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**Period ending 9 February 2019**

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## **:: Week in Review**

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

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## **Human Rights**

### **Democracy in Retreat: "Freedom in the World 2019"**

*Challenges to American democracy are testing the stability of its constitutional system and threatening to undermine political rights and civil liberties worldwide.*

Freedom House - February 2019

Full Report: <http://www.freedomintheworld.org/>

Summary PDF: <https://freedomhouse.org/report/freedom-world/freedom-world-2019/democracy-in-retreat>

**In 2018, *Freedom in the World* recorded the 13th consecutive year of decline in global freedom.** The reversal has spanned a variety of countries in every region, from long-standing democracies like the United States to consolidated authoritarian regimes like China and Russia. The overall losses are still shallow compared with the gains of the late 20th century, but the pattern is consistent and ominous. **Democracy is in retreat.**

In states that were already authoritarian, earning Not Free designations from Freedom House, governments have increasingly shed the thin façade of democratic practice that they established in previous decades, when international incentives and pressure for reform were stronger. More authoritarian powers are now banning opposition groups or jailing their leaders, dispensing with term limits, and tightening the screws on any independent media that remain. **Meanwhile, many countries that democratized after the end of the Cold War have regressed in the face of rampant corruption, antiliberal populist movements, and breakdowns in the rule of law. Most troublingly, even long-standing democracies have been shaken by populist political forces that reject basic principles like the separation of powers and target minorities for discriminatory treatment.**

Some light shined through these gathering clouds in 2018. **Surprising improvements in individual countries—including Malaysia, Armenia, Ethiopia, Angola, and Ecuador—show that democracy has enduring appeal as a means of holding leaders accountable and creating the conditions for a better life.** Even in the countries of Europe and North America where democratic institutions are under pressure, dynamic civic movements for justice and inclusion continue to build on the achievements of their predecessors, expanding the scope of what citizens can and should expect from democracy. The promise of democracy remains real and powerful. Not only defending it but broadening its reach is one of the great causes of our time...

**...As part of this year's report, Freedom House offered a special assessment of the state of democracy in the United States midway through the term of President Donald Trump. While democracy in America remains robust by global standards, it has weakened significantly over the past eight years, and the current president's ongoing attacks on the rule of law, fact-based journalism, and other principles and norms of democracy threaten further decline.**

Having observed similar patterns in other nations where democracy was ultimately overtaken by authoritarianism, Freedom House warns that the resilience of US democratic institutions in the face of such an assault cannot be taken for granted.

"The greatest danger comes from the fact that American democracy is not infinitely durable, especially if a president shows little respect for its tenets," said Michael J. Abramowitz, president of Freedom House. "We have seen democratic institutions gradually succumb to sustained pressure elsewhere in the world, in places like Hungary, Turkey, and Venezuela. Antidemocratic rhetoric and the rejection of democratic constraints on power can be first steps toward real restrictions on freedom."

"Challenges to democracy in the United States have outsized effects beyond American borders," Abramowitz added. "Other nations watch what is happening in the United States and take cues from its leaders' behavior. The ongoing deterioration of American democracy will accelerate the decline of democracy around the world."...

### ***KEY GLOBAL FINDINGS***

**Of the 195 countries assessed, 86 (44 percent) were rated Free, 59 (30 percent) Partly Free, and 50 (26 percent) Not Free.**

The United States currently receives a score of 86 out of 100 points. While this places it below other major democracies such as France, Germany, and the United Kingdom, it is still firmly in the Free category....

### ***Worst of the Worst***

Of the 50 countries designated as Not Free, the following 13 have the worst aggregate scores for political rights and civil liberties (beginning with the least free): Syria, South Sudan, Eritrea, Turkmenistan, North Korea, Equatorial Guinea, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Central African Republic, and Libya...

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### **Child Protection**

#### **[Towards universal social protection for children: Achieving SDG 1.3](#)**

ILO-UNICEF Joint Report on Social Protection for Children

06 February 2019 :: 52 pages

PDF: [https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed\\_protect/---soc\\_sec/documents/publication/wcms\\_669336.pdf](https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_protect/---soc_sec/documents/publication/wcms_669336.pdf)

*Key Messages*

**:: Social protection systems, and in particular social protection floors, play a crucial role in addressing child poverty and socio-economic vulnerabilities.** Evidence clearly shows impacts of social protection, and cash transfers in particular, on poverty, food security, health and access to education – thus helping to ensure that children can realize their full potential, breaking the vicious cycle of poverty and vulnerability, and realizing their rights to social security.

**:: The impacts of poverty on children are devastating, and yet they are twice as likely to live in poverty as adults.** One in five children – 385 million – are living in extreme poverty on less than PPP USD 1.90 a day, and almost one in two – 689 million – are living in multidimensionally poor households. Across both measures children are twice as likely to live in poverty as adults. Child poverty is also an urgent concern globally, with a staggering 45 per cent of children living on less than PPP USD 3.10 a day. Moreover, 27 out of 29 OECD countries with data have child poverty rates using relative poverty lines that are above 10 per cent.

**:: The vast majority of children still have no effective social protection coverage.** Effective coverage figures for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicator 1.3.1 show that 35 per cent of children globally receive social protection benefits, with significant regional disparities: while 87 per cent of children in Europe and Central Asia and 66 per cent in the Americas receive benefits, this is the case for only 28 per cent of children in Asia and the Pacific and 16 per cent in Africa.

**:: A positive trend is the expansion of cash transfers for children.** Countries which have made great strides towards universal social protection coverage include Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mongolia. Yet, in many countries, social protection programmes for children struggle with limited coverage, inadequate benefit levels, fragmentation and weak institutionalization. Recent years have witnessed a groundswell of interest in universal child grants (UCGs), with a number of countries outside the OECD expressing an interest in adopting UCGs or quasi-UCGs.

**:: There is significant expenditure and investment in social protection for children, but more is needed.** Data on social protection expenditure for children aged 0–14 in 139 countries show that, on average, 1.1 per cent of GDP is spent on child benefits; again there are large regional disparities, from 0.1 per cent in North Africa and the Arab States to 2.5 per cent in Europe. To extend social protection for children, more fiscal resources are needed. This is affordable even in the poorest countries.

**:: Despite this important progress, some countries are cutting allowances.** A number of countries undergoing fiscal consolidation policies are reducing family and child benefits and allowances, often narrow-targeting child benefits to the most poor and thus excluding vulnerable children from their legitimate right to social protection. Efforts need to be made to ensure that short-term fiscal adjustment does not undermine progress.

**:: Recommendations:** Towards the aim of achieving SDG 1.3 for children, this report makes the following recommendations.

- :: Rapid expansion of child and family benefits for children, including the progressive realization of universal child grants as a practical means to rapidly increase coverage.

- :: Ensure that universal approaches to child and family benefits are part of a social protection system that connects to other crucial services beyond cash, and addresses life-cycle risks.

- :: Institutionalize monitoring and reporting on social protection for children, including establishing a periodic interagency report.

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## Development – AI

February 6, 2019

### [The Rockefeller Foundation Establishes Atlas AI – New Startup to Generate Actionable Intelligence on Global Development Challenges](#)

*Atlas AI appoints Victoria Coleman as CEO, most recently CTO of Wikimedia Foundation*

NEW YORK, Feb. 6, 2019 – **The Rockefeller Foundation today marked the public launch of Atlas AI, a social enterprise established by the Foundation and a team of Stanford University professors to develop data products to support global development. Atlas AI works at the intersection of development economics, crop science, remote sensing, and artificial intelligence to generate detailed insights on poverty, crop yield and economic trends across Sub-Saharan Africa.** Earlier this week, Atlas AI named Victoria Coleman, previously Chief Technology Officer of the Wikimedia Foundation, as the organization’s first Chief Executive Officer.

A B-Corporation founded in partnership with The Rockefeller Foundation in 2018, **Atlas AI uses machine learning algorithms and a rich array of ground truth data to estimate economic activity and crop yield from satellite imagery. Atlas AI validates its models against gold standard datasets collected by multilateral partners in the field, and their methods are backed by rigorously peer reviewed scientific research.**

**“Atlas AI is an innovative model for translating the best research thinking into products and services that accelerate sustainable development.** Part of The Rockefeller Foundation’s vision is to unlock AI’s tremendous potential to improve people’s well-being while mitigating downside risks,” said Zia Khan, Vice President of Innovation at The Rockefeller Foundation. “We’re tremendously excited to welcome Victoria as Atlas AI’s new CEO. We conducted an extensive search and she brings a unique combination of skills and experiences to complement a world-class team.”

The reality is that it’s difficult to reach people living at or near the poverty line with critical information and services, especially if they are not online. Fielding a census or survey is time consuming and remarkably expensive—particularly for low-income, fragile, and conflict-affected countries. Atlas AI was founded to solve these challenges, delivering information more quickly and cost-effectively, and with greater accuracy and detail.

Based on years of cutting-edge research, Atlas AI was launched by professors David Lobell, Stefano Ermon, and Marshall Burke of Stanford University to give decision-makers in developing countries access to low-cost, cutting-edge data. Experts in artificial intelligence, data science, and development economics, Lobell, Ermon and Burke had already shown that satellite imagery can be used to map poverty and crop yields in Africa with a combination of economic data, space technology, and machine learning algorithms. Over the last seven months they began building Atlas AI with support from The Rockefeller Foundation, working with partner organizations in Africa **to test and operationalize new products, including high-resolution datasets on wealth, consumption, and agricultural yields.**

**Atlas AI has assembled a team of the best scientists and engineers in the world with the passion and creativity to make a positive difference.** Today, Atlas AI announced Victoria Coleman as the organization's first CEO. As CTO at the Wikimedia Foundation – the non-profit organization behind Wikipedia, one of the world's largest and most popular web properties – Ms. Coleman set the vision and strategy for technology and operations for Wikimedia projects in collaboration with the Wiki community. Previously, as Vice President Engineering at Yahoo! Inc., she led the company's web services at scale. Before joining Yahoo!, Ms. Coleman served as Vice President, Emerging Technologies at Nokia. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated a commitment to open data, a crucial part of Atlas AI's mission. **As a public benefit corporation, the company will support an open analytics platform allowing the public to browse economic datasets for the developing world, at sub-national resolution.**

While private-sector businesses have been building and deploying artificial intelligence for years, most organizations in the non-profit, civic, and public sectors have yet to robustly apply these techniques towards the complex challenges they address. They have a strong appetite to use applied data to make their work go farther, faster, and ultimately help more people – but they may lack access to the skill sets and resources to do so in their context.

In an expanding effort to build the field of data science for social impact, in January 2019 The Rockefeller Foundation announced the creation of the Data Science for Social Impact collaborative in partnership with the Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth. The first activity by the collaborative was \$20-million in funding to DataKind, a global non-profit that connects data science talent with social organizations – harnessing the power of data science and AI in the service of humanity.

As a science-driven philanthropy focused on partnering for the greatest impact, The Rockefeller Foundation supports the growth and success of Atlas AI so that its cutting-edge data products and services get to those who need them most. The Foundation maintains a seat on Atlas AI's Board of Directors and will continue to be an active partner focused on long-term stewardship of results-oriented, global human development outcomes.

*To learn more about Atlas AI, visit their [website](#)*

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## **Governance – Knowledge Management :: Not-for-Profit Organizations**

### **[Foundation Center and GuideStar Join Forces to Become a New Nonprofit Entity Named Candid](#)**

*Candid to Offer Most Comprehensive, Global Source of Knowledge About Nonprofit Work*  
February 5, 2019 (New York, N.Y.)—Foundation Center, the leading source for insight on philanthropy worldwide, and GuideStar, the leading source of information on nonprofit organizations, today announced they have joined forces to become a new nonprofit entity named Candid.

**Candid brings together the deep expertise of the two organizations in data, technology, research, and training to serve the entire social sector—nonprofits, foundations, social enterprises, and individual donors—and promote more and smarter giving.** Building on more than 85 years of combined experience, Candid will enable new kinds of transparency about who is

working where in the world and on what issues. Candid will also promote data standards and tools that can accelerate knowledge sharing and enhance collaboration. Powered with new insights, richer data, and increased access, Candid's more than 16 million users will be better equipped to make more strategic decisions and better advance their missions.

Bradford Smith, previously president of Foundation Center, will be the president of Candid; Jacob Harold, previously president and CEO of GuideStar, will be Candid's executive vice president.

"We are combining operations to fulfill a shared vision: connecting people who want to change the world with the resources they need to succeed," said Bradford Smith, president of Candid. "And our name, Candid, speaks to our deep historical legacy of telling the story of foundations and nonprofits in a fair and objective manner as well as our renewed commitment to provide trusted data and knowledge for the sector."

"Candid is a new organization but it is rooted in eight decades of experience in and connection to the nonprofit community," said Jacob Harold, executive vice president of Candid. "With billions of pieces of data and millions of users, Candid will have the scale to weave together the stories of changemakers around the world. Our combined data and networks will allow us to understand the current state of the field in new ways. But, more importantly, Candid will be positioned to help the field imagine better ways of working for a better future."

**Informed by the needs of users, the Candid team will explore a far-reaching range of new services.** Currently in the planning phase, these initiatives will be developed over a period of years and include:

- :: weaving together databases to enable much more inclusive search results;
- :: enabling **results-driven analysis** based upon improved program data;
- :: expanding and accelerating the **adoption of data standards** across the field;
- :: driving a **common profile**—and, eventually, a common grant application and reporting framework—by providing a consistent data framework, a next-generation distribution system, and place-based campaigns;
- :: providing people working in the social sector with opportunities to **develop skills** to help them succeed;
- :: creating **social functionality**, including "give lists" and deeper integration into social media platforms;
- :: developing a technology and knowledge-driven marketplace for **RFPs**;
- :: creating a **fundraising planning tool** for nonprofits; and
- :: directly **integrating data and analysis into the tools** that nonprofits, foundations, and their partners use every day.

**Candid will be governed by a board composed of the current trustees of Foundation Center and GuideStar.** Leading the board will be co-chairs Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker, who has served as the chair of Foundation Center and serves as president & CEO of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, and Mari Kuraishi, who served as chair of GuideStar and is the new president of the Jessie Ball duPont Fund. Prior to joining the Fund, Kuraishi was the co-founder and president of GlobalGiving...

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## Development :: Heritage Stewardship

### [Harnessing indigenous peoples' knowledge for a food-secure future in the face of climate change](#)

04 Feb 19 – IFAD

**What:** The fourth global meeting of the Indigenous Peoples' Forum at the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) promotes indigenous peoples' knowledge and innovations for climate resilience and sustainable development.

**When:** 9:00 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> to 17:00 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

**Where:** IFAD Headquarters, Via Paolo di Dono 44, 00142 Rome, Italian Conference Room.

**The Story:** The Indigenous Peoples' Forum was established in 2011 as a permanent process between representatives from indigenous peoples' organizations, IFAD and governments. This year the Forum is focusing on the promotion of indigenous peoples' knowledge and innovations for climate resilience and sustainable development to further strengthen rural transformation.

#### ***Over two days participants will focus on:***

:: Reinforcing indigenous peoples role as custodians of a large part of the world's biodiversity. Due to their close relationship with the environment, indigenous peoples are uniquely positioned to address and adapt to climate change.

:: Increasing investments to support indigenous organizations, institutions and communities, with a focus on youth and women, that build on their knowledge and innovations to address climate change and/or strengthen climate resilience.

:: Supporting indigenous peoples in securing their lands, territories and resources, including through mapping and advocacy.

#### ***Examples:***

:: Indigenous peoples' water-harvesting/irrigation systems increase water supply in water stressed environments. In Tunisia, the Amazigh people use the "jessour system," which consists of dams and terraces for collecting run-off water, enabling cultivation of olives, fruit trees and grains.

:: Indigenous knowledge is used to rehabilitate the soil, and adapt and react to floods and droughts. In Bangladesh, flood-affected indigenous communities cultivate saline-tolerant varieties of reeds, and saline-tolerant and drought-resistant fruit and timber trees, reducing vulnerability to floods and sea-level rise and ensure longer-term income generation.

:: Indigenous peoples' community-based forest management sets aside conservation areas, woodcutting and watershed management zones, which have an important role to play in reversing the process of deforestation. The Miskito people of Nicaragua maintain three land-use types (cultivated fields, pastures and forest areas), while in Indonesian Borneo, the Dayak Jalai utilize a shifting mosaic land-use pattern that includes patches of natural and managed forest.

Webcast: <https://bit.ly/2S9wJWR>

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## **Emergencies**

## **POLIO**

*Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*

### **Polio this week as of 6 February 2019**

:: The 144th Session of the Executive Board concluded on 1 February with a renewed support from the public health leadership for a final push to end polio. Read more about polio eradication efforts and the report by the EB on polio eradication [here](#).

:: The Global Surveillance Action Plan 2018-2020 is now [online](#). The GPSAP aims to support endemic, outbreak, and high-risk countries in evaluating and increasing the sensitivity of their surveillance systems.

*Summary of new viruses this week:*

:: **Afghanistan** - Afghanistan- one case of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1);

:: **Pakistan** – one case of WPV1 and six WPV1-positive environmental samples;

:: **Niger** – one case of circulating vaccine derived poliovirus (VDPV2). five 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 9 Feb 2019]

#### **Democratic Republic of the Congo**

:: Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of the Congo 7 February 2019

...During the last 21 days (16 January – 5 February 2019), 119 new cases have been reported from 13 health zones (Figure 2), including: Katwa (75), Butembo (9), Beni (8), Kyondo (5), Kayna (5), Oicha (4), Manguredjipa (4), Biena (2), Kalunguta (2), Mabalako (2), Masereka (1), Mutwanga (1), and Vuhovi (1)<sup>2</sup>. Current epidemiological analyses points to nosocomial transmission due to poor infection prevention and control (IPC) practices, persistent delays in detection and isolation of new cases, frequent community deaths (and subsequent contact with deceased), and transmission within family and community networks, as the main drivers of ongoing disease transmission. Insecurity and pockets of community resistance have continuously stifled efforts to combat these risks; nevertheless, response teams remain committed to actively strengthening community trust and participation in all affected areas, and are beginning to observe tangible improvements in Katwa and elsewhere....

:: 27: Situation report on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu 5 February 2019

...*Case management*

On 24 November 2018, the MoH announced the launch of a randomized control trial for Ebola therapeutics. This is ongoing, with all confirmed cases in ETCs receiving therapy under the compassionate use protocol, together with supportive care.

As of 3 February 2018, 194 patients were admitted to Ebola transit and treatment centres. Among nine treatment ETCs and transit centres (TC), two have bed occupancy of more than 100% (Katwa ETC and Beni TC).

Patient sorting in Beni hospital and Beni ETC is being supervised; community re-integration of two cured cases is ongoing in Kirumba and Kanyabayonga.

...*Implementation of ring vaccination protocol*

As of 3 February 2019, a cumulative total of 73,309 people have been vaccinated since the start of the outbreak.

The Immunization Commission is being supported in their efforts to persuade contacts to be vaccinated in Kivika, Kambuli and Mukuna in Katwa health zone.

Bangladesh - Rohingya crisis - *No new digest announcements identified*

Myanmar - *No new digest announcements identified*

Nigeria - *No new digest announcements identified*

Somalia - *No new digest announcements identified*

South Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Syrian Arab Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

Yemen - *No new digest announcements identified*

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**WHO Grade 2 Emergencies** [to 9 Feb 2019]

**Brazil** (in Portugese)

:: Sarampo na Europa: número recorde de pessoas doentes e imunizadas 7 de fevereiro de 2019

**Libya**

:: WHO warns of increasing attacks on health facilities in Libya

5 February 2019 – The World Health Organization (WHO) warns of increasing attacks on health facilities and workers in both frequency and scale. WHO has documented more than 41 attacks targeting health workers and facilities throughout 2018–2019 across the country. These attacks resulted in 6 health workers and patients killed and 25 health workers injured. An additional seven health workers were also assaulted during this period...

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*

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 9 Feb 2019]

Afghanistan

Chad

Indonesia - Sulawesi earthquake 2018

Kenya

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Mali

Namibia - viral hepatitis

Peru

Philippines - Typhoon Mangkhut

Tanzania

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### **WHO AFRO Outbreaks – Week 05: 26 January - 01 February 2019**

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

- :: Ebola virus disease in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- :: Lassa fever in Nigeria
- :: Cholera in Burundi
- :: Humanitarian crisis in Democratic Republic of the Congo
- :: Humanitarian crisis in Ethiopia.

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### **UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies**

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

#### **Yemen**

:: Yemen: Hajjah Governorate - Flash Update 2 | 28 January-3 Feb ...

Syrian Arab Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

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### **UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies**

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

#### **Ethiopia**

:: Ethiopia Humanitarian Bulletin Issue #2 | 21 January-03 Febr ...

#### **Somalia**

:: Humanitarian Bulletin Somalia, 1 January – 5 February 2019 ...

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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 9 Feb 2019]

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

5 February 2019

SC/13691

**[High Seas Crime Becoming More Sophisticated, Endangering Lives, International Security, Speakers Tell Security Council](#)**

4 February 2019

SG/SM/19452-SC/13689

**[Mercenary Activities Undermine Rule of Law, Perpetuate Impunity, Secretary-General Stresses during Security Council Debate](#)**

4 February 2019

SC/13688

**[Better Control of Borders, Private Security Firms Key to Stopping 'Guns for Hire', Speakers Say at Security Council Debate on Mercenary Activities in Africa](#)**

**UN OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Top News*

**[Comment on a raid on key Nicaraguan civil society organization by UN Human Rights Office Spokesperson Rupert Colville](#)**

**[Turkey: UN expert delivers early findings in Khashoggi probe](#)**

**[Malawi: UN experts urge action over albinism 'atrocities' in run-up to elections](#)**

**[Venezuela must ensure judicial independence as Governmental pressure on judges grows, says UN expert](#)**

**[Comment by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet on criminalising the right to freedom of religion for Jehovah's Witnesses in Russia](#)**

**United Nations Human Rights Council** [to 9 Feb 2019]

[https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/NewsSearch.aspx?NTID=PRS&MID=HR\\_COUNCIL](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/NewsSearch.aspx?NTID=PRS&MID=HR_COUNCIL)

*No new digest content identified.*

**Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Latest News*

**[UN Child Rights Committee issues findings on Bahrain, Belgium, Czechia, Guinea, Italy, Japan, and Syrian Arab Republic](#)**

7 February 2019

**Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children** [to 9 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 9 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 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights** [to 9 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 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights** [to 9 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 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants**

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN OCHA** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

08 February 2019

[\*\*UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Nigeria Extends Sympathy to V ...\*\*](#)

07 February 2019

[\*\*UN in Syria and SARC deliver humanitarian assistance to 40,0 ...\*\*](#)

05 February 2019

[\*\*UN launches plan to address humanitarian needs in Libya in 2 ...\*\*](#)

04 February 2019

[\*\*Through the support of the Lebanon Humanitarian Fund, Taawon ...\*\*](#)

04 February 2019

[\*\*South Sudan: UN's Central Emergency Response Fund allocate ...\*\*](#)

**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNICEF** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements*

*Statement*

[\*\*Two children killed in the Gaza Strip\*\*](#)

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

09/02/2019

*Press release*

[\*\*Over 160,000 displaced children protected from harsh winter in Iraq\*\*](#)

06/02/2019

*Press release*

[\*\*Only one third of children covered by social protection: ILO, UNICEF\*\*](#)

A new report by UNICEF and the ILO highlights the critical need to extend social protection to all children

06/02/2019

*Statement*

[\*\*Take action to eliminate female genital mutilation by 2030\*\*](#)

Joint statement by Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director, Dr. Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director, and Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, UN Women Executive Director

05/02/2019

*Press release*

**[Safer Internet Day: UNICEF calls for concerted action to prevent bullying and harassment for the over 70 per cent of young people online worldwide](#)**

Thirty years after the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the creation of the World Wide Web, it's time for renewed focus on children's digital rights  
04/02/2019

**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 9 Feb 2019]  
<http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/media-centre.html>

*Briefing notes*

**[UNHCR concerned about the humanitarian impact of continuing violence in southern Chin State and Rakhine State in Myanmar, and stands ready to offer support](#)** 8 Feb 2019

*Press releases and news comments*

**[Angelina Jolie concludes visit to Bangladesh, urges sustained support for Rohingya refugees and calls on Myanmar to take necessary steps to end displacement and statelessness](#)** 7 Feb 2019

**IOM / International Organization for Migration** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Selected Announcements*

**[400 West African Journalists Trained on Migration Reporting Since 2018, Latest in Guinea-Bissau](#)**

2019-02-08 18:30

Bissau – Accurate, clear and well-documented media coverage on migration plays a crucial role in raising awareness in West Africa on the risks of irregular migration and in the reintegration of returning migrants in their communities.

**[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 6,932; Deaths Reach 211](#)**

2019-02-08 18:10

Geneva – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) reports that 6,932 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea through the first 38 days of 2019, a 12 per cent decrease from the 7,795 arriving during the same period last year.

**[IOM Appeals for USD 122 million to Support Displaced People, Returnees in South Sudan](#)**

2019-02-05 17:44

Juba – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) launched its [2019 South Sudan Appeal](#) today (05/02).

**[Over 80,000 People Affected by Recent Floods in Northern Syria, IOM Partners Continue to Provide Relief](#)**

2019-02-05 17:43

Geneva – Heavy rainfall in northwest Syria has caused severe flash flooding in northwest Syria affecting more than 80,000 people, according to data collected by the United Nations in mid-January.

**UNAIDS** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements*

8 February 2019

**[Global Fund presents its Sixth Investment Case in New Delhi](#)**

7 February 2019

**[United Kingdom pledges to end HIV transmission in the country within 10 years](#)**

6 February 2019

**[Reducing harm for women who inject drugs in Myanmar](#)**

4 February 2019

**[It's time to make cervical cancer history](#)**

**WHO & Regional Offices** [to 9 Feb 2019]

8 February 2019 | *News release*

**[WHO supports five countries to fight lassa fever outbreaks](#)**

7 February 2019 | *News release*

**[Measles in Europe: record number of both sick and immunized](#)**

More children in the WHO European Region are being vaccinated against measles than ever before; but progress has been uneven between and within countries, leaving increasing clusters of susceptible individuals unprotected, and resulting in a record number of people affected by the virus in 2018. In light of measles data for the year 2018 released today, WHO urges European countries to target their interventions to those places and groups where immunization gaps persist.

Measles killed 72 children and adults in the European Region in 2018. According to monthly country reports for January to December 2018 (received as of 01 February 2019), 82 596 people in 47 of 53 countries contracted measles. In countries reporting hospitalization data, nearly 2/3 (61%) of measles cases were hospitalized. The total number of people infected with the virus in 2018 was the highest this decade: 3 times the total reported in 2017 and 15 times the record low number of people affected in 2016.

The surge in measles cases in 2018 followed a year in which the European Region achieved its highest ever estimated coverage for the second dose of measles vaccination (90% in 2017). More children in the Region received the full two-dose series on time, according to their countries' immunization schedules, in 2017 than in any year since WHO started collecting data on the second dose in 2000. Coverage with the first dose of the vaccine also increased slightly to 95%, the highest level since 2013. However, progress in the Region, based on achievements at the national level, can mask gaps at subnational levels, which are often not recognized until outbreaks occur.

"The picture for 2018 makes it clear that the current pace of progress in raising immunization rates will be insufficient to stop measles circulation. While data indicate exceptionally high immunization coverage at regional level, they also reflect a record number affected and killed by the disease. This means that gaps at local level still offer an open door to the virus," says Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab. "We cannot achieve healthier populations globally, as promised in WHO's vision for the coming five years, if

we do not work locally. We must do more and do it better to protect each and every person from diseases that can be easily avoided.”...

6 February 2019 | *Story*

[House by house, telling girls and families the dangers of female circumcision in Kenya](#)

4 February 2019 | *News release*

[Gaza patients' painful journey to cancer treatment](#)

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### **WHO Regional Offices**

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

#### **WHO African Region AFRO**

:: [WHO supports five countries to fight lassa fever outbreaks](#) 08 February 2019

[Ebola – Rwanda completes the revision of its National Contingency Plan](#) 06 February 2019

[South Sudan strengthens the country's capacity to detect, investigate and respond seasonal and pandemic Influenza](#) 04 February 2019

#### **WHO Region of the Americas PAHO**

:: [Costa Rican Minister of Health outlines priority areas for collaboration in visit to PAHO headquarters \(02/05/2019\)](#)

#### **WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO**

- *No new digest announcements identified.*

#### **WHO European Region EURO**

:: [Measles in Europe: record number of both sick and immunized](#) 07-02-2019

:: [Social science training enhances community engagement in health emergencies in 11 countries of the European Region](#) 06-02-2019

:: [Keep antibiotics working – limit their use this flu season](#) 05-02-2019

:: [What you need to know about digital health systems](#) 05-02-2019

#### **WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO**

:: [Gaza patients' painful journey to cancer treatment](#) 4 February 2019

:: [Cancer patients face 'death sentence' in Yemen](#) 4 February 2019

#### **WHO Western Pacific Region**

- *No new digest announcements identified.*

#### **World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 9 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 9 Feb 2019]

05 Feb 2019 *Press release*

### **[Germany announces support for Peatlands: A natural solution for climate action](#)**

Peatlands are the most effective terrestrial carbon sinks on Earth. When drained or burned for agriculture, peatlands go from being a carbon sink to a carbon source. Peatlands which are a unique form of wetlands and cover...

**UNISDR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

4 Feb 2019

### **[Organizations log voluntary commitments online in new platform](#)**

Organizations working on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) have started to log their voluntary commitments in support of the Sendai Framework - the global roadmap for reducing disaster losses by 2030 - in a new online platform. More than 50 users have registered in the first few weeks of operation. In addition, the platform has already received the first submissions of voluntary

commitments by organizations working in DRR. In close coordination with these organizations, UNISDR reviews the submissions before publishing them in the platform.

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

8 February 2019, New York

### **[Inclusive social development – essential to achieve the global goals](#)**

Social exclusion is connected to all forms of inequality. It affects people's well-being and deprives them of opportunities and civil representation, which can ultimately push powerless groups into the margins of society. "High and worsening inequality is becoming the defining issue of our time," said UN DESA's Under-Secretary-General Liu Zhenmin at a recent meeting of the General Assembly's Third Committee. "According to some estimates, the richest one percent of the global population owned 82 percent of stock of wealth in 2017, while the poorest half saw no increase in their wealth."

"However, rising inequality is not inevitable," Mr. Liu continued, referencing the important work of the Commission for Social Development and the fact that the priority theme of the Commission's 57th session will be "Addressing Inequalities and Challenges to Social Inclusion through Fiscal, Wage and Social Protection Policies."...

6 February 2019, New York

### **[Data Economy: path to prosperity or a dystopian future?](#)**

The data economy has given rise to the world's most powerful corporations. Can better data protection and privacy standards deliver fairer and more equitable outcomes?...

**UNESCO** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

08 February 2019

### **[New agreement bolsters UN work on ocean observations, research and services](#)**

07 February 2019

### **[UNESCO's Heritage Emergency Fund supports Koutammakou \(Togo\) damage assessment](#)**

06 February 2019

### **[International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation](#)**

05 February 2019

### **[Launch of the 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages](#)**

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

05/02/2019 –

### **[UNODC Executive Director welcomes Security Council debate on growing threat of transnational maritime crime](#)**

..."The high seas are open for vessels of all countries, both coastal and landlocked, to support international trade and economic cooperation, contact among peoples and the responsible use of natural resources. However, in recent years the freedom of navigation is being exploited by criminal

groups. Transnational maritime crime is increasingly sophisticated, and it is expanding, both in terms of size and types of criminal activities."..

**UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

International labour standards

**[2019 Report of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations](#)**

08 February 2019

The Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations, whose work constitutes the cornerstone of the ILO's supervisory system on international labour standards, has just published its annual report.

*Social protection*

**[Countries urged to act on universal social protection](#)**

07 February 2019

To end poverty, ensure social protection for all and make good on international commitments made in 2015, countries around the world have been urged at a ministerial-level conference at the International Labour Organization to take five actions towards universal social protection.

*ILO100*

**[Not just any work](#)**

06 February 2019

Decent work – not just any work – is fundamental for peace, social justice, social inclusion, economic development and personal fulfilment. Explore the latest chapter of our interactive, multimedia Centenary website to find out about the challenges to decent work and what the ILO is doing in response.

*Social protection*

**[Only one third of children covered by social protection: ILO, UNICEF](#)**

06 February 2019

A new report by UNICEF and the ILO highlights the critical need to extend social protection to all children.

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

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**[ICAO and the United Arab Emirates to collaborate on new global aviation award programme](#)**

**IMO** International Maritime Organization [to 9 Feb 2019]

<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/Home.aspx>  
06/02/2019

**[IMO's gender programme: new logo to increase visibility for women in maritime](#)**

IMO launches new logo for its Women in Maritime programme, as part of its mission to support UN SDG Goal 5: *Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.*

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 9 Feb 2019]

<https://public.wmo.int/en/media/press-release>  
Publish Date: 6 February 2019

**[WMO confirms past 4 years were warmest on record](#)**

In a clear sign of continuing long-term climate change associated with record atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 have been confirmed as the four warmest years on record.

**UPU** Universal Postal Union [to 9 Feb 2019]

<http://news.upu.int/>  
08.02.2019

**[Fintech's adoption will continue to change postal landscape in 2019](#)**

- In a world of digital transformation, pioneering technologies and accessible financial services, the postal sector is striving to embrace this brave new environment

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 9 Feb 2019]

<http://www.unido.org/news-centre/news.html>  
VIENNA, 8 February 2018

**[UNIDO fosters dynamic dialogue on women's economic empowerment in Europe and Central Asia](#)**

- UNIDO continues to promote a dynamic dialogue on women's economic empowerment and entrepreneurship, also through today's promotional event titled "UNIDO as a global platform for the promotion of women's economic empowerment – Initiatives in Europe and Central Asia".

**International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** [to 9 Feb 2019]

[https://www.iso.org/news\\_archive/x/](https://www.iso.org/news_archive/x/)  
By Clare Naden on 4 February 2019

**[Stronger data protection with updated guidelines on assessing information security controls](#)**

... Developed by ISO and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), [ISO/IEC TS 27008](#), Information technology – Security techniques – Guidelines for the assessment of information security

controls, provides guidance on assessing the controls in place to ensure they are fit for purpose, effective and efficient, and in line with company objectives.

The technical specification (TS) has recently been updated to align with new editions of other complementary standards on information security management, namely ISO/IEC 27000 (overview and vocabulary), ISO/IEC 27001 (requirements) and ISO/IEC 27002 (code of practice for information security controls), all of which are referenced within...

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

Feb 7, 2019 PR/2019/828

**[United States of America Joins WIPO's Marrakesh Treaty as 50th Member In Major Advance for the Global Blind Community](#)**

The United States of America has joined WIPO's fast-growing Marrakesh Treaty as its 50th member, adding a major global publishing center to the Treaty that promotes the increased worldwide availability of texts specially adapted for use by persons with visual or print impairments.

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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**USAID** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

February 8, 2019

**[The United States Pre-Positions First Phase of Humanitarian Assistance to Provide Aid to Venezuelans - Cucuta, Colombia](#)**

*Fact Sheet*

At the request of Interim President Juan Guaidó, the United States is immediately pre-positioning emergency supplies in Colombia to provide relief to Venezuelans coping with severe food and medicine shortages.

**[Statement by USAID Administrator Mark Green on the Launch of the Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative](#)**

February 7, 2019

*Statement*

At the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), we know that investing in women builds resilient, self-reliant, and prosperous societies. Today's launch of the Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative will accelerate the achievement of these goals by leveraging the collective resources and expertise of the U.S. Government to unlock the full economic potential of women around the world.

**DFID** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

**Rohingya refugees shielded from disease by UK aid**

5 February 2019 DFID Press release

The life-saving early warning system gathers information on new disease cases across 168 health centres in Cox's Bazaar and uses an innovative mobile app to allow experts to identify and track potentially deadly outbreaks – helping to protect the more than one million Rohingya people living there.

Supported by the Department for International Development (DFID), the system is currently being used to track and respond to an outbreak of chicken pox in the camps.

More than 4,000 people are believed to have contracted the virus, almost half of whom are under five years old. The early warning system has helped the World Health Organisation (WHO) experts in Cox's Bazaar to provide health advice and medicine, focusing on the most vulnerable, complicated cases...

**ECHO** [to 9 Feb 2019]

<http://ec.europa.eu/echo/en/news>  
*No new digest content identified.*

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**African Union** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

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February 09, 2019

**African Union to host 'Africa Leadership Meeting: Investing in Health'**

February 09, 2019

**Signing of the Joint Letter of Intent between the African Union Commission, the European Union Commission, the International Trade Centre and Regional Economic Communities for the implementation of the African Union Trade Observatory Project**

February 05, 2019

**High Level Dialogue on Gender, Education and Protection of Schools in Humanitarian Settings**

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

**European Commission** [to 9 Feb 2019]

<http://europa.eu/rapid/search-result.htm?query=18&locale=en&page=1>  
09/02/2019

### **EU boosts regional cooperation with 25 African countries**

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 9 February 2019 Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, Neven Mimica, signs in Addis Ababa additional support to regional programmes for 25 countries in Africa.

### **Falsified medicines: new rules to enhance patients' safety**

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 8 February 2019 The falsification of medicines has remained a serious threat to public health in the EU for too long. As of tomorrow, the new rules on safety features for prescription medicines sold in the EU will apply.

### **New safety features for medicines sold in the EU - Questions & Answers**

European Commission - Fact Sheet Brussels, 8 February 2019 New safety features for medicines sold in the EU - Questions & Answers What are falsified medicines and why are they a problem in the EU? Falsified Medicines are fake medicines that pass as real, authorised medicines.

### **Venezuela crisis: EU mobilises additional humanitarian assistance**

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 5 February 2019 EU to provide further humanitarian assistance to help the Venezuelan people As many people continue to suffer from the severe socio-economic crisis in Venezuela, the Commission has allocated today additional humanitarian assistance of €5 million to help those most in need.

### **Questions and Answers about Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C)**

European Commission - Fact Sheet Brussels, 5 February 2019 The EU promotes actively the elimination of Female Genital Mutilation. The EU has actively participated in international cooperation to promote the elimination of Female Genital Mutilation.

### **Joint Statement on the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation**

European Commission - Statement Brussels, 5 February 2019 Ahead of the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation on 6 February 2019, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the Commission Federica Mogherini, Commissioner European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations Johannes Hahn, Commissioner...

**OECD** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

February 7, 2019

### **OAS to Host Conference on "The New Cuban Constitution and the Inter-American Democratic Charter"**

...The event will center on a dialogue on the referendum to be held on February 24 in Cuba to approve a new constitution, and will seek to answer the question "Does this constitution contain the essential elements of democracy outlined in the Democratic Charter?"...

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Group of 77** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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**UNCTAD** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

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**[Trade Wars: The Pain and the Gain](#)**

*Amid tit for tat tariff hikes, trade is being diverted and a handful of countries will capture a slice of the giants' exports, UNCTAD estimates*

**World Customs Organization – WCO** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Selected Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 9 Feb 2019]

[http://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm)

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**[DG Azevêdo meets with members of the UN Working Group on business and human rights](#)**

Director-General Roberto Azevêdo received today at the WTO Mr. Surya Deva, Ms. Anita Ramasastry, Ms. Elzbieta Karska and Mr. Dante Pesce, members of the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights.

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**IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

8 February 2019

**[IPU considers new evidence revealing abuse of the human rights of MPs worldwide](#)**

The IPU Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians has released its latest decisions after considering the cases of 417 MPs from 37 countries at a meeting in Geneva last week. The Committee,

the only international body with a special remit to defend persecuted MPs, took decisions on 126 MPs, most of which concern opposition MPs in Venezuela.

**International Court of Justice** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 9 Feb 2019]

*Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity*

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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**World Bank** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

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**[Republic of Congo Expands Access to Social Protection Services for Refugees and Host Communities in the Likouala Region](#)**

WASHINGTON, February 7, 2019 – The World Bank Board approved today an IDA\* additional grant in the amount of \$9.16 million from the Refugee Sub-window and a second additional credit of \$12.84 million -...

Date: February 08, 2019 Type: Press Release Language: English

**[The Mobility of Displaced Syrians: An Economic and Social Analysis](#)**

This report identifies key factors weighing on Syrian refugees contemplating a return home and analyzes how changing conditions in Syria might affect their decisions. It analyzes the voluntary return of...

Date: February 06, 2019 Type: Publication

**[End of Fighting in Syria Not Enough for Spontaneous Return of Syrian Refugees](#)**

Washington DC, February 5, 2019— A new World Bank report analyzes the voluntary return of 103,090 Syrian refugees to determine the key factors that influenced their decisions. This group of refugees, who...

Date: February 05, 2019 Type: Press Release

**IMF** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

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February 9, 2019

**[Laying the Foundations of Good Fiscal Management in the Arab World](#)**

February 4, 2019

## **IMF Executive Board Discusses the Fund's Strategy on Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism**

**African Development Bank Group** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

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### **South Korea ready to partner with Africa on technology**

- In partnership with the African Development Bank, Korea is ready to step up technology transfers to Africa, officials said in Seoul today.

### **More information and investment in food safety needed to tackle high human cost of foodborne illness, new report finds**

06/02/2019 - More than half of donor-funded food safety initiatives in sub-Saharan Africa are focused on overseas markets, with less than half on domestic consumers, a new report from the Global Food Safety Partnership has found.

### **African Development Bank, ECOWAS, sign agreement for study on Abidjan-Lagos Corridor Highway**

05/02/2019 - The African Development Bank and the Economic Community Of West African States Commission (ECOWAS) have signed an agreement for a study into a 1,000 kilometre highway linking Cote d'Ivoire's commercial capital Abidjan, to Lagos in Nigeria, marking a new step in building regional integration and trade

**Asian Development Bank** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

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### **ADB, AFD Commit to Providing \$5 Billion in Cofinancing in the Next 3 Years**

ADB and AFD today agreed to increase their cofinancing commitment from \$3 billion in the past 3 years to \$5 billion in the next 3 years, allowing them to scale up their joint development efforts in the Asia and Pacific region.

7 Feb 2019

### **ADB President, World Health Organization Regional Directors Discuss Strengthened Collaboration**

ADB President Mr. Takehiko Nakao, newly appointed Regional Director of WHO Western Pacific Regional Office Dr. Takeshi Kasai, and Regional Director of WHO South East Asia Regional Office Dr. Poonam Khetrpal Singh met at...

**Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 9 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 9 Feb 2019]

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

05 Feb 19

**[Link between rural innovation and entrepreneurship explored at IFAD's annual Member State gathering](#)**

04 Feb 19

**[Harnessing indigenous peoples' knowledge for a food-secure future in the face of climate change](#)**

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

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**[China-IFAD South-South and Triangular Cooperation Facility: Second Call for Proposals](#)**

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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 9 Feb 2019]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA)** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Amref Health Africa** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

8 February, 2019 / by Rhodester Musili

**[Unlocking the Potential for Health Care Students to Address UHC](#)**

7 February, 2019 / by Amref Health Africa

## **Amref Joins Partners in First Annual National Reproductive, Maternal, New-born, Child Health and Nutrition Conference**

**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 9 Feb 2019]  
<http://www.aravind.org/default/currentnewscontent>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**BRAC** [to 9 Feb 2019]  
<http://www.brac.net/#news>  
*Latest*

### **February 07, 2019** **Breaking bad and doing good: The fight against TB in 2018**

February 06, 2019  
**Incubating the incubators: Promoting entrepreneurship in frontier markets**

February 04, 2019  
**What does it mean to build a data-driven culture?**

**CARE International** [to 9 Feb 2019]  
<http://www.care-international.org/news/press-releases>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Clubhouse International** [to 9 Feb 2019]  
<http://www.clubhouse-intl.org/news.html>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 9 Feb 2019]  
<https://www.drc.dk/news>  
*NEWS*

### **DRC among top-three of world's best NGO's**

Once again the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is ranked third best NGO in the world on NGO Advisor's recently published annual list. Thus, Denmark's largest humanitarian NGO retains its position from last year, and for six consecutive years the organization is among top five.

06.02.2019

**ECPAT** [to 9 Feb 2019]  
<http://www.ecpat.net/news>  
*News & Updates*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Fountain House** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 9 Feb 2019]

[http://www.handicap-international.us/press\\_releases](http://www.handicap-international.us/press_releases)

*No new digest content identified.*

**Heifer International** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**HelpAge International** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICRC** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

**[Nigeria: Thousands of civilians pay heavy price as armed conflict escalates](#)**

A series of attacks in north-east Nigeria's Borno state have caused the largest wave of displacement since 2017

04-02-2019 | News release

**[Iraq: Massive challenges still prevent Iraqis from returning home, ICRC president says](#)**

Baghdad/Geneva (ICRC) – Rebuilding Iraq's social fabric is key to ensuring that the country can leave its violent past behind, the president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said during a four-day visit to the country, which inc

04-02-2019 | News release

**IFRC** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Press Releases*

*Americas, Venezuela*

**[Venezuela: Respect and protect our neutrality and impartiality, says Red Cross President](#)**

Caracas/Geneva, 8 February 2019 – The President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies has strongly defended principled humanitarian action, calling on stakeholders in Venezuela and around the world to respect the neutr ...

**International Medical Corps (IMC)** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Story*

## **[Training to Save Lives in Yemen, in the Midst of Famine](#)**

February 5, 2019

It's a crisis reminiscent of our early days in Somalia, when at the height of a brutal civil war in the 1990s, International Medical Corps worked desperately to sound the alarm about an unfolding famine that would haunt the world—once it finally woke up. Today, as Yemen enters its fourth year of civil war, graphic ...

**IRC International Rescue Committee** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Perspective*

## **[The IRC responds to the State of the Union](#)**

February 6, 2019

**IRCT** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*News* 04 Feb 2019

## **[Call for nominations of experts to the UN Committee against Torture](#)**

On 3 October 2019, States will elect five members to serve as experts on the UN Committee against Torture...

The call requests all States that have ratified the UN Convention against Torture to identify and nominate experts for the Committee through a transparent, competitive and merit based process. It also established key criteria for membership.

The IRCT urges all of our members and partners to identify suitable experts and promote their nomination with your respective governments.

**Islamic Relief Worldwide** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Latest News*

*Emergencies*

## **[Bullets and starvation claiming Yemeni lives](#)**

Published: 6 February, 2019

## **[Urgent aid amid worsening drought in Balochistan](#)**

Published: 8 February, 2019

## **[Senior Niger figures back Gender Justice Declaration](#)**

Published: 8 February, 2019

## **[Farming food and futures in Somalia](#)**

Published: 7 February, 2019

## **[Islam must never be used to justify FGM](#)**

Published: 6 February, 2019

**Landsea** [to 9 Feb 2019]

<http://www.landesa.org/press-and-media-categories/press-releases/>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Medecins du Monde** [to 9 Feb 2019]

<http://www.medecinsdumonde.org/>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 9 Feb 2019]

<http://www.msf.org/>  
*Selected News; Project Updates, Reports [as presented on website]*  
*Access to medicines*

**[TB activists challenge patent in India, in bid to prevent J&J from exte...](#)**

Press Release 8 Feb 2019

*Nauru*

**[MSF launches remote mental health service for former patients in dist...](#)**

Press Release 7 Feb 2019

*Democratic Republic of Congo*

**[Ten thousand people living in desperate conditions in northeas...](#)**

Project Update 7 Feb 2019

*Refugees, IDPs and people on the move*

**[Nine countries and 7,000km; Asad's journey from Somalia to Europe](#)**

Voices from the Field 6 Feb 2019

*France*

**[Migrants trapped in relentless cycle of rejection on French-Spa...](#)**

Project Update 6 Feb 2019

*Yemen*

**[Unacceptable investigation findings into Abs health centre b...](#)**

Press Release 6 Feb 2019

*Rohingya refugee crisis*

**[The 5 things we've found after one million consultations in Cox's ...](#)**

Project Update 5 Feb 2019

**Mercy Corps** [to 9 Feb 2019]

<http://www.mercycorps.org/press-room/releases>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Operation Smile** [to 9 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 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Selected News/Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Norwegian Refugee Council** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Latest news from NRC*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Pact** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Partners In Health** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*News*

Feb 08, 2019

**[Eliminating TB, One Van at a Time](#)**

With the launch of the TB Móvil program, staff will drive two vans outfitted with tuberculosis testing and diagnosis equipment and offer 100,000 people a free, fast way to know their status and access care in Lima, Peru.

Feb 08, 2019

**['It Felt like the End of the Road': Bizinde Elyse Reflects on Beating Cancer in Rural Rwanda](#)**

Bizinde Elyse remembers feeling shell-shocked when he was diagnosed in 2014 with a highly malignant form of muscle cancer.

**PATH** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Plan International/BORNEfonden** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Save The Children** [to 9 Feb 2019]  
<https://www.savethechildren.net/news>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**SOS-Kinderdorf International** [to 9 Feb 2019]  
<https://www.sos-childrensvillages.org/news>  
*All News*  
*Youth employability*

**"I'm unstoppable": A young woman prepares to shape her future**

06.02.2019 - Una will not let high youth unemployment rates in Bosnia and Herzegovina discourage her.

*Panama*

**Decathlete pursues Olympic dream**

04.02.2019 - As a child, Jorge Mena was running around the streets of Panama City, begging for money to buy his next meal. Today, Jorge is still running, but now - as a decathlete - thousands of people are cheering him on.

**Tostan** [to 9 Feb 2019]  
<http://www.tostan.org>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Women for Women International** [to 9 Feb 2019]  
<https://www.womenforwomen.org/>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**World Vision** [to 9 Feb 2019]  
<http://wvi.org/>  
*No new digest content identified.*

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**Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR** [to 9 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](https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press_release)  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Freedom House** [to 9 Feb 2019]  
<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research*

*Press Releases*

### **[Ethiopia: Civil Society Proclamation Advances Essential Freedoms](#)**

February 9, 2019

Ethiopia's new law is the Ahmed administration's first major reform measure taken towards ensuring a more open operating environment for civil society.

*Press Releases*

### **[NEW REPORT: Freedom in the World 2019, featuring Special Release on United States](#)**

February 4, 2019

Challenges to American democracy are testing the stability of its constitutional system and threatening to undermine political rights and civil liberties worldwide, according to the latest edition of Freedom in the World.

*[See Week in Review for detail]*

**Transparency International** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Bond** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

8 February 2019

### **[Counting investment profits as aid risks undermining development efforts](#)**

We need aid that mobilises private investment to work in the interests of the world's poorest or the UK's aid quality will deteriorate.

[Claire Godfrey](#)

### **[Driving up safeguarding standards: one year on](#)**

Some of the ways the aid sector has stepped up to prevent exploitation, abuse and harassment over the past 12 months.

8 February 2019

### **[How do you know when your NGO needs to change?](#)**

NGO leaders need to make brave decisions in order to adapt and evolve for the future.

[Mark Salway](#)

7 February 2019

### **[Financing injustice](#)**

It is dangerous to assume that private financing has the same development impact as other aid flows.

[Toby Quantrill](#)

7 February 2019

### **[CSO funding in Europe: Is DFID still leading the way?](#)**

A new research study looks at how UK government funding of CSOs compares to trends in five other European countries.

[Dr Boris Verbrugge](#)

5 February 2019

**ChildFund Alliance** [to 9 Feb 2019]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

**CONCORD** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*LATEST PRESS RELEASES*

*No new digest content identified.*

**The Elders** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements*

05 Feb 2019

**[The Elders' Access to Justice programme launch](#)**

The Elders are launching a new programme on Access to Justice because without justice, the SDGs cannot be achieved.

**Evidence Aid** [to 9 Feb 2019]

*No new digest content identified.*

**Gavi** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Global Fund** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*News*

**[Global Partners Commit to Step Up the Fight Against AIDS, TB and Malaria](#)**

08 February 2019

At the kick-off meeting of the Global Fund's Sixth Replenishment, leaders, global health organizations, civil society groups and people affected by the diseases vowed collective action to end

the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria and accelerate progress toward universal health coverage....

*News*

### **[Significant Progress Achieved Against TB in High-Burden Asian Countries](#)**

07 February 2019

NEW DELHI – Preliminary results from a joint initiative to find and treat additional 1.5 million “missing” tuberculosis patients by the end of 2019 show solid progress, with Asia driving the success. Six countries in Asia with the highest burdens of TB in the world have found an additional 450,000 cases of TB in the past year alone, and more than 840,000 additional patients compared with 2015.

Half of the additional TB cases found last year through the initiative, which is supported by the Global Fund, World Health Organization and the Stop TB Partnership, were in India alone...

**Hilton Prize Coalition** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 9 Feb 2019]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

*Latest resources*

*No new digest content identified.*

**INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Right to Education Project* 4 February 2019

### **[Experts from around the world set to meet in Abidjan to adopt new guiding principles on the right to education](#)**

(Abidjan, 4 February 2019) On 12-13 of February 2019, education and human rights experts will meet in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire, for the adoption of guiding [principles](#) strengthening the right to access free quality public education in the context of growing private actor involvement in education.

This landmark text promises to be the new reference point for governments, educators and education providers when debating the respective roles and duties of states and private actors in education. The Guiding Principles unpack existing international human rights law on the right to education and outline practical guidelines for the growing global concern about the negative human rights impacts of the increasing private actor involvement in education...

The adoption conference is expected to be attended by education and human rights law practitioners from more than 40 countries who will observe the process...

**InterAction** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

Feb 5, 2019

### **[Department of Defense Report Outlines Steps the U.S. Should Take to Respect and Protect Civilians in its Military Operations](#)**

On February 4, the U.S. Department of Defense released a [redacted study report](#) commissioned by General Joseph Dunford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on civilian casualties resulting from U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) and U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) military operations between 2015 and 2017.

InterAction welcomes this Pentagon initiative to critically examine how it accounts for civilian casualties in U.S. military operations and to determine critical areas for improvement.

“Armed conflict takes an absolutely devastating toll on civilians. But it shouldn’t. Military operations should be conducted with tremendous care and restraint to spare civilian lives and infrastructure. This study is a welcome and important contribution to understanding steps the U.S. can and should take to minimize harm in its military operations,” said InterAction CEO, Sam Worthington...

### **Start Network** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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### **3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP)** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Blog 28 Jan 2019*

#### **[How should we evaluate protection?](#)**

07 January 2019

...In contrast to the attention paid to the planning, coordination and conduct of protection work, the evaluation of protection activities has received relatively little attention. As [previously noted](#), evaluation guidance focusing on protection in humanitarian action is limited, fragmented and confined to specific programming manuals that often give limited guidance on the overall challenge of looking at protection.

Core questions remain unanswered, such as:

:: How should evaluation commissioners assess evaluability conditions in protection contexts?

:: How should evaluation teams design data collection and management tools that meet the ethical and analytical challenges raised by protection risk reduction?

:: And how should we assess programme performance and results whilst taking account of the complexity of protection settings and the important role of external actors in contributing to protection-conducive environments?

The [ALNAP Guide on the Evaluation of Protection in Humanitarian Action](#) addresses these questions. It covers the full evaluation cycle, from planning through data management to analysis and use. It also includes a set of six toolkits for commissioners and evaluators alike, as well as a range of considerations and insights from other evaluations in this area...

### **CHS Alliance** [to 9 Feb 2019]

<http://chsalliance.org/news-events/news>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Development Initiatives** [to 9 Feb 2019]  
<http://devinit.org/news/>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**EHLRA/R2HC** [to 9 Feb 2019]  
<http://www.elrha.org/resource-hub/news/>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Groupe URD** [to 9 Feb 2019]  
<https://www.urd.org/?lang=en>

The Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW) Groupe URD will be present at the fifth Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW) taking place in Geneva on 4-8 February 2019. We will be involved in several sessions covering topics such as aid quality, environmental impact, water and sanitation and aid agility.

**International Humanitarian Studies Association** [to 9 Feb 2019]  
<https://ihsa.info/>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**The Sphere Project** [to 9 Feb 2019]  
<http://www.sphereproject.org/news/>  
*News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 9 Feb 2019]  
<https://phap.org/>  
*Latest News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

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**Brookings**  
<http://www.brookings.edu/>  
*Accessed 9 Feb 2019*  
*Latest Research*  
*Health Care Policy*

**[Improving the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule: Make it part of value-based payment](#)**

[Robert Berenson](#) and [Paul B. Ginsburg](#)  
Tuesday, February 5, 2019

U.S. Economy

**The common ownership hypothesis: Theory and explanation**

Matthew Backus, Christopher Conlon, and Michael Sinkinson

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

**Center for Global Development** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

February 7, 2019

**Cohesive Institutions and Political Violence - Working Paper 503**

Can institutionalized transfers of resource rents be a source of civil conflict? Are cohesive institutions better at managing conflicts over distribution? We exploit exogenous variation in revenue disbursements to local governments and use new data on local democratic institutions in Nigeria to answer these questions.

Thiemo Fetzer and Stephan Kyburz

February 7, 2019

**Enhancing Young Children's Language Acquisition through Parent-Child Book-Sharing: A Randomized Trial in Rural Kenya - Working Paper 502**

Worldwide, 250 million children under five (43 percent) are not meeting their developmental potential because they lack adequate nutrition and cognitive stimulation in early childhood. Several parent support programs have shown significant benefits for children's development, but the programs are often expensive and resource intensive. The objective of this study was to test several variants of a potentially scalable, cost-effective intervention to increase cognitive stimulation by parents and improve emergent literacy skills in children.

Heather A. Knauer , Pamela Jakiela , Owen Ozier , Frances Aboud and Lia C.H. Fernald

February 7, 2019

**Toward Medium-Term Solutions for Rohingya Refugees and Hosts in Bangladesh: Mapping Potential Responsibility-Sharing Contributions**

Bangladesh is providing a significant global public good by hosting nearly one million Rohingya refugees, including 700,000 who fled violence carried out with "genocidal intent" in 2017. The international community has an opportunity to recognize Bangladesh's contributions through a robust responsibility-sharing process. This brief explores the potential range of responsibility-sharing commitments in support of Bangladesh.

Cindy Huang and Kate Gough

February 5, 2019

**Governing Big Tech's Pursuit of the "Next Billion Users"**

The rapid expansion of internet access across the globe is a welcome development, but it raises new policy challenges. And while there is broad agreement in the development community on the importance of getting digital policy "right," too little attention has been paid to how policymakers in the developing world can best engage with the companies who dominate the digital landscape.

Michael Pisa and John Polcari

February 5, 2019

## **[The Two Hundred Billion Dollar Question: How to Get the Biggest Impact from the 2019 Replenishments](#)**

In 2019/2020 donor governments are anticipated to pledge up to \$170 billion to various multilateral organisations as part of their replenishment cycles. This unusual bunching of replenishments of some of the largest organisations in 2019 provides an opportunity to think more coherently about multilateral funding and to address key systemic problems, such as overlapping mandates and under-funding of some parts of the system.

Andrew Rogerson and Owen Barder

**CSIS** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Selected Reports*

*Report*

### **[Europe in 2019: A Critical and Transitional Year](#)**

February 7, 2019 | Rachel Ellehuus, Ricklef Beutin, Quentin Lopinot

CSIS Europe Program experts Rachel Ellehuus, Ricklef Beutin, and Quentin Lopinot provide a snapshot on some of the most significant events on the European and transatlantic security and defense calendar for 2019 and the important stakes that are at play.

*Report*

### **[Finishing Strong: Seeking a Proper Exit from Afghanistan](#)**

February 6, 2019 | Daniel F. Runde, Earl Anthony Wayne

A precipitous U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan would endanger important socioeconomic progress made to date. Ambassador Anthony Wayne and Daniel Runde argue that the United States should withdraw gradually, based on facts on the ground and progress on peace negotiations.

*Report*

### **[Beating the Air into Submission: Investing in Vertical Lift Modernization](#)**

February 4, 2019 | Gabriel Coll, Andrew Philip Hunter

The U.S. military's fleet of helicopters and tiltrotors is aging. While there are ambitious plans to modernize the fleet, much of the investment path ahead remains unclear. This brief looks at past vertical lift investments to help inform future investment plans.

**ODI** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Selected Press Releases & Reports*

### **[The role of National Immunisation Technical Advisory Groups in evidence-informed decision-making](#)**

Research reports and studies | February 2019 | Anne Buffardi and Susan Njambi-Szlapka

This report outlines what could be done to strengthen and support National Immunisation Technical Advisory Groups (NITAGs).

**Urban Institute** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

February 7, 2019

## **[The Value of Presidential and Vice-Presidential Tax Returns to the Public and Congress](#)**

Steven M. Rosenthal, Senior Fellow at the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, testified before the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Oversight during a hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals and Tax Law Related to Presidential and Vice-Presidential Tax Returns." In his testimony, Rosenthal discusses the importance of disclosing tax returns of current and potential presidents and vice-presidents, the need for new legislation

[Steven M. Rosenthal](#)

*Testimony*

## **[Five Things You May Not Know About the US Social Safety Net](#)**

The US social safety net is not a single program but rather consists of many different programs providing different kinds of help to a variety of individuals and families. We assess how many people are served by the current system and the characteristics of those recipients, considering six kinds of benefits that are means tested and provide regular monthly benefits. The US social safety net reaches a large and diverse

[Sarah Minton](#), [Linda Giannarelli](#)

February 4, 2019

*Brief*

## **[The Effects of the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program on College Enrollment and Graduation](#)**

The Florida Tax Credit (FTC) scholarship program, the nation's largest private school choice program, provides more than 100,000 scholarships annually that can be used to enroll in participating private schools. This study finds that students who enroll in private school through the FTC program are more likely to go to and graduate from college than their public school peers. Background A 2017 Urban Institute report found

[Matthew Chingos](#), [Tomas Monarrez](#), [Daniel Kuehn](#)

February 4, 2019

*Brief*

## **World Economic Forum** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Selected News Releases*

### **[Civil Society to Partner with World Economic Forum to Launch Platform for Social Sector Transformation](#)**

News 08 Feb 2019

- *The World Economic Forum today launches an initiative aimed at helping civil society prepare for and respond to the Fourth Industrial Revolution.*
- *The civil society sector, which employs 350 million people worldwide, faces problems in leveraging innovation and providing solutions to challenges created by technological transformation.*
- *In addition to participation from more than 25 organizations, Pact and the Children's Investment Fund Foundation have committed financial support and resources to the platform.*
- *The launch is accompanied by the publication of a white paper, [Civil Society in the Fourth Industrial Revolution: Preparation and Response](#)*

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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 9 Feb 2019]

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

*News*

#### **[Data Stories | A tiny brain structure with an outsized role in neurological disorders](#)**

February 8, 2019

Neuroscientist Emily Sylwestrak's studies of the habenula could one day shed light on the biology of addiction. It all began with a chance observation she made sifting through data from the Allen Institute.

#### **BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **Annie E. Casey Foundation** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **Blue Meridian Partners** [to 9 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 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **Co Impact** [to 9 Feb 2019]

[www.co-impact.io](http://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 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Equals Change Blog* 7 February 2019

**[Why the privacy conversation needs more voices](#)**

By Wilneida Negrón

*News* 1 February 2019

**[Ford Foundation appoints Maria Torres-Springer as next vice president for US programs](#)**

The current NYC commissioner of Housing Preservation and Development will bring deep expertise and management experience to the foundation's fight against inequality.

*News* 1 February 2019

**[Ford Foundation announces opening of its art gallery focused on social justice, offers details of inaugural exhibitions](#)**

The Ford Foundation Gallery Is a Major New Public Feature of the Renovated Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice

**GHIT Fund** [to 9 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 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Latest Updates*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Our News*

**[Supporting the Catholic Sisters: A Message from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation](#)**

February 7, 2019

**IKEA Foundation** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Kaiser Family Foundation** [to 9 Feb 2019]

[https://www.kff.org/search/?post\\_type=press-release](https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release)

*No new digest content identified.*

**Aga Khan Foundation** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

6 February 2019

**[Aga Khan University Convocation ceremony 2019, Dar es Salaam](#)**

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 6 February 2019 - Aga Khan University (AKU) has affirmed its commitment to continue contributing to Tanzania's social economic development through the provision of high quality education for teachers and nurses.

The commitment was made during the university's 14th convocation ceremony held at the Diamond Jubilee Hall in Dar es Salaam. A total of 39 students were conferred degrees: 26 received Master's degrees in Education while 13 were awarded Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees...

**Kellogg Foundation** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

Feb. 4, 2019

**[New class of W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Leadership Network fellows announced](#)**

Local leaders commit to promoting equity for children and families in their communities

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*What We're Learning*

*Grantee Research*

**[Peer Selection and Democratizing Entrepreneurship](#)**

February 6, 2019

*Grantee Research*

**[Financing Sustainable Development Goals](#)**

February 5, 2019

*Grantee Research*

**[Fostering Emerging Documentary Film Makers](#)**

February 5, 2019

Grantee Research

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

February 5, 2019

### **[The Moore Foundation invests \\$140 million to explore aquatic symbioses](#)**

Aquatic environments comprise the largest habitat on the planet and have served as an incubator of evolution since life began on Earth almost four billion years ago. Today, these marine and freshwater ecosystems host a substantial proportion of the biodiversity on our planet, yet much of this diversity remains unexplored. As scientists study biology in aquatic environments, they are realizing how powerfully the interactions of organisms define their evolutionary history and ecological roles.

The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation is launching a new area of research, the [Symbiosis in Aquatic Systems Initiative](#). Over the next nine years, we will invest \$140 million to support development of new tools, theory and concepts about aquatic symbioses and to bring different research communities together to learn how symbioses involving microorganisms function, evolve and serve critical ecosystem roles in marine and freshwater environments.

“We have an opportunity to jumpstart an important area of scientific inquiry,” said [Jon Kaye](#), Ph.D., program director of the Symbiosis in Aquatic Systems Initiative. “There are clever scientists conducting research in this area who could benefit from our support to pursue their ideas and accelerate the rate of new discoveries. We also want to find scientists and engineers who had not previously considered symbiosis questions and to bring them into this area of scientific inquiry.”...

### **Open Society Foundation** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Open Society Voices*

### **[Can a Virtual Reality Video Help Fight Anti-HIV Stigma?](#)**

February 7, 2019 Sydelle Willow Smith

In Cape Town, activists are working to combat the myths and misinformation associated with HIV testing.

### **David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Press Releases & Statements*

February 6, 2019

### **[Pew: Proposal to Dismantle Payday Loan Rule Would Harm Millions](#)**

WASHINGTON—The Pew Charitable Trusts warned today that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s plan to rescind core provisions of its payday loan rule would leave millions of Americans at risk of becoming trapped in a cycle of debt...

### **Rockefeller Foundation** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

February 6, 2019

### **[The Rockefeller Foundation Establishes Atlas AI – New Startup to Generate Actionable Intelligence on Global Development Challenges](#)**

*Atlas AI appoints Victoria Coleman as CEO, most recently CTO of Wikimedia Foundation*

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Latest News Releases, Blog Posts, Reports*

*Website not responding at inquiry*

**Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 9 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 6, 2019

**[The Moore Foundation invests \\$140 million to explore aquatic symbioses \[via Moore Foundation\]](#)**

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February 5, 2019

**[David and Claudia Harding's £100m gift to Cambridge University \[via BBC\]](#)**

David and Claudia Harding have donated £100m to Cambridge University. The donation is the biggest single gift made to a university in the UK by a British philanthropist. The money will fund postgraduate scholarships for more than 100 PhD students and be invested in attracting students from "under-represented groups."

**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 9 Feb 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Wellcome Trust** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Wellcome Trust* | 8 February 2019

**[Jeremy Farrar reflects on his trip to the Ebola outbreak in the DRC](#)**

*News* | 4 February 2019

**[New funding to boost global research capacity in humanities and social science](#)**

We're launching two new calls to fund international exchange networks and infrastructure costs for humanities and social science researchers around the world.

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**Foundation Center** [to 9 Feb 2019]

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

*Press Release* February 5, 2019

**[Foundation Center and GuideStar Join Forces to Become a New Nonprofit Entity Named Candid](#)**

*Candid to Offer Most Comprehensive, Global Source of Knowledge About Nonprofit Work  
[See Week in Review above for detail]*

**Council on Foundations** [to 9 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>

*Editorial*

### **[The Mandate for a Global "One Health" Approach to Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance](#)**

*Perspective Pieces*

### **[Malaria: How Are We Doing and How Can We Do Better?](#)**

Philip J. Rosenthal, Chandy C. John and N. Regina Rabinovich

<https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.18-0997>

### **[Combatting the Increasing Threat of Vector-Borne Disease in the United States with a National Vector-Borne Disease Prevention and Control System](#)**

Lyle R. Petersen, Charles B. Beard and Susanna N. Visser

<https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.18-0841>

## **BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation**

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

(Accessed 9 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 9 Feb 2019)

*Research article*

### **[Attitudes of mental health providers towards adoption of evidence-based interventions: relationship to workplace, staff roles and social and psychological factors at work](#)**

*Gaining insight into factors influencing the adoption of evidence-based interventions (EBI) is essential to ensuring their sustainability in the mental healthcare setting. This article describes 1) differences...*

Authors: Marte Rye, Oddgeir Friberg and Ingunn Skre

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2019 19:110

Published on: 8 February 2019

*Study protocol*

**[Implementing a digital communication assistance tool to collect the medical history of refugee patients: DICTUM Friedland - an action-oriented mixed methods study protocol](#)**

*Language barriers play a decisive role in determining the outcomes of medical consultations between healthcare providers and their foreign patients. This issue is a significant challenge to the German healthca...*

Authors: Ghefar Furaijat, Evelyn Kleinert, Anne Simmenroth and Frank Müller

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2019 19:103

Published on: 6 February 2019

**BMC Infectious Diseases**

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

(Accessed 9 Feb 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMC Medical Ethics**

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

(Accessed 9 Feb 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMC Medicine**

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

(Accessed 9 Feb 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

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

(Accessed 9 Feb 2019)

*Research article*

**[Pregnancy and early motherhood among adolescents in five East African countries: a multi-level analysis of risk and protective factors](#)**

*Adolescent pregnancy remains a major challenge in both developed and developing countries. Early and unintended pregnancies among adolescents are associated with several adverse health, educational, social and...*

Authors: Yohannes Dibaba Wado, Elizabeth A. Sully and Joyce N. Mumah

Citation: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2019 19:59

Published on: 6 February 2019

**BMC Public Health**

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

(Accessed 9 Feb 2019)

*Research article*

**[Heterogeneities in dengue spatial-temporal transmission in Brazilian cities and its influence on the optimal age of vaccination](#)**

The development of a safe and effective vaccine is considered crucial for dengue transmission control since vector control has been failed; some potential candidates are currently in test, and in this context t...

Authors: Luciana L. Cardim, Suani T. R. Pinho, M. Gloria Teixeira, M. Conceição N. Costa, M. Lourdes Esteva and Claudia P. Ferreira

Citation: BMC Public Health 2019 19:155

Published on: 6 February 2019

*Research article*

**[Health and social impacts of open defecation on women: a systematic review](#)**

*The significance of sanitation to safeguard human health is irrefutable and has important public health dimensions. Access to sanitation has been essential for human dignity, health and well-being. Despite 15...*

Authors: Mahrukh Saleem, Teresa Burdett and Vanessa Heaslip

Citation: BMC Public Health 2019 19:158

Published on: 6 February 2019

*Research article*

**[The impact of intergenerational programs on social capital in Japan: a randomized population-based cross-sectional study](#)**

*Over the last several decades, social isolation and loneliness among older adults have posed an increasingly urgent challenge due to the rapidly aging population in Japan. To remedy the situation, many communi...*

Authors: Yoh Murayama, Hiroshi Murayama, Masami Hasebe, Jun Yamaguchi and Yoshinori Fujiwara

Citation: BMC Public Health 2019 19:156

Published on: 6 February 2019

**BMC Research Notes**

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

(Accessed 9 Feb 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMJ Open**

February 2019 - Volume 9 - 2

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Bulletin of the World Health Organization**

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Child Care, Health and Development**

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Therapeutics**

January 2019 Volume 41, Issue 1, p1-190

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Trials**

Volume 16 Issue 1, February 2019

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/16/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Conflict and Health**

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

[Accessed 9 Feb 2019]

*Research*

| 6 February 2019

#### **[Construct validity and factor structure of sense of coherence \(SoC-13\) scale as a measure of resilience in Eritrean refugees living in Ethiopia](#)**

*There is a scarcity of adapted measures to study resilience and mental health of people in humanitarian settings in Africa. The aim of this study was to identify the factor structure and other psychometric properties of the Sense of Coherence (SoC-13) scale in Eritrean refugees living in Ethiopia.*

Authors: Berhanie Getnet and Atalay Alem

### **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***

ARTICLES

Open Access

**[Policy development: An analysis of disability inclusion in a selection of African Union policies](#)**

[Raymond Lang](#), [Marguerite Schneider](#), [Maria Kett](#), [Ellie Cole](#), [Nora Groce](#)

Pages: 155-175

First Published: 18 July 2017

**[Are cash transfers the answer for child nutrition in sub-Saharan Africa? A literature review](#)**

[James Manley](#), [Vanya Slavchevska](#)

Pages: 204-224

First Published: 19 October 2017

**[The role of evidence in nutrition policy-making in Ethiopia: Institutional structures and issue framing](#)**

[Helen Walls](#), [Deborah Johnston](#), [Elisa Vecchione](#), [Abdulfatah Adam](#), [Justin Parkhurst](#)

Pages: 293-310

First Published: 14 May 2018

### **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://bmcmemergmed.biomedcentral.com/articles>

[Accessed 9 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](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 9 Feb 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

### **Geoheritage**

Volume 10, Issue 4, December 2018

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

#### ***Special Issue: Geodiversity and Geoheritage: Crossing Disciplines and Approaches***

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

### **Global Health Action**

Volume 11, 2018 – Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)**

Vol. 6, No. 4 December 27, 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Global Public Health**

Volume 14, 2019 Issue 3

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Globalization and Health**

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

[Accessed 9 Feb 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

## **Health Affairs**

Vol. 38 , No. 2 February 2019

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

### ***Hospitals, Health IT & More***

*Research Article Global Health Policy*

### **[Health System Approaches Are Needed To Expand Telemedicine Use Across Nine Latin American Nations](#)**

Cynthia M. LeRouge, Manjul Gupta, Guillaume Corpart, and Alejandro Arrieta

*Research Article Pharmaceuticals & Medical Technology*

### **[Impact Of The Priority Review Voucher Program On Drug Development For Rare Pediatric Diseases](#)**

Thomas J. Hwang, Florence T. Bourgeois, Jessica M. Franklin, and Aaron S. Kesselheim

## **Health and Human Rights**

Volume 20, Issue 2, December 2018

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Health Economics, Policy and Law**

Volume 14 - Issue 1 - January 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Health Equity**

Volume 2, Issue 1 / September 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Health Policy and Planning**

Volume 33, Issue 9, 1 November 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Health Promotion International**

Volume 34, Issue 1, February 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Health Research Policy and Systems**

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

[Accessed 9 Feb 2019]

*Review*

### **[Evidence map of knowledge translation strategies, outcomes, facilitators and barriers in African health systems](#)**

*The need for research-based knowledge to inform health policy formulation and implementation is a chronic global concern impacting health systems functioning and impeding the provision of quality healthcare fo...*

Authors: Amanda Edwards, Virginia Zweigenthal and Jill Olivier

Citation: Health Research Policy and Systems 2019 17:16

Published on: 7 February 2019

*Research*

### **[Addressing the affordability of cancer drugs: using deliberative public engagement to inform health policy](#)**

*Health system expenditure on cancer drugs is rising rapidly in many OECD countries given the costly new treatments and increased rates of use due to a growing and ageing population. These factors put considera...*

Authors: Colene Bentley, Stuart Peacock, Julia Abelson, Michael M. Burgess, Olivier Demers-Payette, Holly Longstaff, Laura Tripp, John N. Lavis and Michael G. Wilson

Citation: Health Research Policy and Systems 2019 17:17

Published on: 7 February 2019

## **Human Rights Quarterly**

Volume 41, Number 1, February 2019

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

*Contents*

### **[Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence: An Urgently Needed Agenda](#)**

Mathias Risse

ABSTRACT:

The increasing presence of artificial intelligence creates enormous challenges for human rights. Among the short-term challenges are ways in which technology engages just about all rights on the UDHR, as exemplified through use of effectively discriminatory algorithms. Medium-term challenges include changes in the nature of work that could call into question many people's status as participants in society. In the long-term humans may have to live with machines that are intellectually and possibly morally superior, even though this is highly speculative. Artificial intelligence also gives a new relevance to moral debates that used to strike many as arcane.

### **[United States Human Rights Policy: The Corporate Lobby](#)**

Emilie M. Hafner-Burton, Heidi M. McNamara

### **[Terminating Childhood: Dissonance and Synergy between Global Children's Rights Norms and Local Discourses About the Transition from Childhood to Adulthood in Ghana](#)**

Afua Twum-Danso Imoh

## **Humanitarian Exchange Magazine**

Number 74, February 2019

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

### ***Communication and community engagement in humanitarian response***

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

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

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

## **IDRiM Journal**

Vol 8, No 2 (2018)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Infectious Diseases of Poverty**

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

[Accessed 9 Feb 2019]

[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>

*Article*

**[Improving heritage impact assessment: an analytical critique of the ICOMOS guidelines](#)**

Patrick R. Patiwaël, Peter Groote & Frank Vanclay

Pages: 333-347

**ABSTRACT**

In 2011, ICOMOS published its Guidance on Heritage Impact Assessment for Cultural World Heritage Properties. By 2016, over 100 Heritage Impact Assessments (HIAs) had been requested by UNESCO. This paper provides an analytical critique of the HIA Guidelines focusing on their implicit assumptions. We argue that the assumptions in the HIA Guidelines derive from the 'preservation' discourse in heritage management, rather than from the 'conservation' or 'heritage planning' discourses. This is important because the discourse affects the way impacts and their severity are assessed within HIAs, thereby potentially affecting the conclusions reached. We also argue that this framing results in

miscommunication and misunderstanding amongst the different stakeholders, about: (1) their perceptions of the nature of heritage value; (2) the perceived purpose of HIA; (3) the way impacts are assessed; and (4) the differing agendas of stakeholders. We recommend that HIA practitioners acknowledge the existence of the various discourses. This could make HIA a more effective heritage management tool. We also consider that for HIAs to be more robust that they be conducted by a multidisciplinary group and with a peer-review mechanism.

*Article*

**[Mobilising connections with art: Artcasting and the digital articulation of visitor engagement with cultural heritage](#)**

Jen Ross, Jeremy Knox, Claire Sowton & Chris Speed

Pages: 395-414

**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*

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**International Migration Review**

Volume 53 Issue 1, March 2019

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Out-migration, Diaspora Policies, and the Left Behind

**[Leaving Work Behind? The Impact of Emigration on Female Labor Force Participation in Morocco](#)**

Audrey Lenoël, Anda David

First Published April 24, 2018; pp. 122–153

**[Book Review: The Legal Protection of Refugees with Disabilities: Forgotten and Invisible?](#)**

Mansha Mirza

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

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**JAMA**

February 5, 2019, Vol 321, No. 5, Pages 423-520

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

*Viewpoint*

*Evolving Issues in Oncology*

**[Modernizing Clinical Trials for Patients With Cancer](#)**

Norman E. Sharpless, MD; James H. Doroshow, MD

JAMA. 2019;321(5):447-448. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.18938

In this Viewpoint, directors at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) review reforms to the NCI clinical trials program, including use of historical controls and aggregating data from existing trials to improve trial efficiency, focusing on rare cancers that industry may overlook, enrolling patients based on molecular alterations instead of disease type, and establishing research facilities in underserved communities.

*Editorial*

**[Oncology in Transition - Changes, Challenges, and Opportunities](#)**

Deborah Schrag, MD, MPH; Ethan Basch, MD, MSc

**JAMA Pediatrics**

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

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

*Viewpoint*

**[Acute Flaccid Myelitis—Keys to Diagnosis, Questions About Treatment, and Future Directions](#)**

Sarah E. Hopkins, MD, MSPH; Matthew J. Elrick, MD, PhD; Kevin Messacar, MD

JAMA Pediatr. 2019;173(2):117-118. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2018.4896

This Viewpoint describes epidemiological and clinical attributes of acute flaccid myelitis and suggests approaches to diagnosis and research.

*Viewpoint*

**[New York City Childcare Influenza Vaccine Mandate](#)**

Y. Tony Yang, ScD, LLM, MPH; James Colgrove, PhD, MPH

JAMA Pediatr. 2019;173(2):119-120. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2018.4220

This Viewpoint analyzes the justification and legal issues for mandatory annual influenza vaccination among infants and children aged 6 months to 59 months in childcare and educational institutions in New York City.

*Viewpoint*

**[Lessons From California's Discipline of a Popular Physician for Vaccination Exemptions Without Medical Cause](#)**

Ross D. Silverman, JD, MPH; Y. Tony Yang, ScD, LLM, MPH

JAMA Pediatr. 2019;173(2):121-122. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2018.3835

This Viewpoint discusses the case of a California physician who received official sanctions for granting a vaccination exemption without medical cause.

*Viewpoint*

**[Requiring Human Papillomavirus Vaccination for School Entry](#)**

Michelle J. Bayefsky, BA; Lawrence O. Gostin, JD

JAMA Pediatr. 2019;173(2):123-124. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2018.4283

This Viewpoint makes the case for mandating the human papillomavirus vaccination for children to enter school.

### **JBI Database of Systematic Review and Implementation Reports**

February 2019 - Volume 17 - Issue 2

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

*EDITORIAL*

#### **[A programmatic approach to sustained evidence-based practice](#)**

Wright, Kylie

JBI Database of Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports. 17(2):126-128, February 2019.

There is worldwide consensus supporting evidence-based practice (EBP) as a key element in the delivery of high quality, safe care and improving patient outcomes. Across healthcare, results from research diffuse slowly into clinical practice, and there is a consistent need to bridge this gap between research and practice.<sup>1</sup> There are many challenges involved in closing the research-practice gap, also known as the evidence-practice gap or knowing-doing gap,<sup>2-4</sup> and identifying the actions needed to ensure "evidence transfer" and that the best available care and treatment actually reach the patient. Evidence transfer is defined as a process that helps communicate or convey the results of research or evidence, or brings evidence to the forefront so the appropriate information gets into the hands of those who deliver healthcare.<sup>5</sup> Frontline clinical nurse consultant (CNC) leaders at Liverpool Hospital have identified evidence transfer as a challenge to address to make a positive difference to patient care...

### **Journal of Adolescent Health**

February 2019 Volume 64, Issue 2, p141-282

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Volume 44, Issue 1, February 2019

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### **Journal of Cultural Heritage**

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

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#### ***Modern and Contemporary Art***

*Edited by Francesca Caterina Izzo, Patrizia Tomasin*

*Research article Full text access*

#### **[Integrated approach for seismic vulnerability analysis of historic massive defensive structures](#)**

Andrea Dall'Asta, Graziano Leoni, Alessandra Meschini, Enrica Petrucci, Alessandro Zona

Pages 86-98

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**[Development of passive controlled atmosphere display cases for the conservation of cultural assets](#)**

Marco Samadelli, Albert R. Zink, Graziella Roselli, Serena Gabrielli, ... Vito C. Fernicola  
Pages 145-153

**Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development**

2019: Volume 9 Issue 1

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**Journal of Development Economics**

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**Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health**

February 2019 - Volume 73 - 2

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**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 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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***

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Volume 29, Number 4, November 2018

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**Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health**

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Volume 217, Issue 11, 9 Feb 2019

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February 2019 Volume 205, p1-300  
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January/February 2019 - Volume 25 - Issue 1  
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Volume 25, Issue suppl\_1, 1 May 2018

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***Asian travel: from the rare to the difficult***

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Feb 09, 2019 Volume 393 Number 10171 p493-610, e6-e28

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

*Editorial*

**[Feminism is for everybody](#)**

The Lancet

*Articles*

**[Are gender gaps due to evaluations of the applicant or the science? A natural experiment at a national funding agency](#)**

Holly O Witteman, Michael Hendricks, Sharon Straus, Cara Tannenbaum

**[Why do women leave surgical training? A qualitative and feminist study](#)**

Rhea Liang, Tim Dornan, Debra Nestel

**[Factors affecting sex-related reporting in medical research: a cross-disciplinary bibliometric analysis](#)**

Cassidy R Sugimoto, Yong-Yeol Ahn, Elise Smith, Benoit Macaluso, Vincent Larivière

*Review*

**[Gender equality in science, medicine, and global health: where are we at and why does it matter?](#)**

Geordan Shannon, Melanie Jansen, Kate Williams, Carlos Cáceres, Angelica Motta, Aloyce Odhiambo, Alie Eleveld, Jenevieve Mannell

**[Applying feminist theory to medical education](#)**

Malika Sharma

**[Working toward gender diversity and inclusion in medicine: myths and solutions](#)**

Sonia K Kang, Sarah Kaplan

**[Organisational best practices towards gender equality in science and medicine](#)**

Imogen R Coe, Ryan Wiley, Linda-Gail Bekker

*Health Policy*

**[More talk than action: gender and ethnic diversity in leading public health universities](#)**

Mishal Sameer Khan, Fatim Lakha, Melisa Mei Jin Tan, Shweta Rajkumar Singh, Rina Yu Chin Quek, Emeline Han, See Mieng Tan, Victoria Haldane, Montserrat Gea-Sánchez, Helena Legido-Quigley

*Viewpoint*

**[Why it must be a feminist global health agenda](#)**

Sara E Davies, Sophie Harman, Rashida Manjoo, Maria Tanyag, Clare Wenham

**[Athena SWAN and ADVANCE: effectiveness and lessons learned](#)**

Sue V Rosser, Sarah Barnard, Molly Carnes, Fehmidah Munir

**[Engaging men to support women in science, medicine, and global health](#)**

Kopano Ratele, Ravi Verma, Salvador Cruz, Anisur Rahman Khan

**Lancet Global Health**

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Volume 566 Issue 7742, 7 February 2019

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*World View* | 06 February 2019

### **[We need to talk about systematic fraud](#)**

Software that uncovers suspicious papers will do little for a community that does not confront organized research fraud, says Jennifer Byrne.

Jennifer Byrne

## **Nature Medicine**

Volume 25 Issue 2, February 2019

<https://www.nature.com/nm/volumes/25/issues/1>

*Editorial* | 06 February 2019

### **[A framework for responsibility](#)**

As the world reckons with the news of the first use of genome editing in the human germline, researchers, clinicians, ethicists and policy makers must work across international boundaries to outline a transparent path forward for the responsible translation of this technology in the future.

*Perspective* | 06 February 2019

### **[Precision epidemiology for infectious disease control](#)**

The emerging field of precision epidemiology allows the personalized diagnosis, tracking and treatment of infectious diseases.

Jason T. Ladner, Nathan D. Grubaugh[...] & Kristian G. Andersen

## **New England Journal of Medicine**

February 7, 2019 Vol. 380 No. 6

<http://www.nejm.org/toc/nejm/medical-journal>

*Perspective*

### **[Risk Compensation and Clinical Decision Making — The Case of HIV Preexposure Prophylaxis](#)**

Julia L. Marcus, Ph.D., M.P.H., Kenneth A. Katz, M.D., M.S.C.E., Douglas S. Krakower, M.D., and Sarah K. Calabrese, Ph.D.

Uptake of preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV has been limited for multiple reasons, including low awareness. Clinicians' concerns that an increased sense of protection will lead to greater risk taking among PrEP users are another important factor.

## **Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly**

Volume 48 Issue 1, February 2019

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February 2019, VOLUME 143 / ISSUE 2

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### **Prehospital & Disaster Medicine**

Volume 33 - Issue 6 - December 2018

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### **Preventive Medicine**

Volume 119 Pages 1-152 (February 2019)

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29 August 2018; volume 285, issue 1885

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### **Public Health Ethics**

Volume 11, Issue 3, November 2018

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### **Public Health Reports**

Volume 134 Issue 1, January/February 2019

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### **Qualitative Health Research**

Volume 29 Issue 3, February 2019

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### **Refugee Survey Quarterly**

Volume 38, Issue 1, March 2019

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### **Research Ethics**

Volume 15 Issue 1, January 2019  
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Volume 39, Issue 2 Pages: 291-508 February 2019  
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***Special Issue: Social Science of Automated Driving***  
*Original Research Articles*

#### **[Evaluation of Proactive and Reactive Strategies for Polio Eradication Activities in Pakistan and Afghanistan](#)**

[Radboud J. Duintjer Tebbens, Kimberly M. Thompson](#)  
Pages: 389-401  
First Published: 21 September 2018

#### **[Modeling Undetected Live Poliovirus Circulation After Apparent Interruption of Transmission: Pakistan and Afghanistan](#)**

[Dominika A. Kalkowska, Radboud J. Duintjer Tebbens, Mark A. Pallansch, Kimberly M. Thompson](#)  
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First Published: 08 October 2018

#### **[Environmental Surveillance System Characteristics and Impacts on Confidence About No Undetected Serotype 1 Wild Poliovirus Circulation](#)**

[Dominika A. Kalkowska, Radboud J. Duintjer Tebbens, Kimberly M. Thompson](#)  
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### **Risk Management and Healthcare Policy**

Volume 11, 2018

<https://www.dovepress.com/risk-management-and-healthcare-policy-archive56>

*Original Research*

**[Equity of health workforce distribution in Thailand: an implication of concentration index](#)**

Witthayapipopsakul W, Cetthakrikul N, Suphanchaimat R, Noree T, Sawaengdee K

Risk Management and Healthcare Policy 2019, 12:13-22

Published Date: 5 February 2019

**Science**

08 February 2019 Vol 363, Issue 6427

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

*Feature*

**[The new potato](#)**

By Erik Stokstad

Science 08 Feb 2019 : 574-577 Full Access

*Breeders seek a breakthrough to help farmers facing an uncertain future.*

*Summary*

Potato is the important food crop after wheat and rice, and its nutritious tubers are becoming increasingly popular in the developing world. Keeping up with the demand means adapting the potato to thrive in various soils and climates. It must also resist new threats from pests, disease, heat, and drought. Creating a new potato variety is slow and difficult, but there are new approaches, including genetic engineering. Potato breeders are particularly excited about hybrid diploid breeding, a method that could cut the time required to create new varieties by more than half, make it easier for breeders to combine traits in one variety, and allow farmers to plant seeds instead of bulky chunks of tuber. In addition, breeders will soon have more genetic diversity available to improve cultivated potatoes. Plant collectors are finishing a big effort to find and conserve the hardy wild relatives of potato, which have traits that could make the crop more robust and resilient.

**Social Science & Medicine**

Volume 221 Pages 1-132 (January 2019)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/social-science-and-medicine/vol/221/suppl/C>

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**Stability: International Journal of Security & Development**

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

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**Stanford Social Innovation Review**

Winter 2019 Volume 17, Number 1

[https://ssir.org/issue/fall\\_2018](https://ssir.org/issue/fall_2018)

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.

### **Sustainability**

Volume 11, Issue 2 (January-2 2019)

<https://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/11/2>

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### **Systematic Reviews**

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

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*Protocol*

#### **[Loneliness and social isolation causal association with health-related lifestyle risk in older adults: a systematic review and meta-analysis protocol](#)**

*The health impacts of loneliness and social isolation among older adults are widely acknowledged. Despite this, there is no consensus on the possible causal nature of this relationship, which could undermine e...*

Authors: Martin Malcolm, Helen Frost and Julie Cowie

Citation: Systematic Reviews 2019 8:48

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### **Torture Journal**

Volume 28 - Issue No.3

<https://irct.org/publications/torture-journal/141>

#### ***Special section: Sexual, gender-based and genderized torture***

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### **Trauma, Violence, & Abuse**

Volume 20 Issue 1, January 2019

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

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### **Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases**

Volume 27 Pages 1-142 (January–February 2019)

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

*Editorial Full text access*

#### **[The World Health Organisation \(WHO\) and International Travel and Health: New collaborative, evidence-based and digital directions](#)**

Corinne Ponce, Carmen Dolea

*Editorial Full text access*

**[Should travellers be offered vaccination against the dengue virus?](#)**

Emilie Javelle, Asma Al Balushi, Sanne Jespersen, Seif Al Abri, ... Eskild Petersen  
Pages 2-4

*Editorial Full text access*

**[The current syndemic in Venezuela: Measles, malaria and more co-infections coupled with a breakdown of social and healthcare infrastructure. Quo vadis?](#)**

Alfonso J. Rodríguez-Morales, José Antonio Suárez, Alejandro Riskey, Lourdes Delgado-Noguera, Alberto Paniz-Mondolfi  
Pages 5-8

*Research article Open access*

**[National approaches to the vaccination of recently arrived migrants in Europe: A comparative policy analysis across 32 European countries](#)**

Sofanne J. Ravensbergen, Laura B. Nellums, Sally Hargreaves, Ymkje Stienstra, ... Jon S. Friedland  
Pages 33-38

*Research article Full text access*

**[Screening for active and latent tuberculosis among asylum seekers in Italy: A retrospective cohort analysis](#)**

Agostina Pontarelli, Valentina Marchese, Carla Scolari, Susanna Capone, ... Alberto Matteelli  
Pages 39-45

**Tropical Medicine & International Health**

Volume 24, Issue 2 Pages: i-iv, 131-257 February 2019  
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**UN Chronicle**

Vol. LV Nos. 3 & 4 2018 December 2018

**[New Technologies: Where to?](#)**

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

**Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies**

*An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care*  
Volume 13, Issue 4, 2018  
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## World Heritage Review

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

World Heritage n°89 - October 2018

### [World Heritage and Wetlands](#)

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

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

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