, Guyana, Indonesia, Kenya, Mongolia, the Philippines and Peru.

“From smartphones to wedding rings, gold passes through all of our hands every day. But for most of us the source of that gold, and its real cost, remains a mystery,” said Gustavo Fonseca, GEF Director of Programs. “Introducing safe, mercury-free technologies into the ASGM sector will help provide a safe transition to job formality and dignified work for millions, while putting an end to the environmental impacts that can pave way to sustainably produced gold.”

Every year, more than 2,700 tonnes of gold is mined around the world. Twenty percent of that – over 500 tonnes annually is produced by artisanal and small-scale miners. These miners and processors— majority of them in developing countries often work in harsh conditions, without the protection of industry regulations on pay, health or safety, in order to sate the global hunger for gold—investment in jewellery and consumer products.

While ASGM represents a development opportunity for rural populations, who often have few livelihood alternatives, miners operate on the edges of legality in many countries, with ASGM either banned outright or limited by legislation and licensing procedures designed primarily for large-scale operations. By supporting the regulatory and policy reforms needed to formalize the work of artisanal and small-scale miners across the eight programme countries, GEF GOLD aims to secure miners’ livelihoods, through opening up the access to markets and finance needed to increase incomes and enable the uptake of mercury-free technology. By phasing out mercury use, the programme aims to achieve eventual mercury emission reductions of 369 tonnes, supporting countries’ commitments under the Minamata Convention on Mercury to reduce and, where feasible, eliminate mercury use in the sector...

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Heritage Stewardship

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

21 December 2018, Rome - A traditional saffron cultivation system in Iran, an argan-based agro-pastoral system in Morocco, and an ancient olive trees system in Spain today won recognition from FAO as Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS).

All the sites feature unique ways to produce nutritious foods and/or spices using traditional knowledge and skills while improving local people’s livelihoods and preserving biodiversity.

The sites were designated by the GIAHS Scientific Advisory Group based on selection criteria, including: global importance, their value as a public good in terms of supporting food and livelihood security, agro-biodiversity, knowledge systems, adapted technologies, cultures, and outstanding landscapes.

...FAO's global agricultural heritage network now consists of 57 remarkable landscapes in 21 countries around the globe.

Saffron Farming System based on Qanat irrigation in Gonabad, Iran

The Saffron Farming System is located in Iran's central plateau that has an arid and semi-arid climate. Severe water shortages in the area pose major threats to food security and livelihoods of local communities.

However, proper use of water resources supplied by the Qanat (or aqueduct) irrigation system and production of high value added products, especially saffron, have created a unique opportunity for farmers and residents of the region to improve their livelihoods.

Saffron does not require large quantities of water compared to cereals, which has resulted in allocation of more areas for the cultivation of this invaluable crop making it a major source of income for many farmer households. Today it plays a key role in creating job opportunities, reducing migration, providing sustainable livelihoods, improving efficiency in water use and productivity as well as developing eco-tourism in the area.

Ancient Olive Trees Agricultural System "Territorio Sénia", Spain

"Territorio Sénia" is located at the meeting point between the areas of the Valencian Community, Catalonia and Aragon. This territory includes 27 municipalities which are linked by their geography, their history, their language and their culture and also have the highest concentration of ancient olive trees in the world.

The existence of 5,000 ancient olive trees is what makes this territory a unique place offering local communities numerous opportunities for rural development, including the recovery of abandoned ancient olive trees and utilizing these for production, a bigger cooperation between economic sectors, production of olive oil, oleotourism and many others. Average annual output of olive oil in the area is estimated at more than 12,000 tonnes. These income generating activities have significantly helped to improve the living conditions of local people. In addition, there are different varieties of olives on each farm, to improve the pollination of flowers and future varieties of olives, contributing to biodiversity.

Argan-based agro-pastoral system in Ait Souab-Ait Mansour Region, Morocco

The agro-forestry-pastoral system in Ait Souab-Ait Mansour is a unique region where argan trees have been cultivated for centuries. This system is based on agroforestry practices in dry stone terraces being highly resilient to arid environment, water scarcity and poor soils. It uses only locally adapted species and pastoralism activities and relies on a traditional water management provided by the Matifiya - a rain water reservoir carved into rock.

The Amazigh indigenous communities as well as communities of Arab origin have developed a specific culture and identity sharing their traditional knowledge and skills. Although farmers earn the majority of their income from the cultivation of argan trees, the integrated system also provides them with other food and material such as staple crops, cereals, fire wood, meat and wool.

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Featured Journal Content

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 45, Issue 2 Pages: 147-311 March 2019

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

REVIEW ARTICLES

Prevention of psychological distress and promotion of resilience amongst unaccompanied refugee minors in resettlement countries

Ritu Mitra, Matthew Hodes

Pages: 198-215

First Published: 20 January 2019

Abstract

Aim

As increasing numbers of unaccompanied refugee minors (URMs) are arriving in Europe, there is a need to investigate which factors promote psychological resilience and improve their mental health. This review aims to identify preventive post settlement influences, including living arrangements, access to mental health services, and effective treatments that may improve mental health outcomes.

Methods

A systematic literature review was conducted of published papers in any language for children (<18 years) entering a host country, unaccompanied and seeking asylum. Specific studies were eligible if they examined any treatment or nontreatment influences on mental health or psychological resilience for the URM. Thirteen published quantitative studies were identified.

Results

URMs in more supportive living arrangements including foster care had lower risk of PTSD and lower depressive symptoms compared with those in semi-independent care arrangements. URMs living in reception settings that restricted freedom had more anxiety symptoms. Regarding help seeking, one study found only 30% of URMs had foster parents or guardians who could detect a mental health need. Two papers found the URMs had low levels of contact with mental health services despite the high prevalence of psychiatric symptoms. URMs were less likely than accompanied children to receive trauma-focused interventions, cognitive therapy, or even practical assistance with basic social needs. With regard to treatment evaluation, only case series were identified. Three studies found cognitive behavioural therapy improved PTSD symptoms and mental health outcomes. A less structured approach (mental health counselling alone) did not improve functional health outcomes.

Conclusion

Higher support living arrangements with low restrictions are associated with lower psychological distress. Most URMs are not receiving psychological interventions, and there is a dearth of studies evaluating treatment effectiveness for this group. There is an urgent need for more research to investigate pathways to mental health services and treatment efficacy in this vulnerable group.

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Featured Journal Content

Science

22 February 2019 Vol 363, Issue 6429

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

Policy Forum

Regulation of predictive analytics in medicine

By Ravi B. Parikh, Ziad Obermeyer, Amol S. Navathe

Science22 Feb 2019 : 810-812 Restricted Access

Algorithms must meet regulatory standards of clinical benefit

Summary

Artificial intelligence (AI) and increased computing power have long held the promise of improving prediction and prognostication in health care (1). Now, use of predictive analytics and AI in medicine, though with fits and starts, is transitioning from hype to reality: Several commercial algorithms have received regulatory approval for broad clinical use. But the barrier for entry of new advanced algorithms has been low. To unlock the potential of advanced analytics while protecting patient safety, regulatory and professional bodies should ensure that advanced algorithms meet accepted standards of clinical benefit, just as they do for clinical therapeutics and predictive biomarkers. External validation and prospective testing of advanced algorithms are clearly needed (2), but recent regulatory clearances raise concerns over the rigor of this process. Given these concerns, we propose five standards to guide regulation of devices based on predictive analytics and AI. Although well-established research standards, such as the TRIPOD Checklist, exist for developing and validating multivariable prediction models in medicine (3), our standards provide regulatory guidance for such algorithms prior to implementation in clinical settings.

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 20 February 2019

:: On 19 February, the 20th IHR Emergency Committee including members, advisers, and invited Member States convened to discuss the status of international spread of poliovirus. **The Committee unanimously agreed that the risk of polio spread continues to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) and proposed an extension of Temporary Recommendations for an additional three months.** The recommendations come amid outbreak notification of cVDPV1 and cVDPV2 in Indonesia and Mozambique respectively. The official WHO Statement and the Temporary Recommendations will be issued shortly. *[Full statement not yet posted]*

:: The GPEI has developed the Global Polio Surveillance Action Plan 2018-2020, incorporating newer strategies and innovations to help endemic, outbreak and high-risk countries measure and enhance sensitivity of their surveillance systems. Read more [here](#).

:: **WHO is seeking input on draft guidance for managing human exposure to live polioviruses in facilities such as labs and vaccine plants.** The document is open for public comment and WHO is particularly seeking feedback from national authorities for containment and others working in public health.

Summary of new viruses this week:

:: **Afghanistan** — one case of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) and four WPV1-positive environmental samples;

:: **Pakistan** – two cases of WPV1 and four WPV1-positive environmental samples.

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Editor's Note:

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

WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 23 Feb 2019]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: :: 29: Situation report on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu 19 February 2019

:: DONS - Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of the Congo 21 February 2019

Bangladesh - Rohingya crisis

:: Bi-weekly Situation Report 3 - 14 February 2019

...Immunization

Vaccination at Registration Post: Three vaccination posts have been established in camp 7, camp 17 and 26 with the support of UNHCR to provide immunization service to newborn eligible for birth registration under family head count. The activity started in Teknaf in Sep 2018 and in Ukhia (camp 7 and 17) in Feb 2019. Immunization activities are offered for 5 days a week.

Health worker immunization: Two vaccinations post are providing immunization to health care workers on weekly basis to humanitarian workers in camps. To-date 1,753 Td doses have been administered to health workers.

VPD Surveillance: 3 AFP cases have been investigated in 2019 with result still pending. Out of 88 suspected measles cases in 2019, 53 patients (42%) have been investigated through Case Report Form.

South Sudan

:: WHO provides lifesaving health care services to displaced populations and host communities in 22 locations in South Sudan 18 February 2019

Myanmar - *No new digest announcements identified*

Nigeria - *No new digest announcements identified*

Somalia - *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 23 Feb 2019]

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*

Iraq - *No new digest announcements identified*

Libya - *No new digest announcements identified*

MERS-CoV - *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 23 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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UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies

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

Syrian Arab Republic

:: Humanitarian Update Syrian Arab Republic - Issue 01 | 19 February 2019

FIGURES

- . People in need of humanitarian assistance 13M
- . People in acute need of humanitarian assistance 5.2M
- . Internally displaced people (as of August) 6.2M
- . Returnees (January – December 2018) 1.4 M
- . People in need in UN-declared hard-to-reach areas 1.1M

HRP 2018 FUNDING

- . 3.36 billion requested (US\$)
- . 64.9% funded

Yemen - *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

:: Ethiopia Humanitarian Bulletin Issue #3 | 04-17 February 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

- . Over 45,000 IDPs in need of urgent humanitarian assistance in Central Gondar.
- . The level of humanitarian needs in 2019 expected to remain similar to 2018.
- . UNHCR notes spontaneous movement of South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia.

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 23 Feb 2019]

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

21 February 2019

SC/13709

Central African Republic Still Needs Robust International Support amid Precarious Humanitarian Situation, Special representative Tells Security Council

Amid a precarious humanitarian situation, the Central African Republic needs robust international support now more than ever before, as the country edges towards peace after the signing of a new peace agreement, the Secretary-General's Special Representative and other senior United Nations and international officials told the Security Council today.

20 February 2019

SC/13707

Rising Extremism Risks Eroding Viability of Two-State Solution, Top Official Warns Security Council, Stressing Need for Leadership, Political Will

The Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process called today for leadership and political will among both Israelis and Palestinians, warning that rising extremism and the risk of war are eroding the viability of a two-State solution to the conflict.

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Top News

[Press briefing notes on Nicaragua](#)

[Press briefing notes on Egypt](#)

[Press briefing notes on Mexico](#)

[Croatia must act now to end violence and abuse against women in reproductive health procedures, say UN experts](#)

[Bachelet concerned about criminalization of dissent in Nicaragua](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 23 Feb 2019]

https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/NewsSearch.aspx?NTID=PRS&MID=HR_COUNCIL
22/02/2019

[Human Rights Council Advisory Committee concludes its twenty-second session](#)

[Human Rights Council to hold its fortieth regular session from 25 February to 22 March 2019](#)

21/02/2019

[Outraged by renewed fighting and continuing human rights violations in South Sudan, UN Human Rights Experts urge all parties to stop conflict, end impunity and respect provisions of the revitalized peace agreement](#)

20/02/2019

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Latest News

[Iran must halt execution of child offender, say UN human rights experts](#)

21 February 2019

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 23 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 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

SRSR/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 23 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 23 Feb 2019]

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

22 February 2019

[Croatia must act now to end violence and abuse against women in reproductive health procedures, say UN experts](#)

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 23 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 23 Feb 2019]

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

21 February 2019

[Indonesia: UN experts condemn racism and police violence against Papuans, and use of snake against arrested boy](#)

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 23 Feb 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases [as presented on webpage]

22 February 2019

[Nine civilians are killed and at least 13 injured in attacks in Hodeidah and Hajjah](#)

22 February 2019

[South Sudan Humanitarian Coordinator Leads High-Level Mission to Yei.](#)

21 February 2019

[Urgent support needed to respond to Humanitarian Needs in Cameroon](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

Press release

[Increasing number of people face severe food shortages in South Sudan](#)

Joint UNFAO, UNICEF, WFP Press Release
22/02/2019

Statement

[Redeployment agreement from Hudaydah welcome – calls to bring positive change for children](#)

Statement by Geert Cappelaere, UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa
20/02/2019

Statement

[Central African Republic peace agreement brings hope to millions of children](#)

Statement attributable to UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore
18/02/2019

Statement

[UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore's remarks at Munich Security Conference: Town Hall Event: "Update on Ebola in the DRC & Beyond"](#)

Munich, Germany, 16 February 2019 -

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Briefing notes

[Less than 5 per cent of global refugee resettlement needs met last year](#) 19 Feb 2019

Press releases and news comments

[Venezuelan outflow continues unabated, stands now at 3.4 million](#) 22 Feb 2019

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Selected Announcements

[Venezuelan Outflow Continues Unabated, Population Abroad Now Stands at 3.4 Million](#)

2019-02-22 17:20

Geneva – The number of refugees and migrants from Venezuela worldwide now stands at 3.4 million, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and IOM announced today.

[Latest Voluntary Humanitarian Return Charter from Libya Brings Total Returnees to Over 40,000 Since 2015](#)

2019-02-22 17:18

Sabha – More than 160 Nigerian migrants stranded in Libya safely returned home to Nigeria yesterday (21/02) on the second IOM Voluntary Humanitarian Return charter this year.

[Building States' Capacity to Manage Legal Identity – Focus on e-Passports, Public Key Infrastructure](#)

2019-02-22 16:59

Luxembourg – In a world increasingly on the move, technology races to efficiently support the daily management of departures and arrivals of millions of individuals at airports, seaports and land borders.

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 8,269 in 2019; Deaths Reach 221

2019-02-22 16:50

Geneva – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) reports that 8,269 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea through 20 February, a 15 per cent decrease from the 9,765 arriving during the same period last year.

UNAIDS [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

22 February 2019

Faith-based organizations: essential partners in the AIDS response for migrants

20 February 2019

Tanzanian and South African experts exchange expertise

19 February 2019

HIV testing campaign brings the community together in Bangui

18 February 2019

We need action on human rights

WHO & Regional Offices [to 23 Feb 2019]

21 February 2019

Nationwide measles and rubella immunization campaign reaches 11.6 million children in Yemen

20 February 2019

News Release

Countries are spending more on health, but people are still paying too much out of their own pockets

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: Kenya now eliminates maternal and neonatal tetanus 22 February 2019

:: Zambian Government commits to ending cholera by 2025 22 February 2019

:: Community informants yield results in surveillance for suspected polio in hard-to-reach areas

22 February 2019

:: WHO and Uganda Red Cross society sign agreement to strengthen Ebola screening at Points of Entry between Uganda and DRC 21 February 2019

:: New Minister of Health recommits government to end Hepatitis E Outbreak 20 February 2019

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

- No new digest announcements identified.

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

- No new digest announcements identified.

WHO European Region EURO

:: Summits give citizens a voice in creating sustainable health policy 22-02-2019

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: Improving access to health care in Yemen 19 February 2019

WHO Western Pacific Region

- No new digest announcements identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

US\$180m programme launched on mining sector

Urgent action is needed to protect millions of men, women and children exposed to toxic levels of mercury through gold production every year, according to the supporters of a new \$180-million...

Posted on February 18, 2019

[See Week in Review above for detail]

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 23 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 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

22 February 2019, New York

[60 is the new 50: Rethinking ageing in the SDGs era](#)

...According to statistics from UN DESA's World Population Prospects, new 60-year-olds in high-income countries can expect to live at least another 25 years. As recently as in the 1950s, this was true of 50-year-olds.

All societies in the world are in the midst of this longevity revolution – some are at its earlier stages and some are more advanced. But all will pass through this extraordinary transition, in which survival to age 60 changes from a flip-of-the-coin, 50-50 chance – as was the case in Sweden in the 1880s – to a near certainty at present. What is more, the proportion of adult life spent beyond age 60 increases from less than a quarter to a third or more in most developed countries...

[World Youth Report: Addressing the complex challenges facing young people today](#)

20 February 2019, New York

[See Week in Review above for detail]

UNESCO [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

22 February 2019

[Discover the new Right to Education handbook](#)

Education is a fundamental human right of every woman, man and child. However, millions are still deprived of educational opportunities every day, many as a result of social, cultural and economic factors.

UNESCO and the [Right to Education Initiative](#) (link is external) (RTE) recently released the [Right to education handbook](#), a key tool for those seeking to understand and advance that right. It is also an important reference for people working towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 4 by offering guidance on how to leverage legal commitment to the right to education...

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 23 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 23 Feb 2019]

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

Posted February 19, 2019

[UN-Habitat Sudan receives USD 700,000 from Japan to support peaceful IDP returns to South Darfur, Sudan](#)

Khartoum, 17 February 2019 – The Government of Japan has pledged USD 700,000 for the Emergency Support to IDP Return in Alsalam Locality, South Darfur State project for a period of one year starting from March 2019....

[A new city classification method shows Southern African countries more urbanized than thought](#)

LUSAKA, January 2019 – Countries in Southern Africa define their urban or rural areas in diverse ways. Current approaches use criteria such as population size and density, administrative functions, economic purpose and political delineations. This significantly affects...

Posted February 18, 2019

[Global Alliance for Urban Crises launches knowledge products at Humanitarian Networking and Partnerships Week 2019](#)

Geneva, Switzerland, February 2019 – The Global Alliance for Urban Crises officially launched a series of knowledge products at Humanitarian Networking and Partnerships Week 2019 in Geneva. The products were produced by multi-constituency Alliance Working Groups, and...

Posted February 18, 2019

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

21-12-2018

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

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

[See Week in Review above for detail]

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

The UN General Assembly approved three new resolutions creating these awareness-raising initiatives, focused on plant health, food safety and pulses.
20-12-2018

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

The donation will enable FAO to support 60,000 vulnerable households in the area of Aleppo, who were severely impacted by the crisis, to restore their production capacity and improve their food security and nutrition.
19-12-2018

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

The Declaration, which the General Assembly adopted on 17 December 2018, aims to protect the rights of all rural populations including peasants, agricultural and rural workers and indigenous peoples, while also recognizing their contribution to sustainable development and biodiversity and the challenges they face.
18-12-2018

ILO International Labour Organization [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

ILO100

[Rules to work by](#)

18 February 2019

They keep you safe at work and make sure you have time off. They are critical in battling modern-day slavery and child labour. The rules that govern the world of work play a huge role in our everyday lives. For 100 years, the ILO has been setting the international standards that underpin national labour laws. Explore the latest chapter of our interactive, multimedia Centenary website to find out more.

International Labour Standards

[Countries urged to ratify labour conventions](#)

18 February 2019

To mark its Centenary the International Labour Organization is calling on governments to ratify at least one international labour standard in 2019.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

By Clare Naden on 22 February 2019

Breaking new ground with better innovation management

Essential for business success, innovation is about keeping up with the competition through new products, services or ways of doing things. A new series of International Standards helps organizations maximize their innovation management processes and get the best out of all their bright ideas...

The new ISO 56000 series of International Standards is aimed at providing organizations with guidelines and processes that enable them to get the most out of their innovation projects. [ISO 56003](#), Innovation management – Tools and methods for innovation partnership – Guidance, provides a structured approach for organizations looking to enter into an innovation partnership with another organization. It helps them not only decide if collaborating with other organizations on their innovation project is worthwhile, but how to select the right partners, align partners and agree on a common understanding. It also gives guidance on how best to assign roles and responsibilities as well as put effective governance procedures in place.

Technical report [ISO/TR 56004](#), Innovation Management Assessment – Guidance, will help organizations effectively review their innovation management processes, so they can continually improve them and perform even better. In addition, the upcoming [ISO 56002](#), Innovation management – Innovation management system – Guidance, will offer directions for the development, implementation, maintenance and continual improvement of an actual innovation management system...

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

February 22, 2019

[The United States Airlifts Additional Humanitarian assistance to Cúcuta, Colombia, to Help Venezuelans in Need](#)

Fact Sheet

This week, the United States airlifted additional humanitarian assistance to Colombia 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.

[United States and Laos Launch New Intellectual Property Web Portal](#)

February 21, 2019

On February 20, 2019 the United States and Lao governments officially launched an intellectual property web portal at the Ministry of Science and Technology in Vientiane.

DFID [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases

[UK to invest up to £30m through partnership with African Union](#)

21 February 2019 DFID and FCO Press release

[Penny Mordaunt: the Rohingya crisis must not be forgotten](#)

19 February 2019 DFID Press release

[New UK support to help improve tax systems in developing countries](#)

19 February 2019 DFID Press release

[UK aid protecting women from trafficking in Burma – and helping them into jobs](#)

18 February 2019 DFID Press release

ECHO [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

20/02/2019

[EU commits additional €50 million in humanitarian aid and development cooperation for Iraq](#)

The EU has announced an additional €30 million in humanitarian assistance. Another €20 million in development funding will contribute to the reconstruction of the country's cultural heritage, as well as the creation of jobs and opportunities for...

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African Union [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

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No new digest content identified.*

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

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ASEAN think-tanks meet to discuss achieving ASEAN Vision and ASCC Blueprint 2025

JAKARTA, 22 February 2019 - Researchers from ASEAN-based think-tanks and academic institutions met at the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) yesterday to exchange views and generate ideas on achieving the objectives of ASEAN Vision 2025 and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint 2025, as well as on the raising of ASEAN Awareness in the region. The First [...]

European Commission [to 23 Feb 2019]

<http://europa.eu/rapid/search-result.htm?query=18&locale=en&page=122/02/2019>

EU monitoring mission evaluates progress on human rights and labour rights in Myanmar

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 22 February 2019 A high-level mission of the European Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) returned this week (18-22 February 2019) to Myanmar as part of a broader engagement under the EU's Everything But Arms (EBA) trade preferences scheme.

Iraq: EU announces additional €50 million in humanitarian aid and development cooperation

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 20 February 2019 The EU has announced an additional €30 million in humanitarian assistance. Another €20 million in development funding will contribute to the reconstruction of the country's cultural heritage, as well as the creation of jobs and opportunities for vulnerable youth.

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.

OECD [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

February 15, 2019

Statement by the OAS General Secretariat on Nicaragua

Yesterday, a delegation from the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States was present in Managua at the initiative of the Government of Nicaragua with the purpose of holding exploratory talks regarding the situation in the country.

In the context of the corresponding legal mandates and instruments, the delegation of the OAS General Secretariat proposed the release of political prisoners, the need for progress in the electoral political process and the importance of considering the recommendations of the Inter-American System, among other aspects.

The positions of the Government of Nicaragua on the aforementioned points were received. In this regard, the Government of Nicaragua stated that, in its opinion, the detainees have been subjected to due process and announced its intention to strengthen the electoral political process by 2021 within the framework of the Constitution and the law.

In this regard, the General Secretariat will wait in the event of being able to continue negotiations within the framework of the agenda proposed by the General Secretariat, and it was agreed to maintain a communication channel for this purpose.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 23 Feb 2019]

<https://www.oic-oci.org/home/?lan=en>
21/02/2019

Humanitarian Assistance by OIC Member States Remains Under-reported

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has observed that the actual humanitarian assistance provided by the OIC Member States is much greater than what is reflected in the global statistics, data, and information on humanitarian assistance....

18/02/2019

OIC Condemns Israel's Decision to Confiscate the Salaries of Martyred, Imprisoned and Wounded Palestinians

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) condemned the decision of the Israeli occupation authorities to deduct the allowances of the families of martyred, imprisoned and wounded Palestinians from the Palestinian tax revenues and considered this action to be an act of piracy and collective punishment for the Palestinian people. It also constitutes a violation of international law and Israel commitments under signed conventions....

Group of 77 [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Remarks on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Ambassador Riyad Mansour (State of Palestine), Chair of the Group of 77, at the Fourth Informal Consultations on the Draft Outcome Document of the Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation - BAPA + 40 (New York, 19 February 2019)

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UNCTAD [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

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No new digest content identified.*

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

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20 February 2019

[UN appreciates WCO contribution to SDGs, Security, and Protection of Cultural Heritage](#)

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

22 February 2019

[DG Azevêdo: EU leadership vital to strengthening trading system](#)

Addressing a meeting of European Union trade ministers in Bucharest, Romania, on 21 February 2019, Director-General Roberto Azevêdo welcomed the EU's engagement in the conversations aimed at strengthening the WTO and called for their continued leadership to help address some of the key challenges in global trade, including current trade tensions and the impasse in the WTO's dispute settlement system.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 23 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 23 Feb 2019]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

Press Release 18 February 2019

[ICC Prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, participates in the Munich Security Conference: "The 21st century must increasingly cultivate global norms against impunity for atrocity crimes as a key component of national and global security"](#)

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World Bank [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

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[Fact Sheet: The World Bank Support to the 10th Ebola Outbreak in Democratic Republic of Congo](#)

CONTEXT Since August 1, 2018, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has been fighting its 10th Ebola outbreak in the North Kivu and Ituri provinces bordering Uganda, South Sudan and Rwanda. The...

Date: February 22, 2019 Type: Brief

[Agriculture leaders imagine the future of food in Latin America and the Caribbean Region](#)

The World Bank leads an initiative that seeks to ensure that agriculture and food systems in LAC deliver inclusive growth, create jobs, and help feed some of the world population in a sustainable...

Date: February 21, 2019 Type: Press Release

[Price Tag for Sustainable Infrastructure Spending in Developing Countries is 4.5% of GDP](#)

WASHINGTON, February 19, 2019 — A new World Bank report finds that investments of 4.5 percent of GDP will allow developing countries achieve their infrastructure-related Sustainable Development Goals and...

Date: February 19, 2019 Type: Press Release

[The Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility approves up to US\\$ 20 million contribution to Ebola response in the Democratic Republic of Congo](#)

On February 19, 2019, the Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility (PEF) Steering Body approved a request from the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) for \$20 million from the Cash Window...

Date: February 19, 2019 Type: Statement

IMF [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

African Development Bank Group [to 23 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]

21/02/2019

[African Union: Fashionomics Africa supports launch of Pan-African Fashion initiative](#)

The Fashionomics Africa initiative of the African Development Bank, together with the African Union, the AfroChampions initiative, and other institutional partners and private operators, launched the Pan-African Fashion initiative on 9 February during the recent AU meetings in Addis Ababa.

Asian Development Bank [to 23 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]

20 Feb 2019

[ADB Joins Partnership to Promote Women in South Asia Energy Industry](#)

ADB is partnering in a new professional network launched today in Kathmandu to promote more female practitioners in South Asia's energy and power sector.

19 Feb 2019

[ADB Needs to Leverage Private Sector Support to Address Challenges in Agriculture and Food Security in Asia: Independent Evaluation](#)

ADB, as part of its new Strategy 2030, is well-poised to contribute more significantly to the agriculture, natural resources, and rural development sector in Asia and the Pacific.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

19 FEB 2019

[IFAD and Egypt to promote resilience in desert environments with a US\\$81 million investment](#)

Rome, 19 February 2019 – The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Egypt signed a financing agreement today to reduce poverty and enhance food and nutrition security by sustainably improving incomes and resilient livelihoods for 450,000 rural people in the Matrouh Governorate.

The agreement for the Promoting Resilience in Desert Environments (PRIDE) project was signed by Gilbert F. Hounqbo, President of IFAD, and Sahar Nasr, Minister of Investment and International Cooperation, Egypt.

The total cost of the project is US\$81.6 million, including a \$61.9 million loan and a \$1 million grant from IFAD. The government will contribute \$14 million and the private sector will make up the difference...

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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 23 Feb 2019]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

2018-10-18

[DRC: ALIMA scales up response during “second wave” of Ebola outbreak](#)

Amref Health Africa [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Latest

No new digest content identified.

CARE International [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

21st Feb 2019

[Climate Change plays major role in top 10 underreported humanitarian crises of 2018, shows new report by CARE International](#)

While media turns a blind eye to humanitarian catastrophes, climate change will not wait.

21st Feb 2019

[CARE Report Ranks Top 10 Under-Reported Humanitarian Crises of 2018](#)

“Suffering In Silence” highlights humanitarian crises that made the fewest headlines based on analysis of global media coverage., including: Typhoon Mangkhut in the Philippines, food insecurity in Madagascar, and conflict in Ethiopia. The food crisis in Haiti ranks n° 1.

Clubhouse International [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

February 18, 2019

[Sad Announcement: Passing of Board Member Mark Lanier](#)

Danish Refugee Council [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

News & Updates

[Albanian Parliament to consider new youth law drafted by ECPAT member](#)

Albania is one of few countries in the region that still does not have a Youth Law in place.

21/02/2019

ECPAT member [Children's Human Rights Centre of Albania](#) and the [Albanian National Youth Network](#) have worked together to write a whole host of changes to public policies for children and young people in Albania, compiled under the new draft Youth Law. The Albanian Parliament will start to review the draft legislation within a week, leaving many in the country hoping that things will finally change in terms of children's rights....

Fountain House [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[ICRC, NBC Left Field explore plight of families of missing migrants in new series](#)

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and NBC News have teamed up for the first time to explore the devastating human toll on the global migration issue. The five-episode series, entitled, *The Missing*, premieres this week.

19-02-2019 / *News release*

IFRC [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Press Releases

Americas, Haiti

[Red Cross releases emergency funds after violence rocks Haiti](#)

Panama/Geneva, 20 February 2019 – More than 320,000 Swiss francs have been released from an International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) emergency fund to help the Haiti Red Cross Society respond to violent civil unrest in th ...

20 February 2019

Asia Pacific, Bangladesh

[Cox's Bazar: Nearly 600,000 people "worryingly exposed" ahead of coming cyclone seasons](#)

An estimated 574,000 people in camps close to Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar face the coming cyclone seasons with only rotting bamboo and shredding plastic to protect them, warns the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

18 February 2019

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Press Release

[IRC: Desperation growing in Venezuela and Colombia, women and girls vulnerable, urgent action needed](#)

February 23, 2019

Press Release

[Girl Rising Unites with International Rescue Committee, Citi, HP and Amplifier to Launch Film Campaign to Raise Awareness and Support for Refugee Girls](#)

February 19, 2019

IRCT [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Press Releases 18 Feb 2019

[IRCT Council to advance standards of service for torture victim](#)

The International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) will hold its 2019 annual meeting in Budapest on 21 and 22 February 2019, making it the second time that the IRCT holds a Council Meeting in Hungary.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Latest News

[Helping families who have escaped slavery in Mali](#)

Published: 21 February, 2019

[Balochistan people tell of their fight to survive drought](#)

Published: 20 February, 2019

[Urgent drought response launched in Somaliland and Kenya](#)

Published: 19 February, 2019

[Boats bring healthcare in remote Myanmar](#)

Published: 19 February, 2019

[Landmark final consultation on Gender Justice Declaration](#)

Published: 18 February, 2019

Landsea [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

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

Nauru

[Nauru | Concerns over reopening Christmas Island detention centre](#)

MSF Australia. 21 Feb 2019

Central African Republic

[Unprotected: Report on violence and lack of protection for civili...](#)

Report 19 Feb 2019

Mercy Corps [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Colombia February 20, 2019

[Mercy Corps Statement On The Politicization Of U.S. Aid To Venezuela](#)

Statement by Provash Budden, Americas Regional Director, Mercy Corps

It is regrettable that aid has become a pawn in the political chess match between the governments of the United States and Venezuela. Aid should never be used as political bait – both the people who need it and those who risk their lives to deliver it deserve better.

We support any increase in humanitarian access and resources to help turn the tide against massive human suffering in Venezuela. Should aid make it into Venezuela, it is critical that local, impartial humanitarian groups distribute it to the people who need it most – including children, the sick, the elderly and the most impoverished. Decisions around who receives aid, and in which locations, must not be influenced or controlled by security forces or political actors. Those decisions instead should be guided by the level of need and must not put the people receiving it or distributing it in danger. No government should put humanitarian organizations in a position where they have to consider compromising fundamental humanitarian principles or safety to help people who desperately need it.

Operation Smile [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Program Schedule

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

OXFAM [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Selected News/Announcements

More than 80 INGOs call on Israel to halt actions to forcibly transfer Palestinian family

22 February 2019

The family has lived in their Sheikh Jarrah home for more than 60 years.

Conflict, poverty and hunger driving child marriage in South Sudan

18 February 2019

Another generation of girls in South Sudan will miss out on an education, face huge health risks in childbirth and are more likely to face sexual and domestic violence, if efforts to end child marriage are not stepped up.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Latest news from NRC

725,000 people face hunger following drought in Somaliland

Published 22. Feb 2019|Edited 21. Feb 2019

Severe lack of rain has worsened the drought in parts of Somaliland leaving 725,000 people at risk of hunger and in urgent need of humanitarian support.

A clean drop in the ocean: Working in Iraq's worst health crisis

Helin Moayed Baker|Published 19. Feb 2019

Last summer, the Iraqi southern governorate of Basra witnessed waves of protests when its citizens appealed for better access to services. The water's contamination levels rocketed and clean water became inaccessible to many of the governorate's households.

Pact [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

News

Feb 21, 2019

[PIH Staff: 'Haiti Under Siege' as Medical Crisis Intensifies](#)

PIH leaders in Haiti say staff have been held at gunpoint and a PIH vehicle has been stolen as nurses and doctors face "overwhelming challenges" to reach health facilities amid ongoing civil unrest.

Feb 20, 2019

[Working in Global Health: Gabriela Sarriera on Grassroots Activism](#)

Gabriela Sarriera, interim manager of grassroots strategy at Partner In Health, discusses how she came to work in global health, her path within PIH, and her plans for the future.

PATH [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Thursday 21 February 2019

[More than 2,500 foreign children are living in camps in North-East Syria](#)

AMMAN - More than 2,500 children from more than 30 countries are living in three camps for people displaced in North-East Syria, Save the Children revealed today. They include 38 who are unaccompanied, according to the agency, which is urging the international community to take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of all the children.

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

All News

Leaving care

[Moving on is not always easy](#)

21.02.2019 - In the second phase of the "Prepare for Leaving Care" project, SOS Children's Villages International and its partners will expand into new countries to help more care leavers on the road to independence.

Côte d'Ivoire

[A weight lifted from their shoulders](#)

19.02.2019 - 'Tantie bagage' is a widespread child labour practice in Côte d'Ivoire in which mostly young girls carry heavy loads to earn money to support their families or help pay for school. An SOS Children's Villages project gives these girls the chance to trade child labour for an education.

Tostan [to 23 Feb 2019]

<http://www.tostan.org>

Feb 21, 2019

[Peace and Security project in The Gambia: Mamadou's Story](#)

Since May 2018, Tostan has been implementing the Peace and Security Project in 40 communities in the border zone covering The Gambia, southern Senegal and Guinea-Bissau. These 40 communities have previously taken part in the Community Empowerment Program.

Women for Women International [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Article February 20, 2019

By: Elizabeth Winter

[Common bonds: connecting with the Women for Women International sisters of Nigeria](#)

World Vision [to 23 Feb 2019]

<http://wvi.org/>

Friday, February 22nd 2019

[Venezuela's children should not be used as 'political leverage' says World Vision](#)

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Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR [to 23 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 23 Feb 2019]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

Press Releases

[Nicaragua: Farmworker Leaders Sentenced to Steep Prison Terms for Protests](#)

February 21, 2019

Nicaragua's authoritarian regime continues to stifle opposition as a judge gives hefty prison sentences to three key farmworker leaders for their participation in peaceful anti-government protests.

Press Releases

Turkey: Shocking Indictment against Civil Society

February 20, 2019

Turkish prosecutors have just announced the indictment of 16 civil society leaders in connection with the 2013 Gezi Park protests.

Human Rights Watch [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Latest News [selected]

Rwanda: A Year On, No Justice for Refugee Killings

February 23, 2019 Commentary

Thermo Fisher's Necessary, But Insufficient, Step in China

February 22, 2019 Dispatches

US Supreme Court Rules Unanimously Against Excessive Fines

February 22, 2019 Commentary

Saudi Arms Sales Put UK On the Wrong Side of The Law

February 21, 2019 News Release

Transparency International [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

20 Feb 2019

Danske Bank scandal needs full accountability, not scapegoating

- The European Banking Authority's decision to investigate the Danish and Estonian financial supervisory authorities concerning their work over Danske Bank is a welcome step.

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Bond [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

21 February 2019

UK's influence at UN would be in freefall post-Brexit if not for 0.7%

The UN Association warns that the UK faces challenges in maintaining its influence once it has exited the EU, but highlights the importance of the 0.7% aid commitment to the UK's position.

21 February 2019

21 February 2019

4 tips for developing a USAID proposal

Securing funds from the US government's development agency can be time-consuming and competitive, so it's good to be prepared before bidding.

Mike Shanley

ChildFund Alliance [to 23 Feb 2019]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Feb 18, 2019 |

[Beyond sheer Scenarios : How to shape an Overarching Sustainable Europe 2030 Strategy](#)

In the wake of the European Commission's newly launched Reflection Paper on Sustainable Development, CONCORD asks current and future EU leaders to adopt an overarching SDG strategy.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

22 February 2019

[Typhoid vaccination campaign to tackle outbreak in Zimbabwe](#)

Geneva, 22 February 2019 – A major typhoid vaccination campaign begins today in Harare to tackle a drug-resistant outbreak of the disease.

The campaign aims to vaccinate 325,000 people in nine suburbs of Zimbabwe's capital. It will be the first campaign in Africa to use a new typhoid conjugate vaccine (TCV) which, unlike other typhoid vaccines, can be administered to young children and has long-lasting immunity.

This is the second wave of a major typhoid outbreak in Harare which first began in October 2017. This second wave began in September 2018 and has so far resulted in 1,810 cases and two deaths.

Around one in five cases in Harare are estimated to be resistant to the antibiotic ciprofloxacin – the first line of defence against the disease – with an alarming 73% resistance reported in certain areas. With drug resistant genes circulating, there is a risk that resistance could grow.

"While typhoid vaccines have existed for over a century, previously they could only offer short term protection and couldn't be used to protect those most vulnerable to this severe disease: young children," said Dr Seth Berkley, CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. "These new conjugate vaccines will be a game-changer, not only in the battle against typhoid but also in the global effort to tackle drug resistance. The fact that they are now ready to be used to contain this devastating outbreak in Zimbabwe is fantastic news."...

Global Fund [to 23 Feb 2019]
<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/>
No new digest content identified.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 23 Feb 2019]
<http://prizecoalition.charity.org/>
No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 23 Feb 2019]
<https://icvanetwork.org/>
Latest resources
[Scoping study: civil society space in humanitarian action](#)
November, 2018

[ICVA Annual Conference 2019: Agenda](#)
February, 2019

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 23 Feb 2019]
<http://www.ineesite.org/en/news>
No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 23 Feb 2019]
<http://www.interaction.org/>
No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 23 Feb 2019]
<https://startnetwork.org/news-and-blogs>
No new digest content identified.

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 23 Feb 2019]
<http://www.3ieimpact.org/>
Replication paper 3ie 2019
[Risk sharing and transaction costs: a replication study of evidence from Kenya's mobile money revolution](#)

This replication study starts with the twin strategies of push-button and pure replications of the original study. It then followed this up with various consistency and robustness checks, such as propensity score matching and the Tobit model specification.

Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

21 Feb 2019 *Data use*

[DI to support Nepal's first Women in Data conference](#)

The Data for Development (D4D) in Nepal programme, implemented by The Asia Foundation in partnership with Development Initiatives (DI), will host Nepal's inaugural Women in Data conference on 23 February.

News

EHLRA/R2HC [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 23 Feb 2019]

<https://ihsa.info/>

No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 23 Feb 2019]

<https://phap.org/>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

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Brookings

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

Accessed 23 Feb 2019

Latest Research

Report

[New financial stability governance structures and central banks](#)

Rochelle M. Edge and Nellie Liang

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Health Care Policy

[State approaches to mitigating surprise out-of-network billing](#)

Loren Adler, Matthew Fiedler, Paul B. Ginsburg, Mark Hall, Erin Trish, Christen Linke Young, and Erin Duffy

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Center for Global Development [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

CSIS [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Selected Reports

Report

[CSIS European Trilateral Track 2 Nuclear Dialogues](#)

February 22, 2019 CSIS in partnership with the Royal United Services Institute and the Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique organized the European Trilateral Track 2 Nuclear Dialogues in 2018. The consensus statement is now available.

ODI [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

No new digest content identified.

Urban Institute [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

February 22, 2019

[Apprenticeship and the Justice System](#)

The number of people in prison beginning an apprenticeship has more than tripled between 2000 and 2016. Apprenticeship programs provide people in prison with a meaningful training experience that is potentially valuable after release. This brief draws on interviews and data analysis to explore how registered apprenticeship programs operate in federal and state correctional institutions. Our findings suggest that prisons can

Ian Hecker, Daniel Kuehn

February 22, 2019
Brief

[Rapid Growth in Medicaid Spending and Prescriptions to Treat Opioid Use Disorder and Opioid Overdose from 2010 to 2017](#)

Prescriptions and spending on Medicaid-covered medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD) and opioid overdose increased dramatically between 2010 and 2017, based on data through the fourth quarter of 2017. The largest increases occurred after 2014. Yet opioid-related death rates remain high, suggesting that treatment rates for OUD and opioid overdose remain low and are not meeting demand, even among Medicaid

[Lisa Clemans-Cope](#), [Marni Epstein](#), [Victoria Lynch](#), [Emma Winiski](#)

February 21, 2019
Brief

[Social Media Guidebook for Law Enforcement Agencies](#)

Social media can be a valuable tool for law enforcement agencies to disseminate information to the public and gauge community sentiment regarding agency policies and practices. We conducted a survey of law enforcement agencies and collected Twitter data from survey respondents to examine how law enforcement agencies currently use social media. Drawing from these data sources, this guidebook describes the importance of

[Emily Tiry](#), [Ashlin Oglesby-Neal](#), [KiDeuk Kim](#)

February 19, 2019
Brief

[Law Enforcement Social Media Policies](#)

Many law enforcement agencies across the country use social media to disseminate information and engage the communities they serve. To ensure that a department has a clear vision for its social media use and effectively pursues that vision in practice, it is important to develop and regularly update social media policy and guidelines. As part of a survey of law enforcement use of social media, we collected agency social media

[Ashlin Oglesby-Neal](#), [Chloe Warnberg](#)

February 19, 2019
Brief

[Public Perceptions of Police on Social Media](#)

The millions of tweets shared on Twitter daily are a rich resource of public sentiment on countless topics. In the wake of highly publicized officer-involved shootings, many people take to social media to express their opinions, both positive and negative, of the police. We collected millions of public tweets and employed machine learning to explore whether we can measure public sentiment toward the police. Specifically, we

[Ashlin Oglesby-Neal](#), [Emily Tiry](#), [KiDeuk Kim](#)

February 19, 2019
Brief

[Toward an Accurate Count of Low-Income Students](#)

Erica Greenberg submitted testimony to the Connecticut General Assembly's Black and Puerto Rican Caucus outlining the reasons the state might consider changing how it counts low-income students for

funding purposes. Her testimony explains why existing measures of student poverty are becoming less useful and provides an overview of a possible solution.

[Erica Greenberg](#)

February 19, 2019

Testimony

[Harnessing the Power of Open Data for Children and Families](#)

Child advocacy organizations have proven the value of using data to make the case for policies and programs to improve the lives of children and families. Many state governments have also embraced the open data movement by using data portals to promote government transparency and increase data access. Child advocacy organizations and state governments can leverage open data to improve the lives of children and families. This

[Kathryn L.S. Pettit](#), [Rob Pitingolo](#)

February 19, 2019

Brief

[The Potential for Catalyzing Community Criminal Justice Reform with Data](#)

Local data intermediaries, like the members of the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership (NNIP), have a track record of working with neighborhoods and across sectors to tackle community issues, and are well positioned to bolster criminal justice reform efforts. In a network survey, NNIP Partners identified community interests and needs across the span of criminal justice issues, with disparities in policing and

[Dean Obermark](#), [Kathryn L.S. Pettit](#)

February 18, 2019

Fact Sheet

[Implications of Senate Bill 5526 for Employer-Sponsored Insurance](#)

Linda J. Blumberg, Institute Fellow in the Urban Institute's Health Policy Center, testified before the Health and Long Term Care Committee of the Washington State Senate. In her testimony, Blumberg discusses the potential implications of state Senate Bill 5526 for levels of employer sponsored insurance offers and coverage as well as the possibility of cost-shifting between the private nongroup insurance market and employer-

[Linda J. Blumberg](#)

February 18, 2019

Testimony

[Five Steps States Can Take to Advance Child Well-Being through Open Data](#)

Many state governments have embraced the open data movement by using data portals to promote government transparency and increase data access. At the same time, child advocacy organizations have proven the value of using government data to make the case for policies and programs to improve the lives of children and families. Even with these advances, there is still great opportunity for child advocacy organizations and state

[Kathryn L.S. Pettit](#), [Rob Pitingolo](#)

February 18, 2019

Fact Sheet

[Five Steps Child Advocates Can Take to Expand Access to State Data](#)

Child advocacy organizations have proven the value of using data to make the case for policies and programs to improve the lives of children and families. Data sharing and use have advanced over the past few years, but communities can still do more. Child advocacy organizations and state governments can leverage open data to improve the lives of children and families. This fact sheet outlines five actionable steps that child

[Kathryn L.S. Pettit](#), [Rob Pitingolo](#)

February 18, 2019

Fact Sheet

World Economic Forum [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Selected News Releases

[Risk of 'Stranded Nations' Highlights Need for Sovereign Wealth Funds to Prepare for the Age of Green Energy](#)

News 21 Feb 2019

- *Despite having huge financial reserves, many fossil-fuel-rich economies are at risk of becoming "stranded nations" as efforts ramp up to avoid the worst effects of climate change and transition away from fossil fuels*
- *With less than 0.2% of their \$8 trillion assets invested in green or renewable energies, the world's sovereign wealth funds have a powerful role to play in helping prepare economies for the impending energy transition*
- *With the global energy shift accelerating quickly, the time for resource-dependent economies to act is now*
- *Read the full report [here](#)*

[Closing the Loop: Meet the Pioneers Turning our Global Economy Circular](#)

News 21 Feb 2019

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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 23 Feb 2019]

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

News

[2 million-cell experiment traces how a mammal grows, cell by single cell](#)

February 20, 2019

Largest single-cell database of its kind sheds light on early mouse development, lays groundwork for understanding developmental diseases

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 23 Feb 2019]

<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Media-Center/Press-Releases>
No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 23 Feb 2019]
<http://www.aecf.org/newsroom/>
No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 23 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 23 Feb 2019]
<https://www.clintonfoundation.org/press-releases-and-statements>
Press Release February 20, 2019
[Chelsea Clinton leads Day of Action in New York City with Too Small To Fail, the National Diaper Bank Network, Penguin Young Readers, and The HopeLine](#)
Chelsea Clinton leads Day of Action in New York City with Too Small To Fail, the National Diaper Bank Network, Penguin Young Readers, and The HopeLine

Co Impact [to 23 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 23 Feb 2019]
<http://www.fordfoundation.org/?filter=News>
News 22 February 2019
[Ford Foundation elects Henry Ford III to Board of Trustees](#)
The Ford Foundation today announced the election of Henry Ford III to serve as a member of its Board of Trustees, marking the first time in more than 40 years that a member of the Ford family will occupy a board seat. Mr. Ford is the great-grandson of Edsel Ford, who created the Ford Foundation in 1936.

GHIT Fund [to 23 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 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Institute Feb 20 2019

[Ron Vale Named Next Executive Director of Janelia Research Campus and HHMI Vice President](#)

Vale, an HHMI investigator at the University of California, San Francisco, will serve as the second executive director of the Ashburn, Virginia-based biomedical research center.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

February 21, 2019 *News Release*

[The Real Cost of Health Care: Interactive Calculator Estimates Both Direct and Hidden Household Spending](#)

A new interactive tool from KFF estimates total household health spending for individuals and families in the U.S., including costs that are often less visible to consumers. Users can generate scenarios based on family size, income level, insurance source, and health status. In addition to estimating direct costs like deductibles...

February 21, 2019 *News Release*

["Partial" Medicaid Expansions Could Limit States' Spending But Cover Fewer People at a Higher Federal Cost Compared to Traditional ACA Expansions](#)

If states were able to receive enhanced Affordable Care Act matching funds for "partial" expansions of Medicaid, fewer people would get health coverage and the federal government would spend more,

compared to a traditional expansion under the law, KFF explains in a new brief. The explainer describes how a partial...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

18 February 2019

[**AKHS expands healthcare in Afghanistan's Bamyan and Badakhshan provinces**](#)

Kellogg Foundation [to 23 Feb 2019]

<https://www.wkcf.org/news-and-media>

Racial Equity Feb. 22, 2019

[**Fellows on the move and a 10 year journey**](#)

WKKF Headlines Feb. 19, 2019

[**W.K. Kellogg Foundation releases 2018 annual report**](#)

MacArthur Foundation [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

February 20, 2019 *Evaluations*

[**Evaluation of the MacArthur Foundation's Mexico Midwifery Initiative 2015-2018**](#)

February 20, 2019 *Grantee Research*

[**Strong Networks, Strong Communities**](#)

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundation [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

February 21, 2019

[Quantified Ventures Announces First Publicly-Issued Environmental Impact Bond For City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management](#)

\$14M Environmental Impact Bond, organized and supported by The Rockefeller Foundation, Quantified Ventures and Neighborly, aims to revitalize communities in the Proctor Creek Watershed area

ATLANTA –Quantified Ventures, the impact investment firm, and Neighborly, the mission-oriented broker dealer, announced today the issuance of the first impact bond to be offered on the public markets. The \$14M Environmental Impact Bond (EIB) gives the City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management (DWM), access to funding for innovative green infrastructure projects that will address critical flooding and water quality issues, reduce stormwater runoff, and enhance the quality of life of Westside neighborhoods that are in the Proctor Creek watershed...

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Latest News Releases, Blog Posts, Reports

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 23 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..."

February 18, 2019

[Accelerating Progress in Autism Research: The Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative \(SFARI\)](#)

Learn how Jim and Marilyn Simons, co-founders of the Simons Foundation, made a significant impact on autism research/...

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 23 Feb 2019]

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

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

[Announcing the 2019 Sloan Research Fellows](#)

126 outstanding early-career researchers honored across eight fields

(New York, NY) – The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation announces the selection of 126 outstanding U.S. and Canadian researchers as the recipients of the 2019 Sloan Research Fellowships. The fellowships, awarded yearly since 1955, honor early-career scholars whose achievements mark them as among the most promising researchers in their fields. A full list of the 2019 Fellows is available at the Sloan Foundation website at <https://sloan.org/fellowships/2019-Fellows>.

“Sloan Research Fellows are the best young scientists working today,” says Adam F. Falk, president of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. “Sloan Fellows stand out for their creativity, for their hard work, for the importance of the issues they tackle, and the energy and innovation with which they tackle them. To be a Sloan Fellow is to be in the vanguard of twenty-first century science.”

Past Sloan Research Fellows include many towering figures in the history of science, including physicists Richard Feynman and Murray Gell-Mann, and game theorist John Nash. Forty-seven fellows have received a Nobel Prize in their respective field, 17 have won the Fields Medal in mathematics, 69 have received the National Medal of Science, and 18 have won the John Bates Clark Medal in economics, including every winner since 2007. A database of former Sloan Research Fellows can be found at <https://sloan.org/past-fellows>.

Valued not only for their prestige, Sloan Research Fellowships are a highly flexible source of research support. Funds may be spent in any way a Fellow deems will best advance his or her work. “What young researchers need is freedom to follow where their research leads,” says Daniel L. Goroff, director of the Sloan Research Fellowship program at the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. “Find the brightest young minds and trust them to do what they do best. That is the Sloan Research Fellowship.” Drawn this year from 57 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada, the 2019 Sloan Research Fellows represent a diverse array of research interests...

Wellcome Trust [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

Opinion | 19 February 2019

[Open access and Plan S: how Wellcome is tackling four key concerns](#)

by Robert Kiley, David Carr

There has been lots of reaction to the changes we’re making to Wellcome’s open access policy to ensure that no research is behind a paywall. This is how we are working to address them.

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Foundation Center [to 23 Feb 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 23 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 23 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 23 Feb 2019)

Research article

[Advancing towards contemporary practice: a systematic review of organisational performance measures for non-acute health charities](#)

The study concluded that (1) demonstration of organisational performance is relevant to non-acute health charities; (2) organisational performance measurement is feasible in this sector; (3) an evidence-based organisational performance measurement framework for the sector has not yet been developed nor has an existing organisational performance measurement framework been adapted for the sector, although the Balanced Scorecard is likely to be an effective option and (4) five leading measures – Quality of Service; Finance; Stakeholders (Customers and Clients); People and Culture; and Governance and Business Management; could be used to determine organisational performance in these sectors. Finally, 'Mission and Purpose' could be explored as a potential measure. Further research to understand why there is such limited published organisational performance evidence for the sector could be useful. Case studies of organisational measurement strategies of successful non-acute healthcare charities and research into important factors for organisational performance implementation in the sector may contribute to greater uptake and knowledge dissemination.

Authors: Richard Colbran, Robyn Ramsden, Karen Stagnitti and John W. Toumbourou

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2019 19:132

Published on: 22 February 2019

Research article

[Using information and communication technologies to involve patients and the public in health education in rural and remote areas: a scoping review](#)

Patient and public involvement (PPI) in health education is a practice whereby research and education are carried in collaboration 'with' patients and/or citizens, maintaining their role as a team member or ex...

Authors: Maman Joyce Dogba, Anara Richi Dossa, Erik Breton and Ruth Gandonou-Migan

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2019 19:128

Published on: 19 February 2019

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 23 Feb 2019)

No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 23 Feb 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 23 Feb 2019)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 23 Feb 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 23 Feb 2019)

Research article

[Administrative cases: an effective alternative to lawsuits in assuring access to medicines?](#)

Although public policy in Brazil supports access to essential medicines, the health system cannot meet all demand. Increasingly, the population has used legal demands to seek access to medicines, an approach that can undermine equitable access by creating policy inconsistencies (e.g., granting access to medicines outside the SUS formulary). In response, the Executive Branch has signed institutional agreements to create an administrative case for submitting requests for medicines directly to the Executive Branch. The objective of this study was to assess the degree to which the administrative cases for requests are in accordance with public policies and guidelines, e.g., if administrative cases results in fewer decisions to purchase outside the SUS formulary.

Authors: Virginia Oliveira Chagas, Mércia Pandolfo Provin and Rita Goreti Amaral

Citation: BMC Public Health 2019 19:212

Published on: 20 February 2019

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 23 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 2 Pages: 147-311 March 2019

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

REVIEW ARTICLES

[Measures for social support in raising a child with a disability: A scoping review](#)

Anushka Mantri-Langeveldt, Shakila Dada, Kobie Boshoff

Pages: 159-174

First Published: 28 January 2019

REVIEW ARTICLES

[Prevention of psychological distress and promotion of resilience amongst unaccompanied refugee minors in resettlement countries](#)

Ritu Mitra, Matthew Hodes

Pages: 198-215

First Published: 20 January 2019

Abstract

Aim

As increasing numbers of unaccompanied refugee minors (URMs) are arriving in Europe, there is a need to investigate which factors promote psychological resilience and improve their mental health. This review aims to identify preventive post settlement influences, including living arrangements, access to mental health services, and effective treatments that may improve mental health outcomes.

Methods

A systematic literature review was conducted of published papers in any language for children (<18 years) entering a host country, unaccompanied and seeking asylum. Specific studies were eligible if they examined any treatment or nontreatment influences on mental health or psychological resilience for the URM. Thirteen published quantitative studies were identified.

Results

URMs in more supportive living arrangements including foster care had lower risk of PTSD and lower depressive symptoms compared with those in semi-independent care arrangements. URMs living in reception settings that restricted freedom had more anxiety symptoms. Regarding help seeking, one study found only 30% of URMs had foster parents or guardians who could detect a mental health need. Two papers found the URMs had low levels of contact with mental health services despite the high prevalence of psychiatric symptoms. URMs were less likely than accompanied children to receive trauma-focused interventions, cognitive therapy, or even practical assistance with basic social needs. With regard to treatment evaluation, only case series were identified. Three studies found cognitive behavioural therapy improved PTSD symptoms and mental health outcomes. A less structured approach (mental health counselling alone) did not improve functional health outcomes.

Conclusion

Higher support living arrangements with low restrictions are associated with lower psychological distress. Most URMs are not receiving psychological interventions, and there is a dearth of studies evaluating treatment effectiveness for this group. There is an urgent need for more research to investigate pathways to mental health services and treatment efficacy in this vulnerable group.

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 23 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://bmccemergmed.biomedcentral.com/articles>

[Accessed 23 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 24 Nov 2018]

Comment

[Translating genomic medicine to the clinic: challenges and opportunities](#)

Genomic medicine has considerable potential to provide novel diagnostic and therapeutic solutions for patients who have molecularly complex diseases and who are not responding to existing therapies... The huge medical, economic, and societal problems arising from the large number of patients who do not respond to therapy emphasize the need for novel diagnostic and therapeutic solutions for the management of patients. Genomic medicine has considerable potential, but also presents significant challenges that are likely to be addressed by joint international initiatives.

Authors: Huan Zhang, Lars Klareskog, Andreas Matussek, Stefan M. Pfister and Mikael Benson

Citation: Genome Medicine 2019 11:9

Published on: 22 February 2019

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
[Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health

<http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/>
[Accessed 23 Feb 2019]
Review

[In search of Pan-American indigenous health and harmony](#)

The objective of this article is to describe the state of North, Central, South American and Caribbean (Pan-American) indigenous health. The second objective is to identify recommendations for optimal healthca...

Authors: Julie Babyar
Citation: Globalization and Health 2019 15:16
Published on: 20 February 2019

Review

[Economic globalization, nutrition and health: a review of quantitative evidence](#)

Unhealthy dietary patterns have in recent decades contributed to an endemic-level burden from non-communicable disease (NCDs) in high-income countries. In low- and middle-income countries rapid changes in diet...

Authors: Soledad Cuevas García-Dorado, Laura Cornselsen, Richard Smith and Helen Walls
Citation: Globalization and Health 2019 15:15
Published on: 20 February 2019

Research

[Review of evidence based clinical practice guidelines developed in Latin America and Caribbean during the last decade: an analysis of the methods for grading quality of evidence and topic prioritization](#)

In the last decade, efforts have been made in Latin America and the Caribbean to advance in the methodological development of evidence based clinical practice guidelines, among other strategies to improve the ...

Authors: Paula Andrea Cabrera and Rodrigo Pardo

Citation: Globalization and Health 2019 15:14
Published on: 19 February 2019

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 - Special Issue 2 - April 2019
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue>
SPECIAL ISSUE: Frontiers of Health Policy Research

If the enhancement of human freedom is both the main object and the primary means to development (Sen, 1999), then good individual and population health are both ends and means to development and freedom in all countries, regardless of their current ranking on the Human Development Index or other indexes on wealth, prosperity and well-being...

This special issue on the 'frontiers in health policy research' focuses attention on three distinct areas of inquiry. One set of papers analyses efforts to improve the quality of care and increase the value of care that health systems purchase. A second set of articles focuses on issues of health behaviour and social determinants of health. Finally, the third set of articles presents differing views on how to predict the adequacy of supply of medical professionals. The range of these articles illustrates, not only the exciting breadth of health policy research, but the degree to which scholars within this field are addressing issues of high importance to policy makers around the world. We think it is fair to claim that all of the articles address issues that are on the 'frontier' of health policy in the sense that they attempt to provide answers to questions that policy makers around the world are currently grappling with...

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 23 Feb 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

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 Russe](#) 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 23 Feb 2019]

Scoping Review

[No new digest content identified]

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 19, 2019, Vol 321, No. 7, Pages 623-716

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Volume 8 Issue 4 2018

<https://www.emeraldinsight.com/toc/jhlscm/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, 23 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)
<https://digitalrepository.aurorahealthcare.org/jpcrr/>
[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Pediatrics

February 2019 Volume 205, p1-300
<http://www.jpeds.com/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice

<https://joppp.biomedcentral.com/>

[Accessed 23 Feb 2019]

No new digest content identified]

Journal of Public Health Management & Practice

January/February 2019 - Volume 25 - Issue 1

<https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Public Health Policy

Volume 40, Issue 1, March 2019

<https://link.springer.com/journal/41271/40/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of the Royal Society – Interface

6 February 2019 [Volume 16](#)[Issue 151](#)

<https://royalsocietypublishing.org/toc/rsif/16/151>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Travel Medicine

Volume 25, Issue suppl_1, 1 May 2018

https://academic.oup.com/jtm/issue/25/suppl_1

Asian travel: from the rare to the difficult

[Reviewed earlier]

The Lancet

Feb 23, 2019 Volume 393 Number 10173 p717-846, e30-e32

<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/current>

Editorial

[Closing the gap for Aboriginal health](#)

The Lancet

On Feb 14, the last Closing the Gap [report](#) on Aboriginal people in Australia was released. In a feeling of déjà vu, the 11th annual report again showed little progress. In 2018, just two of seven targets designed to narrow inequalities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on health, education, and employment were on track. Ten years after the initiative was launched, life expectancy at birth is 71·6 years for Indigenous men and 75·6 years for Indigenous women, a massive gap of 8·6 years and 7·8 years, respectively, compared with non-Indigenous Australians. The report overall is utterly disappointing.

The response this week by the ruling government includes commitments that should have been made a decade ago: partnerships with Aboriginal groups; a whole of government approach; more accountability and transparency; providing space for Aboriginal voices. Only now has the Government committed to partner with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to develop a strategy.

But broader social changes are also needed—ones that the Australian Medical Association (AMA) has called for. Their latest Indigenous Health Report Card, released Nov 22, 2018, said a complete overhaul of the national strategy was needed to ensure equitable expenditure; better funding and implementation of health plans; increases in primary health care; environmental, housing, and other social dimensions of health inequality are addressed; and Aboriginal health is placed in Aboriginal hands. The AMA also called out institutional racism as being a main impediment to Aboriginal health. “More Indigenous health studies are also needed, as argued in a Comment by Geraint Rogers and colleagues. Without all these elements, poor progress on inequalities in Australia will continue.

On the heels of failure, disappointment must give way to determined resolve. Successive Australian Governments' repeated lip service to Aboriginal health is a clear hypocrisy in light of the failings of their Closing the Gap initiative. Australian people must hold the Government to account for meaningful and dedicated engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to health for all.

The Lancet Commissions

[The Global Syndemic of Obesity, Undernutrition, and Climate Change: The Lancet Commission report](#)

Prof Boyd A Swinburn, MD ,Vivica I Kraak, PhD, Prof Steven Allender, PhD , Vincent J Atkins, Phillip I Baker, PhD Jessica R Bogard, PhD et al.

Malnutrition in all its forms, including obesity, undernutrition, and other dietary risks, is the leading cause of poor health globally. In the near future, the health effects of climate change will considerably compound these health challenges. Climate change can be considered a pandemic because of its sweeping effects on the health of humans and the natural systems we depend on (ie, planetary health). These three pandemics—obesity, undernutrition, and climate change—represent The Global Syndemic that affects most people in every country and region worldwide. They constitute a syndemic, or synergy of epidemics, because they co-occur in time and place, interact with each other to produce complex sequelae, and share common underlying societal drivers. This Commission recommends comprehensive actions to address obesity within the context of The Global Syndemic, which represents the paramount health challenge for humans, the environment, and our planet in the 21st century.

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Volume 566 Issue 7744, 21 February 2019

http://www.nature.com/nature/current_issue.html

Editorial | 20 February 2019

[A new model for disease research in Africa](#)

Locally led studies on public health are good for the continent and the globe. Scientists, politicians and funders should support it.

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Policy Platform

[Strategy for a globally coordinated response to a priority neglected tropical disease: Snakebite envenoming](#)

David J. Williams, Mohd Abul Faiz, Bernadette Abela-Ridder, Stuart Ainsworth, Tommaso C. Bulfone, Andrea D. Nickerson, Abdulrazaq G. Habib, Thomas Junghanss, Hui Wen Fan, Michael Turner, Robert A. Harrison, David A. Warrell

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[Improving integration in societal consequences to climate change](#)

Yitzchak Jaffe, Guy Bar-Oz, and Ronnie Ellenblum

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The integration of high-resolution climate datasets with historical and archaeological data is a desirable tool for increasing the synergy between archaeology and planetary sciences and for better exploration of both the climatic events themselves and their societal consequences...

[Artificial intelligence to support human instruction](#)

Michael C. Mozer, Melody Wiseheart, and Timothy P. Novikoff

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...Often neglected is a subfield of AI that focuses on empowering people by improving how we learn, remember, perceive, and make decisions. This human-centered focus relies on interdisciplinary research from cognitive neuroscience, psychology, and theoretical computer science.

The synergy among these fields promises to improve the microorganization of human instruction: picking the next exercise for a student to attempt, choosing what sort of hints and feedback to provide, determining when material should be reviewed, and selecting among teaching activities. These are decisions which occur on a granularity that human instructors are typically unable to monitor and individualize, and for which students have poor metacognitive strategies...

[Crop variety management for climate adaptation supported by citizen science](#)

Jacob van Etten, Kauê de Sousa, Amílcar Aguilar, Mirna Barrios, Allan Coto, Matteo Dell'Acqua, Carlo Fadda, Yosef Gebrehawaryat, Jeske van de Gevel, Arnab Gupta, Afewerki Y. Kiros, Brandon Madriz, Prem Mathur, Dejene K. Mengistu, Leida Mercado, Jemal Nurhisen Mohammed, Ambica Paliwal, Mario Enrico Pè, Carlos F. Quirós, Juan Carlos Rosas, Neeraj Sharma, S. S. Singh, Iswhar S. Solanki, and Jonathan Steinke

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Significance

Climate adaptation requires farmers to adjust their crop varieties over time and use the right varieties to minimize climate risk. Generating variety recommendations for farmers working in marginal, heterogeneous environments requires variety evaluation under farm conditions. On-farm evaluation is difficult to scale with conventional methods. We used a scalable approach to on-farm participatory variety evaluation using crowdsourced citizen science, assigning small experimental tasks to many volunteering farmers. We generated a unique dataset from 12,409 trial plots in Nicaragua, Ethiopia, and India, a participatory variety evaluation dataset of large size and scope. We show the potential of crowdsourced citizen science to generate insights into variety adaptation, recommend adapted varieties, and help smallholder farmers respond to climate change.

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R. Rajah, M.A.A. Hassali, M.K. Murugiah

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[Contraception in adolescence: the influence of parity and marital status on contraceptive use in 73 low-and middle-income countries](#)

There is still a large gap in relation to effectively meet the contraceptive needs and family planning goals of adolescents. Our aim was to describe how having a partner and children impact on contraceptive be...

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[The law and vaccine resistance](#)

By Dorit Rubinstein Reiss

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[South African law may impede human health research](#)

By Linda Nordling

Science 22 Feb 2019 : 802 Restricted Access

Data protection measure may block reuse of data in biobanks.

Summary

South Africa's varied population makes it a magnet for research on public health and human diversity. But a new privacy law called The Protection of Personal Information Act, scheduled to go into effect in 2020, could upend such research. The law aims to protect South Africans from abuse of their personal data and says that such information, including genetic data, must be collected for a specific purpose—and that data subjects need to be "aware of the purpose." But giant sample and data repositories called biobanks are transforming health research around the world by allowing multiple researchers to ask new questions of the same data. At a meeting in Cape Town on 4–5 February, lawyers, ethicists, and researchers discussed how the new South African rule could limit such secondary use of data and hamstring international collaborations.

Policy Forum

[Regulation of predictive analytics in medicine](#)

By Ravi B. Parikh, Ziad Obermeyer, Amol S. Navathe

Science 22 Feb 2019 : 810-812 Restricted Access

Algorithms must meet regulatory standards of clinical benefit

Summary

Artificial intelligence (AI) and increased computing power have long held the promise of improving prediction and prognostication in health care (1). Now, use of predictive analytics and AI in medicine, though with fits and starts, is transitioning from hype to reality: Several commercial algorithms have received regulatory approval for broad clinical use. But the barrier for entry of new advanced algorithms has been low. To unlock the potential of advanced analytics while protecting patient safety, regulatory and professional bodies should ensure that advanced algorithms meet accepted standards of

clinical benefit, just as they do for clinical therapeutics and predictive biomarkers. External validation and prospective testing of advanced algorithms are clearly needed (2), but recent regulatory clearances raise concerns over the rigor of this process. Given these concerns, we propose five standards to guide regulation of devices based on predictive analytics and AI. Although well-established research standards, such as the TRIPOD Checklist, exist for developing and validating multivariable prediction models in medicine (3), our standards provide regulatory guidance for such algorithms prior to implementation in clinical settings.

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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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New Technologies: Where to?

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

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An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

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World Heritage Review

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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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