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Period ending 16 March 2019

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

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:: Week in Review

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

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Syria

[UN Welcomes \\$7 billion donor pledge for Syrians and the region in 2019](#)

(Brussels, 14 March 2019) – International donors today pledged a record US\$6.97 billion to support millions of people in need of humanitarian aid in Syria as well as to refugees and host communities in the neighbouring countries. Part of the overall pledge, \$2.5 billion, is for the EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey this year.

In 2017, donors pledged \$6 billion in Brussels and in 2018, \$4.4 billion. Total fundraising for 2018 reached just over \$6 billion by the end of the year.

"I am pleased with this important signal of the international community's solidarity with the people in Syria and with Syria's neighbours who are hosting huge numbers of refugees, and feeling the strain of their generosity," UN humanitarian chief Mark Lowcock said...

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Human Rights – Drug Policy

[Human Rights and Drug Policy](#)

Posted on March 15, 2019

Vienna - A coalition of UN Member States, UN entities and leading human rights experts meeting at the Commission on Narcotic Drugs launched today, a landmark set of international legal standards to transform and reshape global responses to the world drug problem.

The International Guidelines on Human Rights and Drug Policy introduces a comprehensive catalogue of human rights standards. Grounded in decades of evidence, they are a guide for governments to develop human rights compliant drug policies, covering the spectrum of cultivation to consumption. Harnessing the universal nature of human rights, the document covers a range of policy areas from development to criminal justice to public health.

The guidelines come at an important moment when high-level government representatives are convening at the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to shape a new global strategy on drugs. Under the mounting weight of evidence that shows the systemic failures of the dominant punitive paradigm, including widespread human rights violations, governments are facing growing calls to shift course.

“Drug control policies intersect with much of the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) and the pledge by Member States to leave no one behind. Approaches that violate human rights and fail to curb the illicit drug trade are leaving a trail of human suffering,” said Mandeep Dhaliwal, Director of UNDP’s HIV, Health and Development Group. “For countries who are ready to place human dignity and sustainable development at the heart of their drug control policy, these guidelines offer valuable guidance to promote more effective and humane drug control policy.”

Seeking to promote the rule of law, the guidelines feature recommendations across the administration of justice—from discriminatory policing practices, to arbitrary arrest and detention, to decriminalisation of drugs for personal use—the guidelines articulate the global state of human rights law in relation to drug policy, which includes ending the death penalty for drug-related offenses.

At least 25 national governments – from Argentina to South Africa – have scrapped criminal penalties for possession of drugs for personal, non-medical use, either in law or practice, setting an example for others to follow. The United Nations system has jointly called for decriminalization as an alternative to conviction and punishment in appropriate cases...

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U.S. Budgetary Allocations

[Leading Humanitarian, Development, and Global Health Organizations Urge Congress to Reject Cuts to Foreign Assistance](#)

March 11, 2019

Leading humanitarian, development, and global health organizations **Bread for the World, CARE, Catholic Relief Services, InterAction, International Rescue Committee, Mercy Corps, ONE, Oxfam, PATH, Save the Children, and World Vision, are calling on Members of Congress to protect the International Affairs budget in Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) despite the Administration’s proposed 24 percent cuts.** American leadership is critical in the face of daunting global challenges, from conflict to mass displacement, from food insecurity to global health crises.

More than 132 million people are projected to need humanitarian assistance in 2019 given an unprecedented number of humanitarian crises. Natural disasters, atrocities, gender-based violence, and protracted armed conflict have resulted in more than 68 million displaced persons, including more than 25 million refugees. Now is not the time to slash effective, life-saving programs that help create a safer and more secure world.

In addition, the Administration’s proposal to significantly modify and repeal the refugee mandate and resources of the Department of State’s humanitarian bureau, coupled with a 34 percent cut to humanitarian assistance, is unwise, especially given historic levels of displacement.

Foreign assistance funding is fundamental to America’s global leadership and essential to shaping a world where our national interests will thrive. The International Affairs budget is roughly 1% of the federal budget, and an even smaller portion is dedicated to achieving humanitarian, development, and health outcomes for the world’s most marginalized children, women and men. This small portion of our

budget is molding the face of our world's future and building a better and more stable world with prospering economies. Cuts will have life-and-death consequences for the poorest people in the world and will reduce the life-saving and economic impacts that we see every day.

The organizations, which together operate in nearly every country across the globe, often work in partnership with the U.S. government and have produced important and demonstrable results. From providing education, health, good governance and economic assistance that forms the building blocks of many growing nations, to addressing humanitarian disasters, preventing conflict and containing deadly pandemics – aid delivers. The budget's proposed cuts of 23 percent to development assistance and economic assistance and 28 percent to global health flies in the face of these facts.

Time and time again, Congress has acted in a bipartisan and bicameral manner to support smart American global engagement through programs, budgets and policies that demonstrate American values while advancing our national interest. Leading humanitarian, development, and global health organizations urge Congress to support no less than \$60 billion for the International Affairs Budget in FY20.

To ensure U.S. leadership, Congress must reject any proposed cuts to these vital programs and fight against removing crucial tools from our foreign policy toolkit when they are needed more than ever.

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March 11, 2019

[Fiscal Year 2020 Development and Humanitarian Assistance Budget Request](#)

Fact Sheet

The President's Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Budget Request for USAID continues to advance our efforts to strengthen U.S. national security through strategic investments that promote the Journey to Self-Reliance. The Budget envisions the day when USAID's development assistance is no longer needed. USAID supports governments, civil society, and the private sector in partner countries to build self-reliance, defined as the ability of a country to plan, finance, and implement solutions to its own development challenges. The FY 2020 Budget also upholds the President's commitment to serve the needs of American citizens, ensure their safety, and defend their values, as outlined in the President's National Security Strategy. The Budget includes significant investments to reduce the reach of conflict; prevent the spread of pandemic disease; and counteract the drivers of violence, instability, transnational crime, and other security threats.

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U.S. – International Criminal Court

[Remarks to the Press \[referencing the International Criminal Court\]](#)

Michael R. Pompeo, Secretary of State

Press Briefing Room, Washington, DC

March 15, 2019

[Excerpt]

... Since 1998, the United States has declined to join the ICC because of its broad, unaccountable prosecutorial powers and the threat it poses to American national sovereignty. We are determined to

protect the American and allied military and civilian personnel from living in fear of unjust prosecution for actions taken to defend our great nation. We feared that the court could eventually pursue politically motivated prosecutions of Americans, and our fears were warranted.

November of 2017, the ICC prosecutor requested approval to initiate investigation into, quote, "the situation in Afghanistan," end of quote. That could illegitimately target American personnel for prosecutions and sentencing. In September of 2018, the Trump administration warned the ICC that if it tried to pursue an investigation of Americans there would be consequences. I understand that the prosecutor's request for an investigation remains pending.

Thus today, persistent to existing legal authority to post visa restrictions on any alien, quote, "whose entry or proposed activities in the United States would have potentially serious adverse foreign policy consequences," end of quote, **I'm announcing a policy of U.S. visa restrictions on those individuals directly responsible for any ICC investigation of U.S. personnel. This includes persons who take or have taken action to request or further such an investigation. These visa restrictions may also be used to deter ICC efforts to pursue allied personnel, including Israelis, without allies' consent.** Implementation of this policy has already begun. Under U.S. law, individual visa records are confidential, so I will not provide details as to who has been affected and who will be affected.

But you should know if you're responsible for the proposed ICC investigation of U.S. personnel in connection with the situation in Afghanistan, you should not assume that you will still have or will get a visa, or that you will be permitted to enter the United States. The United States will implement these measures consistent with applicable law, including our obligations under the United Nations Headquarters Agreement. These visa restrictions will not be the end of our efforts. We are prepared to take additional steps, including economic sanctions if the ICC does not change its course...

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[Statement by the President of the Assembly, O-Gon Kwon, reiterating strong support for the ICC](#)

Press Release : 15 March 2019

In relation to the statement made today by the United States Secretary of State regarding the International Criminal Court (ICC), I would like to reiterate that the Court has the strong support of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute.

The Assembly is comprised of over 120 States Parties. At its seventeenth session in December 2018, the States Parties reconfirmed their unwavering support for the Court as an independent and impartial judicial institution, and reiterated their commitment to uphold and defend the principles and values enshrined in the Rome Statute and to preserve its integrity undeterred by any threats against the Court, its officials and those cooperating with it. This unwavering support continues today.

The Assembly also renewed its resolve to stand united against impunity. The International Criminal Court is an independent and impartial judicial institution crucial for ensuring accountability for the most serious crimes of concern to the international community.

The Court is non-political and acts strictly within the legal framework of the Rome Statute, its founding treaty. One of the cornerstones of the Rome Statute system is that it recognizes the primary

jurisdiction of States to investigate and prosecute atrocity crimes. The jurisdiction of the Court is complementary to domestic jurisdictions.

The Assembly of States Parties is the management oversight and legislative body of the ICC. It is comprised of representatives of States that have ratified or acceded to the Rome Statute. President Kwon was elected President of the Assembly for a three year mandate in December 2017.

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Development – Philanthropic/Funding Strategies

[\\$150 Million in Catalytic Capital to Help Address Critical Social Challenges](#)

March 12, 2019 | *Press Release*

MacArthur today launched the Catalytic Capital Consortium, dedicating \$150 million to help address financing gaps in impact investing, particularly for funds and intermediaries that are not a fit for conventional investment. MacArthur is joined in this effort by leading impact investors The Rockefeller Foundation and Omidyar Network, who will add their expertise and financial resources to the Catalytic Capital Consortium. MacArthur's first investment is \$30 million to expand and accelerate The Rockefeller Foundation's Zero Gap innovative finance portfolio, matched by \$30 million from The Rockefeller Foundation.

Catalytic capital is investment capital that is patient, risk-tolerant, concessionary, and flexible in ways that differ from conventional investment. According to Catalytic Capital: Unlocking More Investment and Impact, a report released today by the consulting firm Tidelive, catalytic capital is an essential component to achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As the SDGs face an annual \$5 trillion to \$7 trillion financing gap, catalytic capital can help meet the demand for more capital across the risk-return spectrum, complement and pave the way for conventional investment, and mobilize additional capital through a range of blended finance solutions. The Catalytic Capital Consortium will increase awareness, understanding, and use of catalytic capital as an investment tool, ultimately helping more enterprises secure the financial support they need to grow and scale social and environmental solutions that could improve millions of lives.

"Catalytic capital is needed for impact investing to realize its full potential," said MacArthur President Julia Stasch, who announced the Consortium at the Global Impact Investing Network Investors' Council Annual Meeting, alongside the leaders of The Rockefeller Foundation and Omidyar Network. **"While impact investing is growing rapidly, much of the attention focuses on market-rate returns, leaving a serious gap in financing opportunities for many promising impact enterprises and funds that could help address critical social challenges. The Catalytic Capital Consortium will help more investors appreciate the importance of this type of capital in yielding deeper, more sustainable impact for people and the planet."**

Since it was launched in 2015, The Rockefeller Foundation's Zero Gap grant portfolio has grown to nearly 50 unique financial structures across 28 countries. MacArthur's matching investment in Zero Gap builds on this work, marking a unique impact investing collaboration between two foundations, where each will invest \$30 million with the aim of catalyzing at least \$1 billion in new capital to help meet the SDGs. These funds will be managed by The Rockefeller Foundation's new impact investment management platform, Rockefeller Foundation Impact Investment Management, which aims to tap into

mainstream markets and investors, scaling up investments into promising new finance vehicles that help to close the SDG funding gap...



Governance – Agency Performance Assessment

MOPAN assessed the performance of UNESCO

15 March 2019

In 2017-18, MOPAN, the Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network, assessed the performance of UNESCO. The assessment looked at UNESCO's organisational effectiveness (strategic, operational, relationship and performance aspects) and the results it achieved against its objectives. This was the first MOPAN assessment of UNESCO.

Key findings of MOPAN Assessment of UNESCO:

MOPAN has just released its assessment report of UNESCO – the first ever – providing a snapshot of **UNESCO's performance over 2016 to mid-2018 covering strategic, operational, relationship and performance management as well as results**. Overall the report is rather positive, with an overall rating of "Highly satisfactory" or "satisfactory" for the vast majority of indicators.

Key findings of the assessment show that:

:: "UNESCO has a clear strategic vision aligned to global normative frameworks, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change".

:: "Despite the notable constraints, there has been no change to the expectations on UNESCO's mandate and range of activities, and in spite of difficulties, UNESCO has protected its normative work and raised additional funds to finance programmatic work."

:: "The organisation combines its normative and programmatic roles in ways that provide a mutually reinforcing interplay, ensuring that its work in both roles is relevant and targeted."

:: "MOPAN's survey of external partners confirms that stakeholders value UNESCO's contribution to promoting cross-cutting agendas, with gender equality being a particular strength."

:: "UNESCO is unique for having the mandate and space to bring together experts, practitioners, citizens and governments to develop solutions to the global problems embedded in the SDGs. It has rare expertise and a degree of authority that enables it to influence governments across the world."

:: "UNESCO is recognised for its distinct interdisciplinary and participatory approach to programming, most notably in the design phase."

:: "Notwithstanding the challenging environment, UNESCO has been able to drive through impressive improvements in areas such as results-based management and to provide high-quality services, most notably within its internal oversight, including evaluation and internal audit."

:: "UNESCO continues to face an extended and damaging budget crisis, with the need for further prioritisation."

:: "The institutional architecture at headquarters reflects UNESCO's mandate; yet global field presence is unnecessarily complex, which compromises agility and relevance."

:: "UNESCO has a strong appreciation of these challenges and is working to position itself to be more efficient and effective in the future through ongoing reforms."

The assessment identified the following six strengths and seven areas for improvement

Strengths

- . UNESCO is central to the SDGs
- . UNESCO is a global leader in knowledge and practice
- . Education is a notable strength of UNESCO
- . UNESCO is effective in mainstreaming gender equality, good governance, environment sustainability and human rights
- . UNESCO is committed to RBM and RBB and is progressing well in these areas
- . UNESCO has a high-quality central evaluation service

Areas for improvement

- . Prioritization of the overall work programme remains limited
- . A number of corporate systems remain outdated
- . Rationalizing the gratuitously complex global field network remains a priority
- . Tracking poor performance and addressing inefficiency is a challenge for UNESCO
- . Refining the treatment of results and tracking impact is necessary to demonstrate continued relevance and sustainability
- . The quality of decentralized evaluations and evidence-base for normative work requires dedicated resources
- . Communicating externally

About the Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN):

The MOPAN is a network created in 2002, which is currently composed of 18 member countries with a common interest in assessing the effectiveness of the major multilateral organisations they fund. MOPAN's mission is to:

:: Enhance accountability by supporting its members to assess organisational and development effectiveness of funded multilateral organisations.

:: Promote learning by informing strategic engagement and dialogue among multilateral organisations and development partners.

Credibility of assessments is ensured through an impartial, systematic and rigorous approach ([MOPAN 3.0 methodology \(link is external\)](#)). Members of MOPAN use the outcomes of these assessments to, inter alia, inform strategic decision-making and engagement with the assessed organisations. UNESCO is one of the 14 organisations assessed by MOPAN in 2017-2018 period.

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 13 March 2019

:: On the occasion of the International Women's Day on 8 March 2019, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative featured stories of women on-ground working for polio eradication efforts. Read all the IWD news [here](#).

:: Wild poliovirus continues to transmit in Afghanistan—one of the most challenging geographical and socio-political landscapes—but GPEI is working with the partners and the government to make concrete gains in eliminating the disease. More on the efforts [here](#).

:: Real-time disease surveillance is the future of disease of surveillance, which is being rolled-out at the World Health Organization's Regional Office for Africa in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Read [more](#).

Summary of new viruses this week:

:: **Pakistan** – nine WPV1-positive environmental samples;

:: **Nigeria** - one circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2)- positive community contact case and three cVDPV2-positive environmental samples.

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Editor's Note:

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

WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 16 Mar 2019]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: [32: Situation report on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu](#) 12 March 2019

:: DONS - [Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of the Congo](#) 14 March 2019

Syrian Arab Republic

:: [8 ways WHO supports health in Syria](#) 14 March 2019

The Syrian crisis is one of the world's biggest and most complex humanitarian emergencies. 8 years of conflict have taken a huge toll on a health system that was once among the best in the region. Here are 8 things to know about how WHO works in Syria to save lives and support health despite immense challenges.

[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*

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

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 16 Mar 2019]

MERS-CoV

:: [Disease Commodity Package for MERS-CoV pdf, 149kb](#) March 2019

Brazil (in Portuguese) - *No new digest announcements identified*
Cameroon - *No new digest announcements identified*
Central African Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*
Ethiopia - *No new digest announcements identified*
Hurricane Irma and Maria in the Caribbean - *No new digest announcements identified*
Iraq - *No new digest announcements identified*
Libya - *No new digest announcements identified*
Niger - *No new digest announcements identified*
occupied Palestinian territory - *No new digest announcements identified*
Sao Tome and Principe Necrotizing Cellulitis (2017) - *No new digest announcements identified*
Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified*
Ukraine - *No new digest announcements identified*
Zimbabwe - *No new digest announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 16 Mar 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 and Emergencies Bulletin - Week 10/2019

Week 10: 04 - 10 March 2019

The WHO Health Emergencies Programme is currently monitoring 59 events in the region. This week's edition covers key new and ongoing events, including:

- :: Plague in Uganda
- :: Ebola virus disease in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- :: Hepatitis in Namibia
- :: Lassa fever in Nigeria.

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UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies

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

Syrian Arab Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

Yemen - No new digest announcements identified

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

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

Ethiopia - No new digest announcements identified

Somalia - No new digest announcements identified

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Agency/Government/IGO Watch

We will monitor a growing number of relevant agency, government and IGO organizations for key media releases, announcements, research, and initiatives. Generally, we will focus on regional or global level content recognizing limitation of space, meaning country-specific coverage is limited. Please suggest additional organizations to monitor.

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly

[to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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SG/SM/19495

Shocked, Appalled at Terrorist Attack on Mosques in New Zealand, Secretary-General Extends Condolences to Families of Victims

15 March 2019

SC/13740

Security Council Press Statement on Terrorist Attack in Christchurch, New Zealand

15 March 2019

DEV/3387

High-level Conference to Adopt Landmark South-South Road Map towards Sustainable Development for All, Buenos Aires, 20-22 March

Heads of State and Government, Cabinet Ministers and other senior officials, as well as representatives of civil society and the private and public sectors, will gather in Buenos Aires from 20 to 22 March for the Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation.

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DSG/SM/1258-ENV/DEV/1928-UNEP/341

Africa Can Be Model for Climate Resilience by Deploying Digital Revolution, Nature-Based Solutions, Deputy Secretary-General Tells 'One Planet Summit'

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

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

Top News

[Brazil must ensure justice for rights defender Marielle Franco killed a year ago, say UN and IACHR experts](#)

[Fight against world drug problem must address unjust impact on people of African descent, say UN rights experts](#)

[Iran: UN experts "shocked" at lengthy prison sentence for human rights lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh](#)

[UN report details horrors of western DRC violence, urges action to prosecute those responsible and prevent further bloodshed](#)

[UN must urgently provide redress for minorities placed in toxic Kosovo camps, says UN rights expert](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 16 Mar 2019]

https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/NewsSearch.aspx?NTID=PRS&MID=HR_COUNCIL15/03/2019

[Human Rights Council adopts the outcomes of the Universal Periodic Review of Belize, Chad, China and Malta](#)

14/03/2019

[Human Rights Council adopts Universal Periodic Review outcomes of the Central African Republic and Monaco](#)

[Human Rights Council adopts the Universal Periodic Review outcomes of Mexico, Mauritius, Jordan and Malaysia](#)

[Human Rights Council adopts Universal Periodic Review outcomes of Saudi Arabia, Senegal, the Congo and Nigeria](#)

[UN Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar advances accountability and initiates new investigations](#)

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[Human Rights Council holds general debate on human rights bodies and mechanisms](#)

[Human Rights Council holds an interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues](#)

[Human Rights Council concludes its general debate on human rights situations that require the Council's attention](#)

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[Human Rights Council begins general debate on human rights situations that require the Council's attention](#)

[Human Rights Council holds interactive dialogue with the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Burundi](#)

[Human Rights Council discusses the situation of human rights in Syria](#)

[Human Rights Council discusses the situation of human rights in South Sudan](#)

[South Sudanese individuals can be prosecuted for war crimes and crimes against humanity even in other countries, say UN human rights experts](#)

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[Human Rights Council holds enhanced interactive dialogue on the situation of human rights in Eritrea.](#)

[Human Rights Council holds interactive dialogue on the situation of human rights in Iran](#)

[Human Rights Council discusses the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea](#)

[Human Rights Council discusses the situation of human rights in Myanmar](#)

[Human Rights Council concludes general debate on the promotion and protection of all human rights](#)

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

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

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

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

No new digest content identified.

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

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

No new digest content identified.

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

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

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[Statement for CSW63 side event on: Iraqi Women at the Helm of Rebuilding, Peace and Stability, 15 March 2019](#)

14 March, 2019

[Remarks by Ms. Pramila Patten, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict: The mandate of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and the CEDAW General](#)

[Recommendation no. 35 on gender-based violence against women , 14 March 2019, United Nations Headquarters](#)

13 March, 2019

[Remarks of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, Pramila Patten, to the Security Council Arria Formula meeting on women's participation to political processes in the Sahel, 13 March 2019, ECOSOC Chamber](#)

11 March, 2019

[SRSO-SVC Pramila Patten remarks at the CSW63 side event on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking: Effective responses for Women and Girls, 11 March 2019, ECOSOC Chamber](#)

11 March, 2019

[Remarks of the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, Ms. Pramila Patten, at the CSW63 side event: The prevention of sexual and gender-based violence and the role of modern technologies, 11 March 2019, United Nations Headquarters](#)

13 March, 2019

[UN Special Representative, Ms. Pramila Patten, urges the Congress of Guatemala not to pass bill granting amnesty to perpetrators of sexual violence](#)

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

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/poverty/pages/srextremepovertyindex.aspx>

14 March 2019

[Brazil must ensure justice for rights defender Marielle Franco killed a year ago, say UN and IACHR experts](#)

13 March 2019

[Laos: UN human rights expert visits to assess poverty](#)

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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[China: UN experts renew calls for probe into death of Cao Shunli](#)

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

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

No new digest content identified.

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

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

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[Guatemala Congress must not pass "amnesty" bill for rights violations, say UN experts](#)

GENEVA – UN human rights experts* are urging the Congress of Guatemala not to pass a new bill which would set up a general amnesty for serious human rights violations committed during the armed internal conflict.

The bill seeks to amend Guatemala's National Reconciliation Law which has been the basis of trials involving human rights violations in the country since the peace accords of 1996, and would establish an automatic mechanism for extinguishing the criminal responsibility of all those responsible for serious violations of human rights committed during that period.

"The approval of these reforms would seriously affect victims' rights to justice, truth, reparation and guarantees of non-repetition. It could also lead to reprisals and attacks against victims, judges, prosecutors, lawyers, plaintiffs, witnesses, experts and others involved in human rights trials, putting their own safety and that of their families at risk," the experts said...

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases [as presented on webpage]

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[UN Humanitarian Chief and UNICEF Executive Director to Visit the Democratic Republic of the Congo 17-21 March 2019](#)

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[UN Welcomes \\$7 billion donor pledge for Syrians and the region in 2019](#)

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[Scores of innocent civilians wounded and killed in attacks in Hajjah Governorate](#)

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

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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Press release

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Humanitarian situation in Kasai remains precarious following recent influx of Congolese families returning from Angola

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["11": Four decade-old songs renewed in album from children in Syria and the Middle East](#)

UNICEF produces its first ever children's songs album in cooperation with renowned musician Jad Rahbani and the European Union

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[To keep children in education, UNICEF starts incentives for school-based staff in Yemen](#)

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

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[2018 deadliest year yet for children in Syria as war enters 9th year](#)

Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore
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UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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[Over 5,000 Venezuelans find new homes through Brazil's internal relocation programme](#) 15

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

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

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[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 10,308 in 2019; Deaths Reach 234](#)

2019-03-15 15:00

Geneva – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) reports that 10,308 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea through 13 March, a 16 per cent decrease from the 12,318 arriving during the same period last year.

[IOM's 2019 Humanitarian Appeal for Syria: USD 207 Million as Conflict Enters Ninth Year](#)

2019-03-12 14:33

Geneva – The Syrian crisis, entering its ninth year this week, has displaced more than 11 million people.

UNAIDS [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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11 March 2019

[HIV prevention: not hitting the mark](#)

The number of new HIV infections globally continues to fall. Modelled estimates show that new infections (all ages) declined from a peak of 3.4 million [2.6 million–4.4 million] in 1996 to 1.8 million [1.4 million–2.4 million] in 2017—the year for which the most recent data are available. However,

progress is far slower than that required to reach the 2020 target of fewer than 500 000 new HIV infections

WHO & Regional Offices [to 16 Mar 2019]

[WHO launches new global influenza strategy](#)

11 March 2019, Geneva *News Release*

WHO today released a Global Influenza Strategy for 2019-2030 aimed at protecting people in all countries from the threat of influenza. The goal of the strategy is to prevent seasonal influenza, control the spread of influenza from animals to humans, and prepare for the next influenza pandemic

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WHO Regional Offices

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WHO African Region AFRO

:: Over 2 million Nigerian children receive treatment against parasitic worms 15 March 2019

:: Ethiopia is making significant progress in the implementation of International Health Regulation (IHR) core capacities: The country plans to launch the National Action Plan costed at over 368 million USD 13 March 2019

:: Nigerian women are penetrating enclaves to reach children and vulnerable populations. 13 March 2019

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: President of Paraguay and PAHO Director address the country's health priorities (03/12/2019)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

- *No new digest announcements identified.*

WHO European Region EURO

:: 8 ways WHO supports health in Syria 15-03-2019

:: New WHO study shows more action needed to monitor and limit digital marketing of unhealthy products to children 13-03-2019

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: Prosthetic rehabilitation centre brings hope for patients in Iraq 12 March 2019

:: Driving change for Somali mothers and children 11 March 2019

:: Children's survival rates in Dohuk see significant improvement 11 March 2019

WHO Western Pacific Region

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

<http://www.oie.int/en/for-the-media/press-releases/2019/>

07/03/19

[FAO, OIE, and WHO launch a guide for countries on taking a One Health approach to addressing zoonotic diseases](#)

Zoonotic diseases continue to be a threat to global health, causing millions of deaths and economic losses every year. To support countries to control these diseases, the Tripartite organisations (FAO, OIE and WHO) today launched a guide entitled 'Taking a Multisectoral, One Health Approach: A Tripartite Guide to Addressing Zoonotic Diseases in Countries'.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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Human Rights and Drug Policy

A coalition of UN Member States, UN entities and leading human rights experts meeting at the Commission on Narcotic Drugs launched today, a landmark set of international legal standards to transform...

Posted on March 15, 2019

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UN South Asia Forum on Business and Human Rights

Special Address at the Inaugural UN South Asia Forum on Business and Human Rights

Posted on March 14, 2019

United Nations calls for sustained support to Syrians and the region ahead of Brussels conference

On the eve of the foreign ministers' meeting at the third Brussels Conference on Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region, three UN Principals today warned that the Syria crisis is not yet over...

Posted on March 13, 2019

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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

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

No new digest content identified.

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

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

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

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

Latest News

Ninth meeting of the IAEG-SDGs

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

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

15 Mar 2019 *Press release*

World pledges to protect polluted, degraded planet as it adopts blueprint for more sustainable future

At a meeting of the world's top environmental body, ministers lay groundwork for a new model of development to protect planet's degraded resources. Ministers agree to tackle environmental crisis through innovation and...

13 Mar 2019 *Press release*

Human health in dire straits if urgent actions are not made to protect the environment, warns landmark UN report

Nairobi, Kenya, 13 March, 2019 – The most comprehensive and rigorous assessment on the state of the environment completed by the UN in the last five years was published today, warning that damage to the planet is so dire...

12 Mar 2019 *Press release*

Research highlights true impacts of plastics on our planet, ecosystems, people

Nairobi, 11 March, 2018 – The global fight against plastic pollution comes into sharp focus at the Fourth UN Environment Assembly this month in Nairobi, Kenya, with the launch of three reports each addressing different...

11 Mar 2019 *Press release*

UN report: Urgent action needed to tackle chemical pollution as global production is set to double by 2030

The size of the global chemical industry exceeded US\$5 trillion in 2017 and is projected to double by 2030. The benefits of action to minimize the adverse impacts of chemicals have been estimated in the high tens of...

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

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

No new digest content identified.

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

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

Latest News

12 March 2019, New York

Can multilateralism survive? Examining the future of development policy

International cooperation is under threat along several dimensions: a mounting trade war, stalled global trade talks and the questioning of global institutions by some prominent countries. The media

focus is mainly on what this means for wealthy countries, but what does it mean for the rest of the world?

Developing nations already seem to be suffering the consequences. Aid flows to least developed countries are stagnating. The promotion of private financing risks displacing public funds. The number of bilateral trade agreements is increasing, favouring the powerful rather than the worst-off. The defunding of certain multilateral agencies affects women more than men. Inequality within and between countries remains unacceptably high and is in many cases rising. Poorer countries will suffer most from a failure to meet the Paris Agreement climate targets.

What do these trends mean for development policy? Should we press for a return to the old order, or is a pragmatic response required? Does instability even herald opportunity, as the emerging and existing institutions of the global South come to the fore? How should governments in the global South respond? What are the roles of the UN, multilaterals and bilateral trading partners and donors?

A cast of distinguished panellists will try to provide some answers at an open session of the Committee for Development Policy (CDP) at UN Headquarters on 12 March..

Related information

[2019 CDP Plenary: The Future of Development Policy in a Changing Multilateral Context](#)

UNESCO [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

15 March 2019

[MOPAN assessed the performance of UNESCO](#)

In 2017-18, MOPAN, the Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network, assessed the performance of UNESCO. The assessment looked at UNESCO's organisational effectiveness (strategic, operational, relationship and performance aspects) and the results it achieved against its objectives. This was the first MOPAN assessment of UNESCO...

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14 March 2019

[Five exceptional women scientists receive the L'Oréal UNESCO For Women in Science awards](#)

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

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

Deadline: 29 March 2019

[2020 World Monument Watch nominations - ICOMOS reviewers: Call for volunteers](#)

As you may know, World Monuments Fund (WMF) sponsors the World Monuments Watch (www.wmf.org/watch), a global programme that uses cultural heritage conservation to improve the resilience of communities, enhance social inclusion, and build new capacities in the heritage conservation field and beyond. For the 2020 World Monuments Watch, ICOMOS is again collaborating with WMF by tapping its membership for external desk reviews of the nominations.

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

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

14/03/2019 –

UNODC Executive Director welcomes Ministerial Declaration, urges states to 'put people first' in drug policies

VIENNA, 14 March 2019 - Yury Fedotov, the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), welcomed today a ministerial declaration on accelerating implementation of commitments to address and counter the world drug problem.

The declaration was adopted at the ministerial segment of the 62nd session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs...

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

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

Posted March 15, 2019

UN-Habitat Assembly Booklet

UN-Habitat is holding its first ever UN-Habitat Assembly bringing together all 193 member states from 27 – 31 May 2019. The Assembly, which meets every four years, will be in Kenya's capital, Nairobi where UN-Habitat is headquartered....

Posted March 15, 2019

Urban Impact March 2019 Edition

Nairobi March 2019 – The latest new-look edition of UN-Habitat's quarterly newsletter – Urban Impact – is out now. The newsletter presents stories about the UN-Habitat's work to improve the lives of people living in towns, cities...

Posted March 13, 2019

Platform to promote sustainable recovery and resilience launched in Iraq

Baghdad, Iraq – 11 March 2019 – The Ministry of Planning and the Council of Ministers Secretariat in Iraq have launched the National Platform for Reconstruction and Development jointly with UN-Habitat. The platform provides up-to-date information on...

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

ILO response to Syrian refugee crisis

ILO and Germany pen agreement to bolster decent work for Syrian refugees and host communities

13 March 2019

The ILO and Germany's Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development have signed a comprehensive memorandum of understanding which seeks to support job creation in response to the refugee crisis and forced displacement in Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey.

ILO100

Businesses for people and planet

13 March 2019

Around the world, demand is growing for businesses that are motivated not only by profit but also by the needs of people and wider society. The ILO's Decent Work Agenda promotes these types of 'sustainable enterprises' so that they benefit everyone, without harming the environment.

Youth labour statistics

[Mastercard Foundation partnering with ILO to create new and improved database on youth in the labour market](#)

12 March 2019

Mastercard Foundation funding enables ILO to provide more and better data on youth in the labour market.

Social protection

[More than half the global population lacks health care and social security, ILO report finds](#)

11 March 2019

There has been widespread progress in the development of national social security systems, according to a new ILO report, which also identifies gaps that need to be promptly addressed.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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[Expression of condolences: Ethiopian Airlines Flight ET302](#)

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

12/03/2019

[Precautionary approach over marine geoengineering solutions for climate change](#)

New United Nations GESAMP report reviews wide range of proposed marine geoengineering techniques.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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[Natural disasters pose a very serious threat to the international postal network](#)

- Interview with Tetsuo Hasegawa, UPU Disaster Risk Management and Emergency Aid Associate Expert

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

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

14 March 2019

Director General LI met with Jorge Alberto Arreaza Montserrat, Venezuela's Minister for People's Power for Foreign Affairs

VIENNA, 14 March 2019 – The Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) LI Yong met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela H.E. Mr. Jorge Alberto Arreaza Montserrat at the Organization's Headquarters in Vienna to discuss ongoing cooperation in support of inclusive and sustainable industrial development and the achievement of the 2030 Development Agenda.

Tackling e-waste challenges in Latin America

SAN JOSE, 15 March 2019 - The issue of e-waste continues to represent a threat to both the global environment and human health, and it shows no signs of slowing down anytime soon. E-waste is the quickest-growing waste stream in the world. Currently, the world produces approximately 50 million tonnes of e-waste a year. This equals the total weight of all the commercial airliners ever made. This figure is predicted to rise to 120m tonnes by 2050.

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

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

By Elizabeth Gasiorowski-Denis on 15 March 2019

New ISO standard puts humans at the centre of business

ISO 27501:2019, The human-centred organization – Guidance for managers, can help organizations to meet these challenges. In this brave new world, organizations will not only have an impact on their customers but also on other stakeholders, including employees, their families and the wider community.

By Clare Naden on 11 March 2019

On target to save lives

Some 16 billion injections are administered around the world every year, each one bringing with it a risk of transmitting disease. Reusing a syringe increases that risk exponentially. ISO is tackling the problem with standards for single-use syringes and a set of requirements to prevent unintentional...

By Barnaby Lewis on 11 March 2019

Just for the record

Here's a nice problem to have: in many countries, patient care is becoming more complex because we're generally living longer and surviving illnesses that would have at one time spelled the end. That means an increasing reliance on multiple specialists to treat our ailments, and the need to reliably...

By Ann Brady on 11 March 2019

The new dawn of disease control

In our evermore complex, interconnected world, with health systems undergoing new challenges and stresses, risk management in the healthcare industry has never been more important. Three ISO standards play a significant role in matching clinical quality with patient safety and best practice, helping...

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Partners in health

While some countries have made great progress toward universal health coverage, half the world's population are still unable to obtain the health services they need. ISO's collaboration with the World Health Organization is working to change things.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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[WIPO Cybersquatting Cases Grow by 12% to Reach New Record in 2018](#)

Trademark owners filed a record 3,447 cases under the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) with WIPO's Arbitration and Mediation Center in 2018 as businesses reacted to the proliferation of websites used for counterfeit sales, fraud, phishing, and other forms of online trademark abuse.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

March 11, 2019

[Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan, USAID Administrator Mark Green, and Experts on the President's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request for the U.S. Department of State and USAID](#)

On-The-Record Briefing

This budget supports USAID's efforts to aggressively communicate the stark differences between authoritarian financing tools and the approach that we and our allied donor nations use. Our approach is true assistance. It helps partner nations build their own self-reliance and a more dynamic, private enterprise-driven future. It incentivizes reform to spur private enterprise and free markets, attract investments, and again, foster self-reliance.

We also aim to help partner countries recognize the costs of alternative models, like those of China and Russia. Their approach seeks to weaken confidence in democratic and free market systems, saddle countries with unsustainable debt, lead to the forfeiture of strategic resources, and further the militaristic ambitions of those authoritarian actors. In coming weeks, we will unveil a framework that we'll use to help counter malign Kremlin influence, especially in Europe and Eurasia and Central Asia, and this budget supports that work.

March 11, 2019

[Fiscal Year 2020 Development and Humanitarian Assistance Budget Request](#)

Fact Sheet

The President's Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Budget Request for USAID continues to advance our efforts to strengthen U.S. national security through strategic investments that promote the Journey to Self-Reliance. The Budget envisions the day when USAID's development assistance is no longer needed. USAID supports governments, civil society, and the private sector in partner countries to build self-reliance, defined as the ability of a country to plan, finance, and implement solutions to its own development challenges. The FY 2020 Budget also upholds the President's commitment to serve the needs of American citizens, ensure their safety, and defend their values, as outlined in the President's National Security Strategy. The Budget includes significant investments to reduce the reach of conflict; prevent the spread of pandemic disease; and counteract the drivers of violence, instability, transnational crime, and other security threats.

DFID [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases

[Red Nose Day marks 10 years of UK aid and Comic Relief partnership](#)

15 March 2019 DFID Press release

[UK sends humanitarian experts ahead of Mozambique cyclone](#)

14 March 2019 DFID Press release

[UK aid project helps cut violence against women by more than half in Democratic Republic of Congo](#)

13 March 2019 DFID Press release

[Penny Mordaunt doubles support for plastic recycling](#)

11 March 2019 DFID Press release

ECHO [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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[Syria crisis: EU mobilises renewed international support, record overall pledge of €8.3 billion for 2019 and beyond](#)

From 12-14 March 2019 the European Union and the United Nations co-chaired the Brussels III Conference. As well as renewing support to a lasting political solution to end the Syria crisis, in line with UN Security Council Resolution 2254, the...

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[Brussels Conference: Days of Dialogue - Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region](#)

On 12 and 13 March, during the third Brussels Conference "Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region", the EU will welcome an unprecedented number of representatives of Syrian, regional and international non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and...

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African Union [to 16 Mar 2019]

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[Launching the Study on "Mapping Children on the Move within Africa"](#)

March 13, 2019

[Dissemination of the African Union Strategy for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment 2018 – 2020](#)

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

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

8 March 2019

[ASEAN intensifies efforts in promoting and protecting the rights of women and children](#)

JAKARTA, 8 March 2019 – ASEAN continues promoting the welfare and protect the rights of women and children collectively as representatives convened for the 18th ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) Meeting at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta on 4 March. At the meeting, the ACWC [...]

European Commission [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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[Syria crisis: EU mobilises renewed international support, record overall pledge of €8.3 billion for 2019 and beyond](#)

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European Commission - Press release Brussels, 14 March 2019 From 12-14 March 2019 the European Union and the United Nations co-chaired the Brussels III Conference. As well as renewing support to a lasting political solution to end the Syria crisis, in line with UN Security Council Resolution 2254, the Conference...

OECD [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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[OECD urges more action on bridging digital divides, boosting skills and enhancing access to data at Going Digital Summit](#)

The digital transformation is well under way, yet its scope and speed varies greatly across countries, sectors, people and places. Going digital will only fully benefit economies and societies if governments step up efforts to prepare businesses, people and policies for a digital world, the OECD said today.

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

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

March 13, 2019

Venezuela: Statement from the OAS General Secretariat

Regarding the statement issued by the Foreign Ministry of Colombia and press reports, the OAS General Secretariat indicates its support for the statement, also expressing that we have had full access to the videos in question during and after the events of February 23 at the Colombia-Venezuela border crossing.

In this sense, we condemn the blockade of humanitarian aid by the usurping regime, we condemn the violence carried out against Venezuelan demonstrators who saw their re-entry to the country blocked and who suffered multiple aggressions that resulted in injuries of varying severity, and we as condemn again the violence carried out against the Pemón community and the murders of indigenous people. We regret the disclosure of information lacking certainty such as the one referred to in this case.

The videos referred to are also clear regarding the assumptions indicated in paragraph 3 of the Colombian Government's statement.

Likewise, the OAS carried out the verification of humanitarian aid received from various donors and that it was delivered to the interim President Juan Guaidó.

The OAS General Secretariat, in his capacity as observer of the events, reiterates what has been said regarding the actions to block the entry of humanitarian aid by the usurper regime of Maduro and the completely asymmetric use of violence by the repressive forces and paramilitary groups.

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

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

14/03/2019

The Secretary General Urges the International Community to Provide Urgent Humanitarian Assistance to Syrian IDPs and Refugees

The Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Dr. Yousef A. Al-Othaimeen urged the international community to exert more efforts in the humanitarian field by providing urgent funding for humanitarian assistance to Syrian IDPs and refugees and thus bridge the funding gap for Syrian humanitarian needs....

OIC Reviews Cooperation Progress in the Fields of Labour and Social Protection

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) played host, on 10 March 2019, at its General Secretariat's headquarters in Jeddah, to the Third Meeting of the Steering Committee of the OIC Labour Ministers' Conference. The meeting reviewed the execution program of the OIC matrix for cooperation in the fields of labour and social protection. The Committee also took stock of the execution of the OIC agreement on arrangements for mutual recognition of skilled manpower, and the OIC bilateral standards agreement on labour exchange as well as the OIC labour market strategy....
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Group of 77 [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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UNCTAD [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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[Electronic components drive renewed growth in trade in technology goods in 2017](#)

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Selected Latest News

15 March 2019

[New UNESCO tools to fight the illicit trafficking of cultural property](#)

As part of a joint initiative with the European Union, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has developed two new tools to help the judiciary and law enforcement agencies fight the illicit trafficking of cultural property.

The first one is the "[Toolkit for European Judiciary and Law Enforcement](#)" which aims to provide a range of answers to professionals combating this type of organized criminal activity...

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

12 March 2019

[DDG Wolff: Eight reasons for optimism about the future of the multilateral trading system](#)

Despite being tested "as never before" in its 80-year history, the multilateral trading system will endure, improve and survive, Deputy Director-General Alan Wolff predicted in a speech to the Harvard Law School on 12 March. DDG Wolff said there were eight "sound reasons for optimism" about the system's future.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

12 March 2019

[One in five ministers is a woman according to new IPU/UN Women Map](#)

Women's representation in political decision-making continues to rise slowly, with slight improvements since 2017, according to the data presented in the 2019 edition of the biennial [IPU-UN Women map of Women in Politics](#). The map, which presents global rankings for women in the executive and parliamentary government branches as of 1 January 2019, shows the proportion of women ministers is at an all-time high at 20.7 per cent (812 out of 3922), 2.4 percentage points higher compared to 2017. It also shows that the types of portfolios women ministers hold are diversifying.

International Court of Justice [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

Press Release : 15 March 2019

[Statement by the President of the Assembly, O-Gon Kwon, reiterating strong support for the ICC](#)

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World Bank [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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Press Release : 15 March 2019

[Statement by the President of the Assembly, O-Gon Kwon, reiterating strong support for the ICC](#)

10 March 2019

[Statement of the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court at the conclusion of its visit to Bangladesh \(6-11 March 2019\)](#)

IMF [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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African Development Bank Group [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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[The African Development Bank pledges US\\$ 25 billion to climate finance for 2020-2025, doubling its commitments](#)

14/03/2019 - The African Development Bank will double its climate finance commitments for the period 2020-2025, the Bank's President announced today at the One Planet Summit taking place in Nairobi. Akinwumi A. Adesina said that the Bank would commit at least US\$25 billion towards climate finance.

[African Development Bank releases highlights of 2019 African Economic Outlook in 7 African languages](#)

13/03/2019 - The African Development Bank has published highlights of its flagship publication African Economic Outlook (AEO), in local languages, thus ensuring their reach to new stakeholders at the local and community levels. These languages are among the most widely spoken on the continent.

Asian Development Bank [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 16 Mar 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 16 Mar 2019]

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

13 MAR 19

[**IFAD-financed projects contribute to improved agricultural productivity and incomes in Sri Lanka**](#)

11 MAR 19

[**Central African Republic and IFAD to promote smallholder farmers' resilience to climate change**](#)

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

We will monitor media releases and other announcements around key initiatives, new research and major organizational change from a growing number of global NGOs, collaborations, and initiatives across the human rights, humanitarian response and development spheres of action. WE will not reference fundraising announcements, programs, events or appeals, and generally not include content which is primarily photo-documentation or video in format.

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 16 Mar 2019]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

No new digest content identified.

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

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

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

CARE International [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

14th Mar 2019

[Cyclone Idai: CARE gears up to support Mozambique and Malawi as enormous cyclone threatens Southern Africa](#)

CARE International experts are working with the governments of Malawi and Mozambique to prepare for Cyclone Idai which is expected to make landfall tonight (Thursday, 14 March 2019).

[INGO statement on attacks in Hajjah and renewed fighting in Hodeidah](#)

14th Mar 2019

International non-government organisations (INGOs) in Yemen strongly condemn the horrific attacks in Hajjah governorate on Sunday which according to the UN killed 22 people – twelve women and ten children – and injured many more.

[NGO reaction to the "Brussels III" Conference on Supporting Syria and the Region](#)

14th Mar 2019

As the international community came together for the 7th consecutive year to commit to helping Syrians inside their country, as well as refugees and their hosts, 15 aid agencies called today for a sustained follow-up to ensure political and funding support translates into meaningful improvements for all Syrians.

[Syria's Forgotten Women Bear the Brunt of War](#)

11th Mar 2019

As the crisis in Syria enters its 9th year, more Syrian women are increasingly becoming the main source of income in their families. Many men have left to fight, been detained or killed, leaving women with added responsibilities of earning an income, on top of their traditional roles of caring ...

[Sierra Leone: The Sexual Violence Emergency](#)

10th Mar 2019

On February 14th, 2019, the president of Sierra Leone Julius Maada Bio declared sexual violence a national emergency, vowing that sex with minors would be punishable by life in prison. However, the situation is highly political as, according to the national constitution, the president would need at least two thirds ...

Clubhouse International [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

14.03.2019

Third anniversary of the EU-Turkey Statement: Out of sight, out of mind

On the occasion of the third anniversary of the EU-Turkey Statement, NGOs including the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) reiterate the need for a change in policies and practices that trap refugees and migrants in the Greek hotspots in inadequate, unsafe reception conditions.

Brussels Syria conference: Syrians don't need handouts, they need to rebuild their lives

Oxfam and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) today called on governments and other donors to provide more funding to help Syrians recover from eight years of conflict and rebuild their lives. The international agencies also called on the Government of Syria to allow humanitarian organisations access to all those in need of help throughout the country.

12.03.2019

Returns lead to depression and dreams of re-migration among Afghans

Depression, anxiety, isolation and stress. It is not easy to return to a country plagued by decades of conflict. And according to a new report by the Danish Refugee Council's Mixed Migration Centre, psychological hardships make it significantly more difficult for Afghans to reintegrate and start a new life.

12.03.2019

ECPAT [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

News & Updates

The dark side of Cancún: Child sexual exploitation

15/03/2019

Despite efforts by local and state governments to crack down on the sexual exploitation of children, one of Mexico's most popular destinations, the Yucatán region, is plagued by the sexual exploitation of children. At a conference this week, the government and businesses made further commitments to protect children.

Vietnamese child victims of trafficking ignored by European countries

11/03/2019

Thousands of children trafficked from Vietnam to the UK are suffering horrendous exploitation and abuse in transit through Europe as different governments pass the buck on protecting them, according to new [research by ECPAT UK](#).

Global Sustainable Tourism Council, The Code and ECPAT join forces to end sexual exploitation of children by travellers and tourists

11/03/2019

:: Agreement signed to strengthen efforts to protect children in tourism

:: Sustainability criteria will strengthen child protection

An NGO that helps provide accreditation standards for both sustainable travel and tourism operators – and destinations – will expand its involvement in child protection.

Fountain House [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

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

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

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[Venezuela: support for the most vulnerable and those affected by violence](#)

The year 2018 posed enormous challenges for the ICRC's work in Venezuela due to the difficult economic and social situation that the country is experiencing.

15-03-2019 | Article

[Supporting the future of Syria and the Region](#)

Syria is going through a period of transition with immense challenges. The fighting continues in some parts and the danger of increased conflict in places such as Idlib continue.

14-03-2019 | Statement

[Changing world, unchanged protection? 70 years of the Geneva Conventions](#)

We would be worse without the Geneva Conventions, they are, at seventy, still fit-for-purpose in many respects.

13-03-2019 | Statement

[Status update: The ICRC's legal standing explained](#)

Due to its unique mandate, the ICRC enjoys specific privileges and immunities under international and domestic law. But why exactly does the ICRC need them?

12-03-2019 | Article

IFRC [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Press Releases

Africa, Mozambique

[Widespread damage feared as Cyclone Idai approaches the Coast of Mozambique](#)

With Tropical Cyclone Idai expected to make landfall in central Mozambique in about 12 hours, aid workers are warning that it could cause extensive damage and displace tens of thousands of people.
14 March 2019

[Syria conference: "This humanitarian emergency is not over"](#)

The President of the IFRC has told a major international conference that although fighting in Syria has decreased over the past 12 months, humanitarian needs continue to grow.

14 March 2019

Asia Pacific, Philippines

[Millions of children at risk as death toll rises in Philippines measles outbreak](#)

An estimated 3.7 million children under five in the Philippines are at risk during a measles outbreak that has already claimed 286 lives, most of them children or babies, the Red Cross is warning.

14 March 2019

Denmark, Europe, Syria, Turkey

[New interactive classroom tool and game teaches kids about Syrian refugee crisis](#)

Budapest/Geneva, 13 March — A Red Cross Red Crescent partnership is launching a powerful interactive classroom tool to help European students understand and empathise with the dangers and difficult choices faced by young Syrian refugees and their families.

13 March 2019

Africa, Malawi, Mozambique

[Mozambique: Emergency teams on alert as "dangerous and powerful" Tropical Cyclone Idai looms](#)

A major cyclone is speeding towards Mozambique, putting lives in danger and threatening to damage thousands of homes.

12 March 2019

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

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

No new digest content identified.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Perspective

[The IRC responds to President Trump's veto on Congress' 'Resolution of Disapproval'](#)

March 15, 2019

Remarks

Remarks by David Miliband, IRC President and CEO, as hostilities continue into the 8th anniversary of the Syria conflict

March 15, 2019

Press Release

Women and girls in DRC facing an increased risk of violence and higher exposure to Ebola since start of the outbreak

March 15, 2019

Press Release

IRC: U.S. Senate should terminate national emergency proclamation, focus on crisis in the Northern Triangle

March 12, 2019

Perspective

Leading humanitarian, development, and global health organizations urge congress to reject cuts to foreign assistance

March 11, 2019

IRCT [to 16 Mar 2019]

<https://irct.org/>

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Latest News

Islamic Relief condemns attacks in Yemen's Hajjah governorate

Published: 15 March, 2019

Sustainable consumption call at UN Environment Assembly

Published: 14 March, 2019

Reported phosphorus bombings spark new fears for Idlib

Published: 13 March, 2019

Emergency response underway in Malawi

Published: 13 March, 2019

Bleak future for 3 million Syrians in Idlib

Published: 13 March, 2019

8 years of war: Syria crisis is far from over

Published: 11 March, 2019

Landsea [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Medecins du Monde [to 16 Mar 2019]
<http://www.medecinsdumonde.org/>
No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 16 Mar 2019]
<http://www.msf.org/>
Selected News; Project Updates, Reports [as presented on website]
Mali
[Conflict, curfew and floods put healthcare out of reach in Mopti](#)
Project Update 12 Mar 2019

Mercy Corps [to 16 Mar 2019]
<http://www.mercycorps.org/press-room/releases>
Press Releases
[Syria: Mercy Corps: For Syria's Teens, Persistent Pain And An Uncertain Future](#)
AMMAN, Jordan — The global organization Mercy Corps conducted a survey of 227 adolescents in Syria, uncovering how deeply the persistent challenges they face have affected Syria's youth.

[Kenya: Mercy Corps: Without A Unified Response To Climate Change, We Cannot Address Poverty And Instability](#)
"Vulnerable communities in Africa are bearing the brunt of climate change, with 65 percent of the African population considered to be directly affected. As a global organization partnering with communities on the frontlines we observe first-hand the disastrous effects, including flooding, drought, scorching temperatures and devastating storms. We applaud the French and Kenyan Governments for their leadership at the "One Planet Summit" this week, an initiative of President Macron, as well as France's challenge to U.N. member states to urgently implement climate policies.

[Syria: Mercy Corps: Needs In Syria Remain Overwhelming As Crisis Enters Ninth Year](#)
AMMAN, Jordan — As the Syrian conflict enters its ninth year this month, the global organization Mercy Corps calls on world leaders not to abandon support for the overwhelming and immediate needs of the Syrian people. The participants of the third Brussels conference, entitled "Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region," is focused on mobilizing the international community to support the Syrian people and achieve a lasting political solution, in line with UN Security Council Resolution 2254.

Operation Smile [to 16 Mar 2019]
<http://www.operationssmile.org/press-office>
[Program Schedule](#)
Here's what we're doing worldwide to make a difference in the lives of children who deserve every opportunity for safe surgical care.

OXFAM [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Selected News/Announcements

[Oxfam and allies blast the EU-Turkey deal on its third anniversary for leading to short-sighted and dangerous migration policies](#)

13 March 2019

The European Union's deal with Turkey to control migration and return "irregular" migrants has led to policies and practices in Greece that are short-sighted, unsustainable, ineffective and dangerous, say Oxfam and 24 other NGOs in an open letter ahead of the deal's third anniversary.

[Brussels Syria conference: Syrians don't need handouts, they need to rebuild their lives](#)

11 March 2019

Oxfam and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) today called on governments and other donors to provide more funding to help Syrians recover from eight years of conflict and rebuild their lives.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Latest news from NRC

Syria | 15. Mar 2019

[8 facts after 8 years of conflict in Syria](#)

The conflict in Syria has been going on for eight years, with brutal consequences. Here are eight of them...

Syria | 14. Mar 2019

[NGO reaction to the "Brussels III" conference on supporting Syria and the region](#)

As the international community came together for the 7th consecutive year to commit to helping Syrians inside their country, as well as refugees and their hosts, 15 aid agencies called today for a sustained follow-up to ensure political and funding support translates into meaningful improvements for all Syrians.

Syria | 14. Mar 2019

[Syria is in ruins: how do we assist?](#)

Eight years into the devastating conflict, close to 12 million Syrians are in need of humanitarian support. We're supporting Syrians across the country throughout the chilly winter months.

12. Mar 2019

[Statement on the loss of two NRC staff in Ethiopia](#)

It is with great distress that the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) confirms the deaths of two of our colleagues among those killed on the Ethiopian Airlines aircraft that crashed en route to Kenya on Sunday morning.

Syria / 11. Mar 2019

[End aid restrictions to Syrians in government-controlled areas](#)

Eight years into the devastating conflict, close to 12 million Syrians are in need of humanitarian support, most of whom reside in government-controlled areas. The Norwegian Refugee Council calls on donor countries to provide funding based on needs alone, and for the Syrian government to remove impediments to aid.

Pact [to 16 Mar 2019]
<http://www.pactworld.org/>
No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 16 Mar 2019]
<http://www.pih.org/blog>
News
Mar 12, 2019

[Floods Kill Dozens, Leave Thousands Homeless in Malawi](#)

Heavy rains and flooding have taken the lives of 30 people and damaged the homes and property of 487,000 residents across southern Malawi, where PIH has supported facilities in Neno District since 2007. [Read More](#)

PATH [to 16 Mar 2019]
<https://www.path.org/media-center/>
March 11, 2019

[Leading humanitarian, development, and global health organizations urge Congress to reject cuts to foreign assistance](#)

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 16 Mar 2019]
<http://plan-international.org/about-plan/resources/media-centre>
No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 16 Mar 2019]
<https://www.savethechildren.net/news>
Friday 15 March 2019

[Statement on Gaza rocket fired into Tel Aviv on Wednesday and 100 targeted strikes](#)

Following on from the reports of Gaza rocket fired into Tel Aviv on Wednesday and 100 targeted strikes were carried out into Gaza in the early hours of this morning, Senior Programme Officer, Maher Abdullah said:

Thursday 14 March 2019

[NGO reaction to the "Brussels III" Conference on Supporting Syria and the Region](#)

As the international community came together for the 7th consecutive year to commit to helping Syrians inside their country, as well as refugees and their hosts, 15 aid agencies called today for a sustained follow-up to ensure political and funding support translates into meaningful improvements for all Syrians.

14 March 2019

[Hundreds of thousands of children at risk as Mozambique braces for cyclone Idai](#)

Hundreds of thousands of children and their families are in danger as cyclone Idai is scheduled to make landfall on the coast of Mozambique in the coming days, warns Save the Children, potentially devastating the lives of some 800,000 people.

Thursday 14 March 2019

[Number of foreign children in North-East Syria camps up almost 45% in less than a month](#)

There are now estimated to be at least 3,580 children of foreign nationalities living in three camps for displaced people in North-East Syria, Save the Children revealed today.

This is an increase of almost 45 per cent from a previous mid-February estimate of 2,500, as the offensive against the last ISIS-held enclave intensified in recent weeks.

At least 56,000 people have been displaced in the last three months, both Syrians and families from other nationalities, mostly Iraqis, overwhelming the al-Hol camp where people are being transferred.

Tuesday 12 March 2019

[Horrified by reports of sexual abuse and bombing of children in Yemen](#)

Save the Children is horrified by [the reports about the sexual abuse of four boys](#) in the city of Taiz in Yemen, and the [reported killing of 12 children](#) in northern Yemen this weekend.

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

All News

Interview

[How 'toxic stress' affects Syrian children](#)

15.03.2019 - Treating the impact of conflict, hatred and loss of parental care takes dedication and a long-term commitment, says an SOS Children's Villages expert.

EU policy debate

[Young people address policymakers](#)

11.03.2019 - The European Commission hosted a roundtable with SOS Children's Villages in Brussels to discuss quality child protection and care systems.

Tostan [to 16 Mar 2019]

<http://www.tostan.org>

Mar 12, 2019

[Walk On My Own: A film about how Tostan sparks profound, positive changes for women and girls premieres during the UN Commission on the Status of Women](#)

On screen, a 13-year-old girl is singing and dancing, her eyes bright with laughter. Microphone clipped to the back of her dress, she picks up her video camera and moves through her village to the next location for the film she is making. In the audience, now...

Women for Women International [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 16 Mar 2019]

<http://wvi.org/>

Thursday, March 14th 2019

[Syrian children fear return to war-torn homeland](#)

War is the biggest fear for most children, global survey reveals.

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

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

Joint Letters

[US Should Continue to Pursue Accountability for the Murder of Jamal Khashoggi](#)

March 14, 2019

Human rights-defending organizations urge the Trump administration to uphold both the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act and US Congress' constitutional oversight role in the determination of accountability for Khashoggi's murder.

Press Releases

[Russia: Lawmakers Speed to Punish Criticism of the Government and Alleged "Fake News"](#)

March 11, 2019

Russia's crackdown on internet freedom continues as parliament considers legislation allowing law enforcement to punish online "fake news."

Human Rights Watch [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Latest News [selected]

March 15, 2019 *News Releases*

[US Threatens International Criminal Court](#)

[Systemic abuses and mass detentions in China demand Human Rights Council action](#)

[Russia: Rights Defender Facing Four-Year Prison Term](#)

March 14, 2019 *News Releases*

[Malaysia: Drop Investigation of Women's March Organizers](#)

Labor and Human Rights Groups Urge Multi-Stakeholder Initiatives and Business Associations in the Apparel Sector to Adopt Transparency Requirements

Transparency International [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

12 Mar 2019

Historic day for whistleblowers as EU agrees pathbreaking legislation

- The European Parliament and EU Council have agreed a pathbreaking piece of legislation that will help protect whistleblowers around Europe. The political agreement was reached in tough negotiations in the early hours of this morning, and is the first time that the EU will have dedicated legislation ...

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Bond [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

News and views

How can INGOs use research to drive their missions?

13 March 2019

Jude Fransman

Three ways INGO research differs from other forms of research and the opportunities and challenges that it faces.

Could affordable homes deliver the SDGs?

12 March 2019

Ian Shapiro

Affordable homes stimulate economic and social changes that impact many of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Power is shifting to communities and INGOs need to be part of it

11 March 2019

Jenny Hodgson

As local and networked social movements grow, INGOs need to draw on the experiences and lessons of civil society in the global south.

ChildFund Alliance [to 16 Mar 2019]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Mar 11, 2019

In memory of Paolo Dieci, a passionate voice for international cooperation and development

On Sunday, March 11, a tragic plane crash took the lives of all 157 passengers travelling to Nairobi. Among the victims was Paolo Dieci, a most dedicated and passionate advocate for international cooperation.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

Speech

Universal Health Coverage

[The urgency of women and girls' leadership in ensuring healthy societies and a healthy planet](#)

11 March, 2019

Mary Robinson highlights women's achievements in transforming healthcare at the Commission on the Status of Women side event: Health for All Through Women's Human Rights.

Evidence Aid [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Latest News

[Pneumococcal vaccine price drops for third year running](#)

In agreement with Gavi, Pfizer reduces price of pneumococcal vaccine to US\$ 2.90 per dose for Gavi-eligible countries.

Geneva, 14 March 2019 – Pfizer has reduced the price of its [pneumococcal vaccine \(PCV\)](#) for 73 developing countries by five cents to US\$ 2.90 per dose.

The price drop, a result of negotiations between Pfizer and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, is Pfizer's third for its PCV vaccine since January 2017 and is expected to lead to savings to Gavi and developing country governments of US\$ 4.1 million this year alone.

The reduction is the result of strong ongoing implementation of pneumococcal vaccine national programs and builds on efficiencies achieved through the introduction of the PCV four-dose vial (4-D MDV) as well as stable country volumes over the past three years. In 2017 the price of Pfizer's PCV single dose vial (SDV) was US\$ 3.30 per dose.

"Pneumonia remains the single largest cause of death for children worldwide and pneumococcal vaccine is one of our best weapons against it," said Dr Seth Berkley, CEO of Gavi. "We have worked hard to boost access to this lifesaver in the world's poorest countries – coverage rates in lower income, Gavi-eligible countries are now approaching the global average. Lower prices, a result of our important partnership with Pfizer, have played a critical role in this effort..."

[Gavi and Zenysis Technologies to bring data and artificial intelligence to immunisation programmes](#)

Geneva, 12 March 2019 – Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and Zenysis Technologies, a Silicon Valley startup, have established a new strategic partnership that will help low-income countries harness the power of big data and artificial intelligence to improve childhood vaccination programs around the world...

Global Fund [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

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

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources

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

March, 2019

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

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

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Challenges to Civil Society

Humanitarian Coordination

[Annual Partnership Consultation Explores Yemen Crisis, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, and other Critical Humanitarian and Development Challenges](#)

InterAction

Mar 12, 2019

Global Development Practice

[REPORT: Building the Middle: Global Cooperation at the Frontier: Innovative Finance in Fragile Contexts](#)

[Lindsey Doyle](#)

Mar 12, 2019

U.S. Foreign Assistance

[Leading Humanitarian, Development, and Global Health Organizations Urge Congress to Reject Cuts to Foreign Assistance](#)

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Mar 11, 2019

Statement

[Honoring the Victims of Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 Crash](#)

InterAction

Mar 11, 2019

Start Network [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Website not responding at inquiry.

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

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

No new digest content identified.

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

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

14/03/2019

[Welcome to HEKS/EPER - Swiss Church Aid!](#)

HEKS/EPER has recently joined the CHS Alliance, marking their commitment to the application of the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS) in their day-to-day service to people and communities affected by crisis.

Development Initiatives [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 16 Mar 2019]

<https://www.urd.org/?lang=en>
No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 16 Mar 2019]

<https://ihsa.info/>
No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 16 Mar 2019]

<http://www.sphereproject.org/news/>
News
No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 16 Mar 2019]

<https://phap.org/>
Latest News
No new digest content identified.

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Brookings

<http://www.brookings.edu/>
Accessed 16 Mar 2019
Latest Research
Mexico

[The ills and cures of Mexico's democracy](#)

Vanda Felbab-Brown
March 2019

Crime & Criminal Justice

[Addressing modern debtors' prisons with graduated economic sanctions that depend on ability to pay](#)

Beth Colgan
Friday, March 15, 2019

Crime & Criminal Justice

[A proposal to end regressive taxation through law enforcement](#)

Michael Makowsky
Friday, March 15, 2019

Crime & Criminal Justice

[Proposals for improving the U.S. pretrial system](#)

Will Dobbie and Crystal S. Yang
Friday, March 15, 2019

Crime & Criminal Justice

[Nine facts about monetary sanctions in the criminal justice system](#)

Patrick Liu, Ryan Nunn, and Jay Shambaugh
Friday, March 15, 2019

Center for Global Development [to 16 Mar 2019]

<http://www.cgdev.org/page/press-center>
No new digest content identified.

CSIS [to 16 Mar 2019]

<https://www.csis.org/>
Selected Reports
Report

[Key Challenges in U.S.-Russian Relations: Are Collaborative Approaches Possible?](#)

March 13, 2019 | [Jeffrey Mankoff](#), [Rachel Ellehuus](#)

Despite the difficult relationship between the United States and Russia, both countries have an interest in preventing the outbreak of new conflicts in Europe and in ameliorating the risks from existing conflicts in Ukraine, Syria, and Afghanistan.

Report

[Spaceports of the World](#)

March 13, 2019 | [Thomas G. Roberts](#)

With the rate of space launches projected to grow exponentially in the coming years, spaceports will become increasingly important to the global space industry. Which countries and private companies operate the world's most active spaceports?

Report

[Korea, the JCPOA, and the Shifting Military Balance in the Gulf](#)

March 13, 2019 | [Anthony H. Cordesman](#) Iran's efforts to expand its regional influence, and increase its military capabilities, also have to be viewed in terms of the broader changes in the regional balance.

Report

[The Change We Need: Making Defense More Future Proof through Adaptable Systems](#)

March 12, 2019 | [Andrew Philip Hunter](#)

Adaptable systems are essentially for DoD to fully leverage the capabilities of existing technologies to meet future warfighting needs, but there are several barriers to greater usage that could be overcome by adopting several existing enablers.

Report

[Rebooting the Innovation Agenda](#)

March 11, 2019 | [Daniel F. Runde](#), [Erol Yayboke](#), [Sundar R. Ramanujam](#)

With the fourth industrial revolution currently underway, what is the role that institutions must play to secure peace and prosperity?

Report

[War by Proxy: Iran's Growing Footprint in the Middle East](#)

March 11, 2019 | [Seth G. Jones](#)

New analysis by CSIS's Seth Jones based in part on commercially available satellite imagery shows that the footprint of the Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-Quds Force is growing in the Middle East.

ODI [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

Children in disaster-prone areas in India twice as likely to be living in poverty – new report

Press release | 14 March 2019

New report has for the first time calculated the true extent that disasters and climate hazards influence child poverty in India and Kenya

Reconstruction plans in Syria must be a priority at Brussels pledging conference – statement and experts available

Press release | 11 March 2019

International leaders will gather in Brussels tomorrow for the third Syria pledging conference

Local humanitarian action in the Democratic Republic of Congo: capacity and complementarity

Working and discussion papers | March 2019 | Veronique Barbelet with Paulin Bishakabalya Kokere, Emmanuel Kandate, Pacifique Makuta Mwambusa, Antoine Mushagalusa Ciza and Sanctus Nkundamwami Namahira

Identifying factors that support or undermine complementarity for humanitarian action that is 'as local as possible, as international as necessary'.

Child poverty, disasters and climate change: investigating relationships and implications over the life course of children

Research reports and studies | March 2019 | Vidya Diwakar, Emma Lovell, Sarah Opitz-Stapleton, Andrew Shepherd and John Twigg

Examining the links between child and adolescent poverty and climate- and natural hazard-related disasters at different stages of children's lives.

Assessing the cost of ill-health: two case studies

Research reports and studies | March 2019 | Simon Levine and Agata Kusnierek

Assessing the full economic cost of ill-health in West Darfur, Sudan and North Kivu, Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

Urban Institute [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

March 8, 2019

NYC Civic Corps Program Evaluation

New York City shows a tremendous need for robust social services. Nearly 3.8 million people (45 percent of residents) live in poverty or just above the federal poverty level—and income inequality continues to increase. The scope and scale of these issues, among others, require an extensive mobilization of resources to respond effectively, but organizations often lack the capacity to do so. Approximately 5,000 community-

[Nathan Dietz](#), [Daniel Teles](#), [Deondre' Jones](#)

March 14, 2019

Research Report

[The Pros and Cons of Single-Payer Health Plans](#)

One of the often-discussed proposals to reform the health care system is a single-payer plan, sometimes called "Medicare for All." Arguments for and against are wide ranging. There is also considerable confusion as to what "single payer" means and how it might operate. Consequently, this brief presents both a general picture of the most frequently mentioned single-payer proposal, and we delineate the advantages and disadvantages

[Linda J. Blumberg](#), [John Holahan](#)

March 12, 2019

Brief

[Temporary Tax Policy in the United States](#)

On March 12, 2019, Mark Mazur testified in front of the 116th United States House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures for a hearing entitled, "Temporary Policy in the Internal Revenue Code."

[Mark J. Mazur](#)

March 12, 2019

Testimony

[Birth Control is Transformative: Women Share their Experiences with Contraceptive Access](#)

The Affordable Care Act helped reduce financial barriers to birth control. But many women still face barriers, including real or perceived cost. In this brief, we summarize findings from interviews with 30 women about their decisions related to birth control, the importance of birth control in their lives, and their concerns about future access.

[Rebecca Peters](#), [Sarah Benatar](#), [Brigette Courtot](#), [Sophia Yin](#)

March 11, 2019

Brief

[State Revenues Grew in Third Quarter, but Income Taxes Face Uncertain Prospects](#)

State government tax revenues have fluctuated wildly over the past year largely because of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act passed in late December 2017. Overall, year-over-year growth in state tax revenues was strong in the third quarter of 2018 but weaker than the growth observed in the final quarter of 2017 and the first half of 2018. Preliminary state government tax data for the fourth quarter of 2018 indicate declines in personal

[Lucy Dadayan](#)

March 11, 2019

Research Report

[Inequality Versus Inclusion in US Cities](#)

Income inequality is a suboptimal measure of inclusion at the city level. A low level of inequality can reflect the exclusion or displacement of low income residents, or it can reflect a lack of opportunity overall. Using data for 274 U.S. cities for the years 1980, 1990, 2000, and 2010, we create more complete measures of both economic and racial inclusion. We then compare these inclusion measures with the Gini coefficient

[Christina Plerhoples Stacy](#), [Brady Meixell](#), [Tanaya Srin](#)

March 11, 2019
Research Report

World Economic Forum [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Selected News Releases

[Here Are the 10 Young Africans Pushing Boundaries and Changing the World in 2019](#)

News 13 Mar 2019

[Here are the Young People Pushing Boundaries and Changing the World in 2019](#)

News 13 Mar 2019

[Indonesian Government and Partners Announce Next Steps to Tackle Plastic Pollution](#)

News 11 Mar 2019

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

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

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

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

News

[Scientists are creating virtual simulations of the brain to better understand the real thing](#)

March 11, 2019

The Allen Institute for Brain Science's experiments generate massive amounts of data. How to make sense of it all? Computational models can help.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 16 Mar 2019]

<http://www.emcf.org/capital-aggregation/blue-meridian-partners/>

*Blue Meridian Partners is a new capital aggregation collaboration that plans to invest at least \$1 billion in high-performance nonprofits that are poised to have truly national impact for economically disadvantaged children and youth.
No new digest content identified.*

Clinton Foundation [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 16 Mar 2019]

www.co-impact.io

Co-Impact is a global philanthropic collaborative for systems change focused on improving the lives of millions of people around the world.

No new digest content identified.

Ford Foundation [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

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

News 14 March 2019

[Leading Philanthropies Announce Funding Collaborative to Build Women's Power and Ensure Safe Workplaces](#)

...The fund will resource culture makers, movement leaders, institutions, and networks to shift power and shape narratives to end violence against women and girls, starting with the workplace as a key locus of inequity and violence, as well as a site of powerful movement building in the United States and globally. The fund will also invest in efforts to address violence against women in girls in institutions such as schools, health care facilities, and prisons. The primary focus will initially be on advancing systemic change in the United States, while also working transnationally to ensure a strong link to the global movement to end violence against women and girls...

Addressing the root causes of the international crisis of gender-based violence across the world is part of a long-term strategy to advance the following areas, with these initial goals:

:: Policy advocacy: Support advocacy for local, national, and global policies that focus on survivors first and successfully address gender-based violence in the workplace, with a focus on prevention, protection, transparency, and accountability, for example an ILO standard on violence in the world of work.

:: Narrative and culture change: Create an evidence-based communications hub that bolsters overall capacity to change existing narratives and culture through coordinated messaging, survivor-centered storytelling, art and media-based strategies, spokesperson development, and digital campaign resources.

:: Organizing and civic engagement: Build power, invest in feminist organizing in the United States and transnationally, and support relational organizing at scale.^[SEP]

:: Leadership development: Support survivors and feminist movement leadership across borders by seeding and scaling data-driven programs that weave together healing, political education, and

community-building, with a focus on low-income earning individuals, women of color, Indigenous women, and migrant women.

:: Convening and peer learning: Convene field leaders and networks in the United States and transnationally to support mutual leadership and advocacy efforts, as well as create cross-movement spaces for philanthropic partners to learn from each other, share resources, and strategize collaboratively...

... The fund is launching as a five-year philanthropic commitment. Grantmaking will begin in 2019, and will award at least \$5 million in grants per year to support culture makers, movement leaders, institutions, and networks to end sexual harassment and violence against all women and girls. For more information, please visit <https://www.safetyanddignityforwomen.org/>

Equals Change Blog 12 March 2019

[Advice to my younger self: Latanya Sweeney](#)

Equals Change Blog 11 March 2019

[Lessons from the foundation's tech fellows program](#)

By Marielle Velander

In The Headlines 13 March 2019

[Altering Perceptions](#)

Cara Mertes discusses how the Ford Foundation's JustFilms initiative tackles the challenges of nonfiction storytelling, and helps create narratives that transform perceptions and change history.

News 11 March 2019

[Higher education, philanthropy and public policy sectors unite in new push to develop public interest technology](#)

Twenty-one colleges and universities, with the support of the Ford Foundation, New America, and the Hewlett Foundation, today announced the creation of the Public Interest Technology University Network. The Network is dedicated to defining and building the nascent field of public interest technology, as well as growing a new generation of civic-minded technologists and digitally fluent policy leaders.

GHIT Fund [to 16 Mar 2019]

<https://www.ghitfund.org/newsroom/press>

GHIT was set up in 2012 with the aim of developing new tools to tackle infectious diseases that devastate the world's poorest people. Other funders include six Japanese pharmaceutical
No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Latest Updates

[Advocates: Western communities have spoken on public lands conservation](#)

By Andrea Keller Helsel

March 15, 2019

[Higher education, philanthropy, and public policy sectors unite in new push to develop public interest technology](#)

Twenty-one colleges and universities have partnered with the Ford Foundation, Hewlett Foundation, and New America to launch the Public Interest Technology University Network. Launching a first-of-its-kind initiative, 21 of the country's most innovative colleges and universities, with the support of the Ford Foundation, New America, and the Hewlett Foundation, today announced the creation of...

March 11, 2019

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Our News

[Supporting the Global Sisterhood: Inside the Catholic Sisters Strategic Initiative U.S. Convening](#)

[Catholic Sisters](#)

March 13, 2019

Press Release

[The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Announces Two New Hilton Humanitarian Prize Jurors](#)

Westlake Village, Calif. (March 12, 2019) – The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation today announced that Leymah Gbowee, Nobel prize recipient and founder and president of the [Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa](#) [offsite link](#) based in Liberia, and Zainab Salbi, global humanitarian and founder of [Women for Women International](#) [offsite link](#), will join the Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize jury, beginning with the selection of the 2019 recipient...

IKEA Foundation [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

March 13, 2019 *News Release*

[Most Medicare Beneficiaries Lack Dental Coverage, and Many Go Without Needed Care](#)

Almost two-thirds of Medicare beneficiaries (65%), or nearly 37 million people, do not have dental coverage and many go without needed care, according to a new KFF brief on dental coverage and

costs for Medicare beneficiaries. Rates are even higher among black and Hispanic beneficiaries, and those with low incomes. Medicare...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

12 March 2019

[His Highness the Aga Khan named Prince's Trust Global Founding Patron](#)

Kellogg Foundation [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

March 11, 2019

[W. K. Kellogg Foundation reaffirms its commitment to Haiti](#)

The Board of Trustees, Executive Council and the entire Kellogg Foundation staff are saddened by the escalating economic, political and social strains that have led to mass protests and hampered delivery of critical services to children and families throughout Haiti. Our grantees, partners, communities and the people of Haiti are in our hearts and on our minds during these challenging times. We are thankful that calm, normalcy are returning to the country, and that our partners are continuing to provide critical services to improve the lives of children, their families and communities.

We have followed events in Haiti with heavy hearts during the past few weeks – babies dying because they could not be taken to hospitals, hospitals closing due to lack of supplies and electricity, children not able to attend school, families who could not find water and food. It is our hope that there will be a peaceful resolution to the issues that have led to these calamities and fueled the inequities and structural violence that have plagued vulnerable children and families in Haiti for so long.

The Kellogg Foundation reaffirms its commitment to partner with communities in Haiti for at least a generation and assure that children and families in the communities where we are working have access to quality education, quality infant and maternal care, and income generating activities that will make them more financially secure. Our commitment to Haiti is not new; we have been a partner since the 1950s. We believed then, as we do now, in a future where all children have opportunities to thrive and to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society. Achieving this goal in Haiti remains a priority for the Kellogg Foundation.

MacArthur Foundation [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

March 12, 2019 | *Press Release*

[\\$150 Million in Catalytic Capital to Help Address Critical Social Challenges](#)

[See Week in Review above for detail]

[A Primer on Pretrial Risk Assessments](#)

March 13, 2019

Grantee Research

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundation [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Press Releases & Statements

Opinion

March 14, 2019

[3 Ways People May Save for Retirement in the Future](#)

Rockefeller Foundation [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

March 13, 2019

[The Rockefeller Foundation Names Steve VanRoekel, Former White House Chief Information Officer, as Chief Operating Officer](#)

NEW YORK, March 13, 2019 – The Rockefeller Foundation today announced that Steve VanRoekel has been named Chief Operating Officer of the Foundation after serving as interim COO since September 2018. In this role, Mr. VanRoekel will oversee the organization’s Operations, Human Resources, Organizational Performance, Information Technology, and Finance teams.

Since 2009, Mr. VanRoekel has served in a number of senior-level public sector roles including Chief Operating Officer of the Federal Communications Commission, where he oversaw all operational, technical, financial, and human resource aspects of the agency. He was later appointed the nation’s second Chief Information Officer by President Obama and tasked with driving savings and promoting innovation across the federal IT portfolio including upgrading the nation’s cyber security capabilities, creating new open data policies, fostering delivery of mobile services to citizens, consolidating data centers, and promoting the federal government’s transition to cloud computing...

[MacArthur Commits \\$150 Million in Catalytic Capital to Help Address Critical Social Challenges](#)

The Rockefeller Foundation and Omidyar Network Join New Catalytic Capital Consortium, Call for More Flexible Impact Investments and More Collaboration

Chicago, IL, March 12, 2019 – The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation today launched the Catalytic Capital Consortium, dedicating \$150 million to help address financing gaps in impact investing, particularly for funds and intermediaries that are not a fit for conventional investment. MacArthur is joined in this effort by leading impact investors, The Rockefeller Foundation and Omidyar Network, who will add their expertise and financial resources to the Catalytic Capital Consortium.

MacArthur's first investment is \$30 million to expand and accelerate The Rockefeller Foundation's Zero Gap innovative finance portfolio, matched by \$30 million from The Rockefeller Foundation. Catalytic capital is investment capital that is patient, risk-tolerant, concessionary, and flexible in ways that differ from conventional investment...

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

Latest News Releases, Blog Posts, Reports

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 16 Mar 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..."

March 14, 2019

Lyda Hill Philanthropies: Where Science is the Answer [Alliance blog post]

In 2010, Texas entrepreneur Lyda Hill signed the newly created Giving Pledge, announcing her plan to donate the entirety of her estate to philanthropy and scientific research during her lifetime. Fulfilling this bold commitment has been her focus ever since...

SDG Philanthropy Platform

<http://sdgfunders.org/>

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

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

No new digest content identified.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

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Foundation Center [to 16 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 16 Mar 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

March 2019 Volume 47, Issue 3, p229-350

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

March 2019 Volume 56, Issue 3, p335-476

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

March 2019 109(3)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 100, Issue 3, 2019

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/100/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 16 Mar 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

March 2019 - Volume 4 - 2

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/4/2>

Editorial

[Public health in Democratic People's Republic of Korea](#) (9 March, 2019)

Douglas James Noble

Research

[Systematic review of evidence on public health in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea](#) (9 March, 2019)

John J Park, Ah-Young Lim, Hyung-Soon Ahn, Andrew I Kim, Soyoung Choi, David HW Oh, Owen Lee-Park, Sharon Y Kim, Sun Jae Jung, Jesse B Bump, Rifat Atun, Hee Young Shin, Kee B Park

Analysis

[Investing in health R&D: where we are, what limits us, and how to make progress in Africa](#) (4 March, 2019)

Victoria Simpkin, Evelyn Namubiru-Mwaura, Lorcan Clarke, Elias Mossialos

Practice

[How is implementation research applied to advance health in low-income and middle-income countries?](#) (7 March, 2019)

Olakunle Alonge, Daniela Cristina Rodriguez, Neal Brandes, Elvin Geng, Ludovic Reveiz, David H Peters

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 16 Mar 2019)

Research article

[Consideration of sex and gender in Cochrane reviews of interventions for preventing healthcare-associated infections: a methodology study](#)

Healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) are common and increase morbidity, mortality, and healthcare costs. Their control continues to be an unresolved issue worldwide. HAIs epidemiology shows sex/gender diffe...

Authors: Jesús López-Alcalde, Elena Stallings, Sheila Cabir Nunes, Abelardo Fernández Chávez, Mathilde Daheron, Xavier Bonfill Cosp and Javier Zamora

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2019 19:169

Published on: 15 March 2019

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 16 Mar 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 16 Mar 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 16 Mar 2019)

Research article

[Repeated clinical malaria episodes are associated with modification of the immune system in children](#)

There are over 200 million reported cases of malaria each year, and most children living in endemic areas will experience multiple episodes of clinical disease before puberty. We set out to understand how freq...

Authors: Yaw Bediako, Rhys Adams, Adam J. Reid, John Joseph Valletta, Francis M. Ndungu, Jan Sodenkamp, Jedidah Mwacharo, Joyce Mwangeli Ngoi, Domtila Kimani, Oscar Kai, Juliana Wambua, George Nyangweso, Etienne P. de Villiers, Mandy Sanders, Magda Ewa Lotkowska, Jing-Wen Lin...

Citation: BMC Medicine 2019 17:60

Published on: 13 March 2019

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 16 Mar 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 16 Mar 2019)

Research article

[Social inequities in vaccination coverage among infants and pre-school children in Europe and Australia – a systematic review](#)

Herd immunity levels of vaccine uptake are still not reached in some high-income countries, usually in countries with persisting social inequities in uptake. Previous studies have focused on factors within one health care system. This study takes a broader health care systems approach by reviewing the socioeconomic distribution of vaccination coverage on the national level in light of structural and organizational differences of primary care for children.

Authors: Arzu Arat, Bo Burström, Viveca Östberg and Anders Hjern

Citation: BMC Public Health 2019 19:290

Published on: 12 March 2019

Research article

["If you can, change this system" -Pregnant asylum seekers' perceptions on social determinants and material circumstances affecting their health whilst living in state-provided accommodation in Germany - a prospective, qualitative case study](#)

Pregnant women and new mothers seeking asylum are highly vulnerable and have special needs, yet there is dearth of research related to this group in Germany. This paper reports on material circumstances and be...

Authors: Sandra Claudia Gewalt, Sarah Berger, Joachim Szecsenyi and Kayvan Bozorgmehr

Citation: BMC Public Health 2019 19:287

Published on: 12 March 2019

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 16 Mar 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

March 2019 - Volume 9 - 3

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 97, Number 3, March 2019, 169-244

<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/97/3/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

February 2019 Volume 41, Issue 2, p191-368

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Clinical Trials

Volume 16 Issue 1, February 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 16 Mar 2019]

Research

15 March 2019

Utilization of primary health care services among Syrian refugee and Lebanese women targeted by the ICRC program in Lebanon: a cross-sectional study

Authors: Claudia Truppa, Enrica Leresche, Arlan F. Fuller, Ariana S. Marnicio, Josyann Abisaab, Nicole El Hayek, Carla Zmeter, Warda S. Toma, Hilda Harb, Randa S. Hamadeh and Jennifer Leaning

Abstract

Background

The Syrian crisis has put tremendous strain on the Lebanese health system, particularly in the historically underserved border region. The ICRC Primary Health Care program has focused on refugee and host communities in these areas. This study objectives were: 1) to determine whether the ICRC program was reaching the most vulnerable populations; 2) to understand the key perceived health needs in the catchment areas of the ICRC supported facilities; and 3) to identify barriers to utilization of health care services.

Methods

Between July and September 2017 we conducted two cross-sectional studies - one randomized household survey and one clinic-based - in the catchment areas of three ICRC-supported facilities, targeting women of reproductive age and caretakers of children under five. Differences between groups were analysed with t-test or chi-squared test.

Results

In the household survey, similar socio-demographic profiles were observed between Syrian refugee women and vulnerable Lebanese hosts. With regard to the study objectives:

- 1) The most vulnerable populations were those seen in the ICRC-supported facilities.
- 2) For both populations, the most common reasons for seeking care were non-communicable diseases (40.6%) and sexual and reproductive health issues (28.6%). Yet the people reaching the ICRC supported facilities were more likely to seek care for communicable diseases affecting their children (37.8%), rather than for the most common reasons expressed in the household survey.
- 3) In the catchment areas, reported gaps included low immunization coverage and low levels of antenatal care and family planning both for Syrian and Lebanese. Dental care also emerged as an issue. Out of pocket expenditures was reported as a critical barrier for utilization of primary health care services for both populations, while the most important barrier for utilization of ICRC-supported services was lack of awareness.

Conclusions

Despite the ICRC reaching the most vulnerable Syrian and Lebanese communities, the population-based survey revealed that important gaps exist in terms of utilization of health care services among women of reproductive age and their children. A stronger outreach component is needed to address lack of awareness. Innovative solutions are also needed to address cost barriers at the levels of both facility and individual user.

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 78 Pages 1-146 (March 2019)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/78/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

April 2019 - Volume 32 - Issue 2

<https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

[Reviewed earlier]

Developing World Bioethics

Volume 18, Issue 4 Pages: 307-432 December 2018

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 29, Issue 2, 2019

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

Volume 37, Issue 2 Pages: i-iv, 153, 155-310 March 2019

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>

Themed issue: Health and well-being

[Reviewed earlier]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 13, Issue 8, 2018

<http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idt/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 13 - Special Issue 1 - February 2019

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

Serial Hurricanes

[No new digest content identified]

Disasters

Volume 43, Issue 2 Pages: 219-455 April 2019

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

Papers

[Fieldwork after conflict: contextualising the challenges of access and data quality](#)

[Kate Roll](#), [Geoffrey Swenson](#)

Pages: 240-260

First Published: 10 December 2018

[Community social capital and individual functioning in the post-disaster context](#)

[Renee Zahnow](#), [Rebecca Wickes](#), [Mel Taylor](#), [Jonathan Corcoran](#)

Pages: 261-288

First Published: 15 November 2018

[Challenges to mobilising resources for disaster recovery and reconstruction: perspectives of the Haitian diaspora](#)

Emefa Sewordor, Ann-Margaret Esnard, Alka Sapat, Lorena Schwartz

Pages: 336-354

First Published: 15 November 2018

EMBO Reports

Volume 19, Number 12 01 December 2018

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Emergency Medicine Journal

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

[Accessed 16 Mar 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 25, Number 2—February 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Volume 25 Pages 1-112 (December 2018)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 147 - 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & Human Research

Volume 41, Issue 1 January-February 2019

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

New Challenges and Unresolved Issues

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

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

Ethics & International Affairs

Winter 2018 (Issue 32.4) December 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

SUPPLEMENT - Volume 28, Issue suppl_5, December 2018

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy Volume 75

Volume 82, Pages 1-84 (January 2019)

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

Special Issue: Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 11, Issue 1, February 2019

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/11/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 59 October 2018

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

Twenty Years of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement

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

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Forum for Development Studies

Volume 46, 2019 - Issue 1

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

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Genocide Studies International

Volume 12 Issue 1, Spring 2018

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

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Genome Medicine

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

[Accessed 24 Nov 2018]

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Geoheritage

Volume 11, Issue 1, March 2019

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/11/1>

Heritage Stones and Geoheritage

In 2016, at the International Geological Congress that took place in Cape Town, South Africa, the IUGS Council ratified the creation of a new IUGS Commission: the International Commission for Geoheritage. In this commission, both heritage sites and heritage stones working groups will collaborate to disseminate the importance of Geoheritage for the general public and for the scientific community. Since then, a great effort has been made to join both subjects in meetings and in publications. Heritage Stones and Geoheritage is a special issue dedicated to spread news on some natural stones with implications on heritage around the world, and also on mines and quarries that are part of our Geoheritage and industrial heritage. It is a contribution of the IUGS Heritage Stones Subcommission. Our aim is to make as public as possible the importance of natural stones in the architectonic heritage in particular and in the geoheritage context in general...

Original Article

[Art Museums: a Good Context for Outreach Activities on Natural Stones and Heritage](#)

D. Pereira, P. Perez-Castro

Original Article

[Building Stones Can Be of Geoheritage Significance](#)

M. Brocx, V. Semeniuk

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 5

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

Article

[Surveillance in the field: Over-identification of Ebola suspect cases and its contributing factors in West African at-risk contexts](#)

[A. Desclaux, M. S. Malan, M. Egrot, K. Sow for EBSEN Study Group & F. Akindès for EBO-CI Study Group](#)

Pages: 709-721

Published online: 13 Oct 2018

Article

[‘We can act different from what we used to’: Findings from experiences of religious leader participants in an HIV-prevention intervention in Zambia](#)

[John Mark Wiginton, Elizabeth J. King & A. Oveta Fuller](#)

Pages: 636-648

Published online: 21 Sep 2018

Article

[Changes in support for the continuation of female genital mutilation/cutting and religious views on the practice in 19 countries](#)

[Alissa Koski & Jody Heymann](#)

Pages: 696-708

Published online: 13 Nov 2018

ABSTRACT

Campaigns to end female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) have been ongoing for decades. Many countries have adopted legislation that criminalises the practice and programmatic interventions aim to reduce support for it by presenting it as a violation of human rights and by highlighting associated health risks. We used Demographic and Health Survey data from 19 countries to measure national-level trends in the prevalence of FGM/C, reported support for the continuation of the practice, and the belief that it is a religious requirement among men and women. Levels and patterns in each of these outcomes vary markedly between countries. More than half of men and women born in recent years in Guinea and Mali support the continuation of the practice and believe that it is a religious requirement. Support for the continuation of FGM/C has fallen in Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Senegal, and Tanzania, but has risen in Guinea, Niger, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone. The belief that FGM/C is a religious requirement is common, particularly in countries with high prevalence of cutting. Changes in support for cutting mirror those in the belief that it is a religious requirement.

Globalization and Health

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

[Accessed 16 Mar 2019]

Research

| 15 March 2019

[Agricultural trade policies and child nutrition in low- and middle-income countries: a cross-national analysis](#)

Government assistance to tradable agriculture, such as through reduced taxation, was associated with small but significant improvements in child nutritional status, especially for children with a parent earning wages in agriculture when the share of tradable agriculture was not high.

Authors: Kafui Adjaye-Gbewonyo, Sebastian Vollmer, Mauricio Avendano and Kenneth Harttgen

Health Affairs

Vol. 38 , No. 3 March 2019

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

Patients As Consumers

Overview Patients & Consumers

[Patient Engagement In Research: Early Findings From The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute](#)

Laura P. Forsythe, [Kristin L. Carman](#), [Victoria Szydowski](#), [Lauren Fayish](#), ...

Abstract

Charged with ensuring that research produces useful evidence to inform health decisions, the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) requires investigators to engage patients and other health care stakeholders, such as clinicians and payers, in the research process. Many PCORI studies result in articles published in peer-reviewed journals that detail research findings and engagement's role in research. To inform practices for engaging patients and others as research partners, we analyzed 126 articles that described engagement approaches and contributions to research. PCORI projects engaged patients and others as consultants and collaborators in determining the study design, selecting study outcomes, tailoring interventions to meet patients' needs and preferences, and enrolling participants. Many articles reported that engagement provided valuable contributions to research feasibility, acceptability, rigor, and relevance, while a few noted trade-offs of engagement. The findings suggest that engagement can support more relevant research through better alignment with patients' and clinicians' real-world needs and concerns.

Research Article Patients & Consumers

[Understanding What Information Is Valued By Research Participants, And Why](#)

[Consuelo H. Wilkins](#), [Brandy M. Mapes](#), [Rebecca N. Jerome](#), [Victoria Villalta-Gil](#), ...

Abstract

There is growing public demand that research participants receive all of their results, regardless of whether clinical action is indicated. Instead of the standard practice of returning only actionable results, we propose a reconceptualization called "return of value" to encompass the varied ways in which research participants value specific results and more general information they receive beyond actionable results. Our proposal is supported by a national survey of a diverse sample, which found that receiving research results would be valuable to most (78.5 percent) and would make them more likely to trust researchers (70.3 percent). Respondents highly valued results revealing genetic effects on medication response and predicting disease risk, as well as information about nearby clinical trials and updates on how their data were used. The information most valued varied by education, race/ethnicity, and age. Policies are needed to enable return of information in ways that recognize participants' differing informational needs and values.

Health and Human Rights

Volume 20, Issue 2, December 2018

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 14 - Special Issue 2 - April 2019

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

SPECIAL ISSUE: Frontiers of Health Policy Research

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

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

Health Equity

Volume 2, Issue 1 / September 2018

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

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Health Policy and Planning

Volume 33, Issue 10, 1 December 2018

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/33/10>

Original Articles

[Realizing their potential to become learning organizations to foster health system resilience: opportunities and challenges for health ministries in low- and middle-income countries](#)

Joseph F Naimoli; Sweta Saxena

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 33, Issue 10, 1 December 2018, Pages 1083–1095,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czy100>

Reviews

Editor's Choice

[A review of methodology and tools for measuring maternal mortality in humanitarian settings](#)

Sara A Morgan; Mohamed M Ali

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 33, Issue 10, 1 December 2018, Pages 1107–1117,
<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czy092>

Abstract

Estimation of maternal mortality ratio (MMR) in humanitarian settings (‘settings of conflict, displacement and natural disaster’) is challenging, particularly where communities have dissolved and geographical areas are inaccessible. During humanitarian events, the reproduction of maternal mortality figures by the media is common, and are often based on inaccurate reports. In light of such uncertainties and challenges, the aim of this article was to review and appraise the methodology and data collection tools used to measure MMR in humanitarian settings. A critical review of both grey and peer-review publications was conducted, focussing on articles published from January 1995 until December 2016. In the final review, articles that provided an estimate of MMR from a humanitarian setting were included. The assessment of study quality was based on an adapted framework for the quality of mortality studies in humanitarian settings. Overall, 13 peer-review publications and one grey publication were included in the final review. These were grouped according to settings: camp, clinic, household and census. Studies varied in their definition of MMR, and few studies objectively defined the humanitarian setting. Household-based studies were based on retrospective designs and on the recall of surviving family members. Although many studies attempted to purposively sample the populations afflicted, there was substantial evidence of selection bias; few studies were able to confirm the maternal deaths through medical certificates, or attempted to visit homes to re-inquire about deaths using verbal autopsy. The variation in methods and tools applied suggest that maternal mortality estimates are more likely to be markedly different from the true unknown level. The implications are that a standardized methodology and tools are necessary: that are consistent in definition, use a representative sample where possible, attempt to triangulate and validate data sources, and reconfirm deaths through household visits with informant interviews.

[Community health volunteers could help improve access to and use of essential health services by communities in LMICs: an umbrella review](#)

Mirkuzie Woldie; Garumma Tolu Feyissa; Bitiya Admasu; Kalkidan Hassen; Kirstin Mitchell ...
Health Policy and Planning, Volume 33, Issue 10, 1 December 2018, Pages 1128–1143,
<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czy094>

Health Promotion International

Volume 34, Issue 1, February 2019

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

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Health Research Policy and Systems

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

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Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 41, Number 1, February 2019

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

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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>

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Infectious Diseases of Poverty

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

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Scoping Review

| 15 March 2019

[Epidemiology and management of hepatitis C virus infections in immigrant populations](#)

At present, there is a continuous flow of immigrants from the south of the world to north-western countries. Often immigrants originate from areas of high-prevalence of viral hepatitis and pose a challenge to the healthcare systems of the host nations. Aims of this study is to evaluate the prevalence and virological and clinical characteristics of hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection in immigrants and the strategies to identify and take care of the immigrants infected with HCV.

Authors: Nicola Coppola, Loredana Alessio, Lorenzo Onorato, Caterina Sagnelli, Margherita Macera, Evangelista Sagnelli and Mariantonietta Pisaturo

International Health

Volume 11, Issue 2, March 2019

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

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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>

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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 33 Pages 1-498 (February 2019)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/33/suppl/C>

Editorial Full text access

[Disasters and food security: The impact on health](#)

Anand Bhopal, Kevin Blanchard, Regine Weber, Virginia Murray

Pages 1-4

Research article Full text access

[Microinsurance for disaster recovery: Business venture or humanitarian intervention? An analysis of potential success and failure factors of microinsurance case studies](#)

Rebekah Yore, Joanna Faure Walker

Pages 16-32

Research article Full text access

[What causes nations to recover from disasters? An inquiry into the role of wealth, income inequality, and social welfare provisioning](#)

Vassilis Tselios, Emma L. Tompkins
Pages 162-180

Research article Full text access

[Disaster justice in Nepal's earthquake recovery](#)

Krishna K. Shrestha, Basundhara Bhattarai, Hemant R. Ojha, Ayusha Bajracharya
Pages 207-216

Review article Full text access

[Systematic literature review of methodologies for assessing the costs of disasters](#)

Daniel Eckhardt, Adriana Leiras, Antônio Márcio Tavares Thomé
Pages 398-416

Review article Open access

[Satellite remote sensing for disaster management support: A holistic and staged approach based on case studies in Sentinel Asia](#)

Kazuya Kaku
Pages 417-432

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>
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International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

Volume 12 Issue 1 2019
<https://www.emeraldinsight.com/toc/ijhrh/11/5>
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International Journal of Infectious Diseases

March 2019 Volume 80, p1-152
[https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712\(19\)X0002-8](https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712(19)X0002-8)
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International Migration Review

Volume 53 Issue 1, March 2019

<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/mrx/current>
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Intervention – Journal of Mental Health and Psychological Support in Conflict Affected Areas

September-December 2018 Volume 16 | Issue 3 Page Nos. 197-295
<http://www.interventionjournal.org/>
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JAMA

March 19, 2019, Vol 321, No. 11, Pages 1021-1128
<http://jama.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>
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JAMA Pediatrics

March 2019, Vol 173, No. 3, Pages 207-300
<http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>
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JBI Database of Systematic Review and Implementation Reports

March 2019 - Volume 17 - Issue 3
<http://journals.lww.com/jbisrir/Pages/currenttoc.aspx>
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Journal of Adolescent Health

March 2019 Volume 64, Issue 3, p283-418
[https://www.jahonline.org/issue/S1054-139X\(18\)X0005-6](https://www.jahonline.org/issue/S1054-139X(18)X0005-6)
Editorials

[Supporting Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights Through Innovative Research Approaches](#)

Devon J. Hensel
p288–289

Published in issue: March 2019

International health care governing bodies define the ability to achieve and maintain sexual and reproductive health (SRH) as a fundamental human right [1, 2, 3]. This rights-based paradigm places at its core—for individuals of all ages but especially for adolescents and young adults [4]—the ability to access accurate SRH-focused information and education, as well as to receive developmentally appropriate, SRH-focused preventative counseling and clinical care [5, 6]. A rights-based framework also both recognizes that many young people face multiplicative barriers to adequate care based on social or economic factors (e.g., gender-based, race-based, or sexual identity-based discrimination, poverty, residential instability, migration, military conflict) [7, 8, 9]. As health professionals who operate in a political environment that continually threatens the well-being of young people, we are well aware that both marginalized and disenfranchised youth experience the greatest problems every

day to obtaining SRH services [10] and suffer the highest cumulative burden of downstream consequences in adulthood when SRH care needs are not met [11, 12]. Now more than ever, we must double down on our efforts to be front-line defenders of adolescent and young adult SRH rights. Such active stewardship requires us to pay careful attention—as clinicians, as educators and as researchers—and continually commit ourselves to engaging in evidence-based approaches that highlight how and when interlocking sources of disadvantage create unique vulnerabilities in young people's access to SRH [13].

One way in which we expand our evidence base in ways consistent with a sexual rights perspective is choosing data analysis techniques that are deliberately intended to model the overlap in factors known to create obstacles to SRH [14, 15]. In this issue of the Journal of Adolescent Health, Hill et al. [16] provide an important application of these principles, using latent class analysis (LCA) to identify how syndemic patterns—or clusters of co-occurring behavioral, socioeconomic, and environmental factors [17, 18, 19]—interact to increase vulnerability to sexually transmitted infection (STI) among young adults in the United States...

Review Article

[A Systematic Global Review of Condom Availability Programs in High Schools](#)

Eda Algur, Elin Wang, Howard S. Friedman, Bidia Deperthes
p292–304

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Journal of Community Health

Volume 44, Issue 2, April 2019

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Journal of Cultural Heritage

Volume 36 Pages 1-296 (March–April 2019)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-cultural-heritage/vol/36/suppl/C>

Research article Abstract only

[Preserving typographic cultural heritage using contemporary digital technology](#)

Klementina Možina, Anja Podlesek, Sabina Bračko

Pages 166-173

Case report Abstract only

[The optimal design of the retaining walls built by the Incas in their agricultural terraces](#)

Jaime Castro, Luis E. Vallejo, Nicolas Estrada

Pages 232-237

Abstract

The stability of the retaining walls built by the Incas was analyzed using images obtained from Google Street View and Google Earth Pro combined with a simple mechanical model. The study was conducted using ten retaining walls from the Lower Agricultural Sector of Machu Picchu, Peru, which were analyzed under drained and saturated conditions. The analysis revealed that the Inca retaining walls are both functional and highly optimized, exhibiting a safety factor that is remarkably close to those recommended in modern geotechnical design standards. This is mainly due to two factors: (1) the

mechanical role played by the large blocks, many of which weigh several tons; and (2) the excellent drainage conditions in both the inner structure and the wall face.

Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development

2019: Volume 9 Issue 1

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

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Journal of Development Economics

Volume 137 Pages 1-140 (March 2019)

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Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics

Volume 14 Issue 2, April 2019

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

Functioning and Outcomes of IRBs/RECs

[Research Ethics Committees' Oversight of Biomedical Research in South Africa: A Thematic Analysis of Ethical Issues Raised During Ethics Review of Non-Expedited Protocols](#)

Blessing Silaigwana, Douglas Wassenaar

First Published January 24, 2019; pp. 107–116

Ethical Issues in Research with Children

[Children in Social Research: Do Higher Payments Encourage Participation in Riskier Studies?](#)

Stephanie Taplin, Jenny Chalmers, Bianca Hoban, Morag McArthur, Tim Moore, Anne Graham

First Published February 8, 2019; pp. 126–140

Ethical Issues in Research with Marginalized Groups

[Inclusion of Marginalized Groups and Communities in Global Health Research Priority-Setting](#)

Bridget Pratt

First Published March 13, 2019; pp. 169–181

Abstract

Community engagement is gaining prominence in global health research. But community members, especially those from groups and communities that are considered disadvantaged and marginalized, rarely have a say in the agendas and priorities of the research projects that aim to help them. This article explores how to achieve their inclusion in priority-setting for global health research projects. A total of 29 in-depth interviews and one focus group were undertaken with researchers, research ethicists, community engagement practitioners, and community-based organization staff. Thematic analysis identified two core dimensions of inclusion—representation and voice—and what is necessary to realize them with marginalized groups and communities in global health research priority-setting. A set of ethical considerations is proposed to assist researchers and their partners design more inclusive priority-setting processes.

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

March 2019 - Volume 73 - 3

<https://jech.bmj.com/content/73/3>

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Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine

Volume 12, Issue 1 Pages: 1-88 February 2019

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Journal of Global Ethics

Volume 14, Issue 2, 2018

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Special Issue: Reconciliation, Transitional and Indigenous Justice

[Reviewed earlier]

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

Volume 30, Number 1, February 2019

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/39946>

Black History Month Themes

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Human Trafficking

Volume 5, Issue 1, 2018

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[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Volume 8 Issue 4 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health

February 2019, Issue 1, Pages 1-209

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

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Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies

Volume 16, 2018_ Issue 4

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

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Journal of Infectious Diseases

Volume 217, Issue 11, 16 Mar 2019

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Journal of International Development

Volume 31, Issue 2 Pages: 117-222 March 2019

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Journal of Medical Ethics

March 2019 - Volume 45 - 3

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

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Journal of Medical Internet Research

Vol 21, No 1 (2019): January

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

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Journal of Operations Management

Volume 64 Pages 1-88 (November 2018)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Patient-Centered Research and Reviews

Volume 6, Issue 1 (2019)

<https://digitalrepository.aurorahealthcare.org/jpcrr/>

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Journal of Pediatrics

March 2019 Volume 206, p1-310

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

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Journal of Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice

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

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Journal of Public Health Management & Practice

March/April 2019 - Volume 25 - Issue 2

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

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Journal of Public Health Policy

Volume 40, Issue 1, March 2019

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

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Journal of the Royal Society – Interface

6 February 2019 Volume 16 Issue 151

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

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Journal of Travel Medicine

Volume 25, Issue suppl_1, 1 May 2018

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

Asian travel: from the rare to the difficult

[Reviewed earlier]

The Lancet

Mar 16, 2019, Volume 393 Number 10176 p1071-1176

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

Editorial

[WHO reform continues to confuse](#)

The Lancet

The content of a reform for WHO came as somewhat of a surprise to many in the global health community. After Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, in his inaugural speech, said "I do not believe in perpetual reform and I think WHO staff are reformed out", WHO's Director-General unveiled the result of a 20-month-long consultation for reform. Aimed to be "the most wide-ranging reforms in the organisation's history", according to the accompanying press release, this reform is a substantial top-heavy redesign of the internal structure of the WHO Secretariat.

The reform was announced in [a speech](#) to staff on March 6. In the speech, Dr Tedros and WHO's six Regional Directors (RDs) took turns to speak about the reform. Historically, WHO has often been referred to as not one but seven WHOs. That RDs are locally elected, thus retaining significant autonomy over their regional and country priorities, has often been said adds fragmentation and compartmentalisation to the organisation. By calling on the RDs to be part and parcel of the announcement, Dr Tedros reiterated the message of one WHO.

The reform is aimed to “address gaps in [universal health coverage], health emergencies, and healthier populations”, guided by Dr Tedros’s [Triple Billion targets](#). From March 15, there will be only one Deputy Director-General (DDG) reporting to Dr Tedros—Hungarian Zsuzsanna Jakab, formerly RD of WHO Europe—down from three DDGs.

The Programmes, which formerly reported directly to the Director-General, will now be led by Assistant Director-Generals (ADGs) reporting to the DDG (with the exception of the UHC and Life Course Programme led by Australian Executive Director Peter Salama who will be reporting jointly to the DDG and Dr Tedros). The new organisation of programmes reads somewhat confusingly. Where integration of the communicable and non-communicable diseases into one programme could create opportunities for more holistic approaches to disease, it is unclear why it was combined with UHC, or why antimicrobial disease was separated into a programme of its own. Importantly, the maternal, child, and adolescent health cluster, which one would expect to fall under the new UHC and Life Course Programme, seems to be missing from the [organogram](#) circulated to staff in an internal memo after the announcement, although The Lancet was told by WHO that it has not yet been finalised. This is all the more surprising given that maternal and child health was one of Dr Tedros’s five campaign priorities.

Indian paediatrician and former DDG Soumya Swaminathan was appointed to a new role, Chief Scientist, to head a division that is tasked with supporting, developing, and maintaining the excellence of the norms and standards of WHO. Notably, a new Division of Data, Analytics, and Delivery for Impact, headed by the American ADG Samira Asma, will not report to the Chief Scientist, but to Dr Tedros.

The perennial issue of WHO’s funding structure was also brought to the fore. Although WHO depends on reliable contributions from its member states, most of its funding comes from voluntary contributions, which can be highly variable and heavily earmarked for the donors’ interests. In his speech, Dr Tedros made it clear that he will be attempting a major reform of this system. The decision to take fundraising out of the programmes into a centralised fundraising department is “part of a much bigger shift in the way [WHO] generates resources, to diversify our funding base and make us less reliant on a handful of major donors”, he said. A new resource mobilisation strategy, the establishment of a so-called WHO Foundation, to develop innovative financing mechanisms, and a new yearly WHO Partners Forum were announced. This all points to the possibility that WHO’s strategy for funding going forward might be the establishment of a centralised pot of money for voluntary contributions. However, whether the member states and major donors, such as the US Government and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, would be compliant with such a mechanism is uncertain. A week after the speech was given, experts contacted by The Lancet communicated their continuing confusion about this reform. As we go to press, a marked lack of communication surrounds the announcement and a detailed report explaining the specifics of what the reform means for programmes, oversight, funding, and staffing is not yet available. In the meantime, the global health community is still holding its breath, waiting to see whether this reform represents a transformational shift in vision for WHO or simply a shuffling of clusters and staff.

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[**Use of oral cholera vaccine as a vaccine probe to determine the burden of culture-negative cholera**](#)

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Abstract

Analyses of stool from patients with acute watery diarrhea (AWD) using sensitive molecular diagnostics have challenged whether fecal microbiological cultures have acceptably high sensitivity for cholera diagnosis. If true, these findings imply that current estimates of the global burden of cholera, which rely largely on culture-confirmation, may be underestimates. We conducted a vaccine probe study to evaluate this possibility, assessing whether an effective killed oral cholera vaccine (OCV) tested in a field trial in a cholera-endemic population conferred protection against cholera culture-negative AWD, with the assumption that if cultures are indeed insensitive, OCV protection in such cases should be detectable. We re-analysed the data of a Phase III individually-randomized placebo-controlled efficacy trial of killed OCVs conducted in Matlab, Bangladesh in 1985. We calculated the protective efficacy (PE) of a killed whole cell-only (WC-only) OCV against first-episodes of cholera culture-negative AWD during two years of post-dosing follow-up. In secondary analyses, we evaluated PE against cholera culture-negative AWD by age at vaccination, season of onset, and disease severity. In this trial 50,770 people received at least 2 complete doses of either WC-only OCV or placebo, and 791 first episodes of AWD were reported during the follow-up period, of which 365 were culture-positive for *Vibrio cholerae* O1. Of the 426 culture-negative AWD episodes, 215 occurred in the WC group and 211 occurred in the placebo group (adjusted PE = -1.7%; 95%CI -23.0 to 13.9%, $p = 0.859$). No measurable PE of OCV was observed against all or severe cholera culture-negative AWD when measured overall or by age and season subgroups. In this OCV probe study we detected no vaccine protection against AWD episodes for which fecal cultures were negative for *Vibrio cholera* O1. Results from this setting suggest that fecal cultures from patients with AWD were highly sensitive for cholera episodes that were etiologically attributable to this pathogen. Similar analyses of other OCV randomized controlled trials are recommended to corroborate these findings.

Author summary

Conventional microbiological culture has remained a relatively uncontested 'gold standard' for the diagnosis of cholera; however, emerging methods, including sensitive molecular tests, challenge the current paradigm. One pivotal article demonstrated that culture failed to detect cholera in one-third of the cholera-positive stool specimens confirmed by other methods. This finding underscored the absence of a reliable reference test, further complicated by newer tests outperforming the gold standard, leaving no suitable comparator. In this study, we used oral cholera vaccine as a probe to investigate the reliability of conventional culture as a diagnostic for cholera by measuring the effectiveness of the vaccine against cholera culture-negative acute watery diarrhea. We did not find any evidence of protection, implying that the culture diagnostics used were reliable. The dynamics of cholera transmission require a rapid response, and ascertaining the best rapid diagnostic test for early detection of outbreaks will maximize the effectiveness of chronically limited resources in high risk regions. As techniques advance, well-designed studies should be implemented to systematically evaluate their merit against established methods, and improved diagnostics, including rapid diagnostics and microbiological culture, should be implemented into cholera control programs to reduce cholera transmission by creating a better trigger for outbreak response.

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[Discussion of forest definitions and tree cover estimates for Haiti](#)

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[An integrated bioeconomic local economy-wide assessment of the environmental impacts of poverty programs](#)

Ted E. Gilliland, James N. Sanchirico, and J. Edward Taylor

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Significance

Cash transfer programs assist hundreds of millions of poor individuals in developing countries. However, they create local demand shocks that can cause environmental damage. Degradation of the local environment has consequences for the well-being of local people, but these impacts have not been quantified. We model how cash transfers affect household incomes and market-driven natural resource use. We find that environmental degradation can reduce income benefits of these programs, particularly for individuals whose livelihoods depend directly on natural resources. Our results suggest that cash transfer programs need to be implemented in tandem with environmental policies to achieve welfare gains and mitigate environmental damages that in turn economically harm communities.

Abstract

A new generation of poverty programs around the globe provides cash payments to poor and vulnerable households. Studies show that these social cash transfer programs create income and welfare benefits for poor households and the local economies where they live. However, this may come at the cost of damaging local environments if cash payments stimulate food production that conflicts with natural resource conservation. Evaluations of the economic impacts of poverty programs do not account for the welfare consequences of environmental impacts, which are potentially large for poor communities closely tied to natural resources. We use an ex-ante policy simulation tool, a bioeconomic local computable general equilibrium model parameterized with microsurvey data, to analyze the expected welfare consequences of environmental degradation caused by a cash transfer program. For a Philippine fishing community that is a net importer of fish, we show that a government cash transfer program initially increases real incomes for all households. However, increased demand for fish leads to a decline in the local fish stock that reduces program benefits. Household groups experience declines in real income benefits of 2–63%, with fishing households suffering the largest declines. Impacts on local fish stocks depend on the extent to which markets link fishing communities to outside regions through trade. Greater market integration can mitigate the fish stock decline, but this reduces the local income benefits of cash transfers.

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The past decade has witnessed a major increase in our understanding of the genetic underpinnings of childhood cancer. Genomic sequencing studies have highlighted key differences between pediatric and adult cancers. Whereas many adult cancers are characterized by a high number of somatic mutations, pediatric cancers typically have few somatic mutations but a higher prevalence of germline alterations in cancer predisposition genes. Also noteworthy is the remarkable heterogeneity in the types of genetic alterations that likely drive the growth of pediatric cancers, including copy number alterations, gene fusions, enhancer hijacking events, and chromoplexy. Because most studies have genetically profiled pediatric cancers only at diagnosis, the mechanisms underlying tumor progression, therapy resistance, and metastasis remain poorly understood. We discuss evidence that points to a need for more integrative approaches aimed at identifying driver events in pediatric cancers at both diagnosis and relapse. We also provide an overview of key aspects of germline predisposition for cancer in this age group.

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Citizens can avoid polarization and make sound decisions

Summary

That there are more opportunities than ever for citizens to express their views may be, counterintuitively, a problem facing democracy—the sheer quantitative overabundance overloads policymakers and citizens, making it difficult to detect the signal amid the noise. This overload has been accompanied by marked decline in civility and argumentative complexity. Uncivil behavior by elites and pathological mass communication reinforce each other. How do we break this vicious cycle? Asking elites to behave better is futile so long as there is a public ripe to be polarized and exploited by demagogues and media manipulators. Thus, any response has to involve ordinary citizens; but are they up to the task? Social science on “deliberative democracy” offers reasons for optimism about citizens' capacity to avoid polarization and manipulation and to make sound decisions. The real world of democratic politics is currently far from the deliberative ideal, but empirical evidence shows that the gap can be closed.

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For nearly a century public policy making has been informed more by theory than by practice: a group of experts propose prescriptions, and elected officials turn these into laws and programs. In "The New Practice of Public Problem Solving," the cover story in the Spring 2019 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review, two authors from a Washington, DC, think tank propose a new approach that is faster, more bottom-up, and more iterative.

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[The Crisis of Youth Mental Health](#)

By Eliot Brenner

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