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Period ending 20 April 2019

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:: Week in Review

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

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Heritage Stewardship – Notre-Dame de Paris

[UNESCO solemnly expresses the support of the international community to the President of the French Republic following the fire at Notre-Dame](#)

19 April 2019

Paris, Elysée, 19 April 2019- Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO, H.E Lee Byong-hyun, President of the executive Board and H.E Zohour Alaoui, president of the general Conference, accompanied by a delegation of ambassadors representing UNESCO's Member States, bestowed this morning to the President of the Republic of France, Emmanuel Macron, a solemn declaration from the Organization's Executive Board.

Through this unprecedented approach, UNESCO wishes to express the solidarity of the international community in the face of the tragic fire at Notre-Dame de Paris Cathedral, which is part of the "Paris, Rives de la Seine" site, inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1991...

UNESCO protects heritage worldwide, including endangered heritage. Since 2015, emergency missions have been deployed by UNESCO in more than 50 countries around the world to safeguard and rehabilitate heritage following disasters:

[Statement by the Executive Board of UNESCO following the fire at Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, France](#)

16 April 2019

We, the Member States of UNESCO, meeting today in the Executive Board at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, wish to solemnly express our deep emotion at the fire that affected Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris yesterday.

This tragedy reminds us that through the world heritage, it is the bond that unites humanity that is at stake. UNESCO stands always alongside the heritage, as an expression of the values we all share.

Notre-Dame Cathedral, in the heart of Paris, is a powerful symbol not only of France, but of humanity as a whole because of its exceptional architecture, its spiritual function, its place in history and its literary and artistic legacy. This is the outstanding universal value recognized and honoured by UNESCO in 1991, when it included the Cathedral in the World Heritage List.

This episode, like all the other episodes of inestimable loss and destruction that have unfortunately marked our history, reminds us that the heritage is vulnerable and that, accordingly, the commitment of the international community remains crucial for its protection and safeguarding. This is an

opportunity to reaffirm our unwavering attachment to the protection of the heritage, an objective that the United Nations has set itself through UNESCO.

We, the Member States, express our full solidarity and determination to act. We share the grief of all those who have lost a majestic figure in the collective imagination of peoples around the world as a result of the destruction, which was fortunately stopped by the heroic efforts of the emergency services.

We stand resolutely with the French authorities to support the work to restore Notre-Dame Cathedral, and to share UNESCO's expertise in this task, in line with its mandate for the protection of the world heritage. For us and for future generations, it is our responsibility to ensure a future for our past.

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Access to Medicines

[At WHO Forum on Medicines, countries and civil society push for greater transparency and fairer prices](#)

13 April 2019 *News release*

At a global forum on fair pricing and access to medicines, delegates from governments and civil society organizations called for greater transparency around the cost of research and development as well as production of medicines, to allow buyers to negotiate more affordable prices.

The forum, co-hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Government of South Africa, aimed to provide a global platform for frank discussion among all stakeholders - including governments, civil society organizations and the pharmaceutical industry – in order to identify strategies to reduce medicine prices and expand access for all.

The affordability of medicines has long been a concern for developing countries, but today it is also a global one. **Each year, 100 million people fall into poverty because they have to pay for medicines out-of-pocket.** High-income countries' health authorities are increasingly having to ration medicines for cancer, hepatitis C and rare diseases. The problem extends to older medicines whose patents have expired, such as insulin for diabetes.

"Medical innovation has little social value if most people cannot access its benefits," said Dr Mariângela Simão, WHO Assistant Director General for Medicines and Health Products. "This is a global human rights issue – everyone has a right to access quality healthcare."

A [report](#) commissioned by WHO in 2017 showed that the cost of production of most medicines on WHO's Essential Medicines List was a small fraction of the final price paid by governments, patients or insurance schemes. Some delegates at the forum noted that a lack of transparency around prices paid by governments means that many low- and middle-income countries pay higher prices for certain medicines than wealthier countries do.

There was consensus that countries can take an initial step towards fostering greater transparency by sharing price information. Countries from the so-called Beneluxa network have already joined forces to share such information, and the results have been promising. The data highlights discrepancies in what

different countries are paying and can serve as a powerful tool to negotiate reduced prices. WHO's database on vaccine markets and shortages - MI4A – was also highlighted at the forum as a useful tool to achieve competitive vaccine prices.

The event highlighted other successful examples of countries' collaboration around achieving more affordable medicine prices; these include pooled procurement and voluntary sharing of policies. If several countries in the same region purchase medicines as a block, they can negotiate reduced prices due to the larger volume of medicines purchased. And European countries led by Austria have been sharing different policies to expand access to medicines through the WHO-supported PPRI (Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Policies).

Industry bodies at the forum expressed support for the goal of access to medicines for all, and expressed their commitment to the Sustainable Development Agenda, which calls for partnership with the private sector to address global challenges such as access to medicines.

WHO will launch a public online consultation in the coming weeks to collect views and suggestions for a definition of what actually constitutes a 'fair price' from relevant stakeholders.

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"Global Fragility Landscape" – World Bank

[WORLD BANK GROUP – STRATEGY FOR FRAGILITY, CONFLICT AND VIOLENCE 2020–2025](#)

Concept Note – April 2019 :: 14 pages

OVERVIEW

Fragility, conflict, and violence (FCV) has become the new development frontier. By 2030, at least half of the world's poor people will be living in fragile and conflict-affected settings.¹ The impact of FCV is particularly profound on the most vulnerable people and communities, whose livelihoods and economic opportunities are threatened. The global fragility landscape has worsened significantly, with more violent conflicts than at any time in the past 30 years; the largest forced displacement crisis since World War II; high levels of interpersonal and gang violence; and conflicts driving 80 percent of all humanitarian needs.

Today, conflict and violence impact more civilians than at any point over the last two decades. FCV situations have a clear impact on poverty and, strikingly, the extreme poverty rate is rising only in fragile countries.² In many contexts, this is due to large-scale violence, a collapse in basic services delivery, and the weakening of core state functions—dynamics that characterize most FCV situations and represent both a humanitarian and development challenge that calls for comprehensive and coordinated international responses. It will prove impossible to achieve the World Bank Group's twin goals of ending extreme poverty and boosting shared prosperity unless fragility, conflict, and violence are tackled.

For these reasons, addressing FCV has become the core business of the World Bank Group (WBG)...

Building on the progress made over the past years, notably under IDA18 as well as in a number of MICs, the WBG's FCV Strategy aims to identify a conceptual and operating framework and a set of priority actions over the next five years, with the ultimate goal of developing a more systematic

approach to strengthen the WBG’s support to client countries and vulnerable populations.

Recognizing the suffering of those affected by FCV, and lost opportunities that can span generations, this comprehensive Strategy will more clearly identify both what to do and how the institution can adapt to deliver to those in greatest need. It will discuss how to scale-up development efforts to address the underlying drivers of FCV and enhance the WBG’s impact in FCV settings.

This Concept Note outlines proposed areas of focus for the FCV Strategy. It outlines the global and institutional FCV context; explains the rationale for, and objectives of, the Strategy; presents key focus areas; introduces preliminary options to address operational challenges; and lays out the Strategy development process...

Press Release

[World Bank Group Launches Worldwide Consultations on Future Strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence](#)

WASHINGTON, April 16, 2019 — The World Bank Group today announced the launch of [global consultations](#) to inform the development of its first formal strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV). Consultations will be held in more than 30 countries, covering all World Bank Group regions, between April and June 2019, with a final strategy expected in November.

The consultations will focus on gathering perspectives in countries faced with diverse FCV challenges, as well as in countries that support World Bank Group programs in FCV settings. They will aim to capture lessons learned and best practices for reducing fragility, conflict and violence and promoting peace and prosperity. Inputs gathered from representatives of government, civil society organizations, international partners, the private sector and others, will be integrated into a comprehensive operational strategy focused on addressing the drivers of fragility and maximizing the World Bank Group’s support for affected people and communities.

The development of a World Bank Group FCV strategy comes at a pivotal time: By 2030, at least half of the world’s poor will live in fragile and conflict-affected settings. The strategy will therefore support the World Bank Group’s goals of ending extreme poverty and promoting shared prosperity. The strategy is being developed jointly by the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) and the World Bank. It will cover the period from 2020 to 2025.

“To achieve our goal of ending extreme poverty, we must focus on people living in countries that suffer from conflict and fragility,” said World Bank CEO Kristalina Georgieva. “Our new strategy aims to address the underlying causes of fragility and invest in the long-term development that helps create the conditions for peace and prosperity”.

The consultations will be conducted in two phases: From April to June 2019, stakeholders will be asked to provide feedback on the [FCV strategy concept](#) through face-to-face meetings and by completing an [online questionnaire](#). From August to September 2019, a draft of the proposed FCV strategy will be shared online for feedback. Throughout the process, the public is invited to share questions and comments by email and via social media channels, using the hashtag #fragility2stability...



Featured Journal Content

The Lancet

Apr 20, 2019 Volume 393 Number 10181 p1569-1668, e38

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

Articles

[The relationships between democratic experience, adult health, and cause-specific mortality in 170 countries between 1980 and 2016: an observational analysis](#)

Thomas J Bollyky, Tara Templin, Matthew Cohen, Diana Schoder, Joseph L Dieleman, Simon Wigley

Open Access

Summary

Background

Previous analyses of democracy and population health have focused on broad measures, such as life expectancy at birth and child and infant mortality, and have shown some contradictory results. We used a panel of data spanning 170 countries to assess the association between democracy and cause-specific mortality and explore the pathways connecting democratic rule to health gains.

Methods

We extracted cause-specific mortality and HIV-free life expectancy estimates from the Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors Study 2016 and information on regime type from the Varieties of Democracy project. These data cover 170 countries and 46 years. From the Financing Global Health database, we extracted gross domestic product (GDP) per capita, also covering 46 years, and Development Assistance for Health estimates starting from 1990 and domestic health spending estimates starting from 1995. We used a diverse set of empirical methods—synthetic control, within-country variance decomposition, structural equation models, and fixed-effects regression—which together provide a robust analysis of the association between democratisation and population health.

Findings

HIV-free life expectancy at age 15 years improved significantly during the study period (1970–2015) in countries after they transitioned to democracy, on average by 3% after 10 years. Democratic experience explains 22·27% of the variance in mortality within a country from cardiovascular diseases, 16·53% for tuberculosis, and 17·78% for transport injuries, and a smaller percentage for other diseases included in the study. For cardiovascular diseases, transport injuries, cancers, cirrhosis, and other non-communicable diseases, democratic experience explains more of the variation in mortality than GDP. Over the past 20 years, the average country's increase in democratic experience had direct and indirect effects on reducing mortality from cardiovascular disease (–9·64%, 95% CI –6·38 to –12·90), other non-communicable diseases (–9·14%, –4·26 to –14·02), and tuberculosis (–8·93%, –2·08 to –15·77). Increases in a country's democratic experience were not correlated with GDP per capita between 1995 and 2015 ($\rho=-0\cdot1036$; $p=0\cdot1826$), but were correlated with declines in mortality from cardiovascular disease ($\rho=-0\cdot3873$; $p<0\cdot0001$) and increases in government health spending ($\rho=0\cdot4002$; $p<0\cdot0001$). Removal of free and fair elections from the democratic experience variable resulted in loss of association with age-standardised mortality from non-communicable diseases and injuries.

Interpretation

When enforced by free and fair elections, democracies are more likely than autocracies to lead to health gains for causes of mortality (eg, cardiovascular diseases and transport injuries) that have not been heavily targeted by foreign aid and require health-care

delivery infrastructure. International health agencies and donors might increasingly need to consider the implications of regime type in their efforts to maximise health gains, particularly in the context of ageing populations and the growing burden of non-communicable diseases.

Funding

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Education

[Islamic Development Bank and Global Partnership for Education Launch Alliance to Address Global Education Crisis](#)

The expanding support among world leaders for providing quality education to children in the world's poorest countries received a major boost today as the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) agreed to a multi-pronged collaboration that will broaden and deepen GPE's engagement with new partners.

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Dr. Mohamed Nouri Jouini, IsDB's Vice President of Partnership Development, Julia Gillard, GPE Board Chair and Alice Albright, GPE's Chief Executive Officer, today signed a letter of intent outlining the new collaboration, which aims to bolster developing countries' access to critical financing to strengthen education systems, reduce the number of out-of-school children and enable more children to learn and thrive.

"This exciting new alliance comes at an urgent moment when hundreds of millions of children around the world are not in school and many more are in school, but not learning," said Julia Gillard, GPE's Board Chair and former Prime Minister of Australia. "It is a strategic step forward in the campaign to end the global education crisis. The Islamic Development Bank will provide vital political, technical and financial leadership in the education sector and is a privileged partner for GPE. Together we can achieve impressive progress."

...As part of the collaboration, IsDB will help leverage new funding through the [GPE Multiplier](#), an innovative funding mechanism that provides low- and lower middle-income countries one dollar from GPE for every three dollars they raise from other sources. IsDB will also work with GPE to strengthen coordination and policy dialogue among education groups in developing countries and become an alternate member of the GPE Board of Directors.

The two organizations also agreed to jointly promote greater political commitment for education through global, regional and country-level advocacy and communications efforts, and raise the political profile of education.

“Developing countries understand that education is a pre-requisite to nation building, a game-changer for their economic prosperity, social progress and political stability,” said Alice Albright, GPE’s Chief Executive Officer. “This new partnership between GPE and IsDB will help mobilize more resources, particularly through the GPE Multiplier, so we can extend learning to all children, especially those from vulnerable and marginalized communities.”

In addition to today’s letter of intent, GPE and IsDB each endorsed an agreement last week with several other partners to form a Global Education Coalition, whose goal is to enroll and retain 28 million out-of-school children in member countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) by 2030. The coalition’s goal is to meet the Sustainable Development Goal for universal and equitable education by 2030.

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Featured Journal Content

PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases

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

(Accessed 20 Apr 2019)

Policy Platform

[Combating infectious disease epidemics through China’s Belt and Road Initiative](#)

Jin Chen, Robert Bergquist, Xiao-Nong Zhou, Jing-Bo Xue, Men-Bao Qian

| published 18 Apr 2019 PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pntd.0007107>

Introduction

On March 17, 2017, the United Nations (UN) Security Council, backed by the consensus of its 193 member states, adopted Resolution 2344, which calls for strengthening regional economic cooperation through China’s Belt and Road (also called Silk Road) Initiative (BRI) [1]. Based on the cornerstones of peace and cooperation, openness and inclusiveness, and mutual learning and sharing benefit, this initiative was proposed by the Chinese government and is participated in by various parties. Its goal is to provide fundamental solutions to boost global economic development through enhancing policy coordination, facility connection, unimpeded trade, financial integration, and people-to-people bonds. The UN Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres, acknowledged that the BRI tallies with, and complements, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in terms of promoting inclusive development, strengthening exchange between countries, and benefiting people within the initiative’s scope [2]. The BRI currently involves 69 countries (mainly those named in the initial Belt and Road outreach and those having signed cooperation agreements), 70% of the world population in total, 30% of the global gross domestic product, and 75% of the world’s energy reserves [2–4].

Although the BRI is primarily economic, it also includes important health dimensions. The Healthy China 2030 plan, promulgated in 2016, considers health as one of the national policy priorities, and the Memorandum of Understanding with the World Health Organization (WHO), signed in 2017, which promotes global health security and development along the terms of the initiative [5, 6]. Based on these agreements, the building of a Health Silk Road has become a core task leading to an extensive engagement in global health development [7, 8]...

The world is currently witnessing increasingly complex epidemics as well as natural disasters with a rising impact on both human health and the economy [1]. Growing commercial trade and more frequent personal exchange following the implementation of the BRI may amplify infectious disease transmission or inadvertently introduce emerging infectious diseases, leading to an increased burden for local medical systems. Moreover, infectious diseases resulting from poverty disproportionately affect poor and marginalised communities, which remains a more serious hurdle to achieving the SDGs and UHC [9, 10]. This is the reason why the initiative has made the need to combat infectious diseases a priority for social and economic development. **The implementation of the BRI is expected to facilitate progress in eliminating infectious diseases such as the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), tuberculosis (TB), malaria, and 17 neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), which make up SDG...**

The purpose of this paper is to analyse the existing spectrum of the main infectious diseases in epidemics (based on the Global Burden of Diseases [GBD] study of 2016 [14, 15]), the potential negative effect on the economy, and the challenges to elimination. The paper also aims to explore opportunities and a feasible approach of global disease control with specific consideration of the BRI...

...Challenges regarding infectious diseases in Belt and Road countries

The spectrum of local infectious diseases

The thrust of the BRI has two main directions: the Silk Road, which connects China by land with European countries via central and western Asia and the Middle East, and the 21st Century Maritime connection across the South China Sea, the Indian Ocean, and the Mediterranean to reach sub-Saharan Africa, following the lead of the great Chinese Ming dynasty admiral and explorer Zheng He. These two land and maritime directions from China follow five routes [1].

The Health Silk Road, a core task of the BRI, encourages health development and security along the Road. The 2030 Agenda for SDGs also calls for halting HIV/AIDS, TB, and malaria as well as the termination of the ravages caused by the 17 NTDs by 2030 [13]. Altogether, according to the 2016 GBD study, the cost expressed in disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) amounts to an estimated 63.31 million (with substantial regional variations in the 69 countries), which currently accounts for 36.7% of the total toll of these diseases throughout the world [2, 14, 15].

The DALYs resulting from the 'big three' (HIV/AIDS, TB, and malaria) plus those due to the 17 NTDs along the route from China towards Southeast Asia and South Asia (excluding China) amounts to 34.81 million DALYs and are mainly due to HIV/AIDS, TB, and malaria in addition to dengue and intestinal nematode infections. The infectious disease epidemics in countries along the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road are mainly the same set of diseases plus schistosomiasis, which together generate 20.46 million DALYs. The China–central Asia–Russia–Europe route, involving countries in central Asia and eastern Europe, includes many of the same diseases as well as some additional ones—i.e., intestinal nematode infections, cystic echinococcosis, foodborne trematodiasis, and cysticercosis—which together cause 2.39 million DALYs. A total of 0.50 million DALYs in the countries along the China–central Asia–west Asia axis are due to TB, leishmaniasis, malaria, HIV/AIDS, intestinal nematode infections, and cystic echinococcosis (Fig 1). Such high endemicity of infectious diseases in the region is a serious hurdle for the global elimination agenda. The DALYs due to these diseases vary across the regions, and so do the collaborative priorities and their expected potential impacts. For example, cooperative actions could lead to regional elimination of

lymphatic filariasis (LF) along the Maritime Silk Road while simultaneously having a significant impact on malaria, dengue, intestinal helminth infections, schistosomiasis, and TB [[16](#), [17](#)].

...Conclusion and implication

A major part of the BRI focuses on support and communication to build a new mechanism for global health, prioritising the prevention and control of infectious diseases, preventing outbreaks becoming epidemics, and providing UHC, thus overcoming the vicious circle of poverty and ill health. China will strengthen cooperation with particular regard to the control of TB, echinococcosis, and dengue within the 69 countries and deliver enhanced communication and research leading to the elimination of LF, malaria, and schistosomiasis. Based on opportunities the BRI provides and the cooperative experience gained, the framework shown in [Fig 3](#) should become available and applicable to the response to these challenges by sharing information, joint control, and technical know-how.

UHC and response to the challenges posed by infectious disease epidemics are vital for the new era, with health considerations at the core of the BRI. Despite the serious threats of the infectious disease epidemics, the emphasis on health through the BRI puts us in an excellent position to achieve the health-related aspects of the SDGs by implementing the Health Silk Road concept of improved life through health-related communication. Based on technical experience in this field, mature collaborating mechanisms, and the provision of financial support, the strategies in the context of the BRI reinforce the various countries' extensive engagement in combating infectious disease epidemics.

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 17 April 2019

:: Co-chairs of Immunization Management Group (IMG) announced that the global goal set out in 2013 of 126-OPV using countries to introduce 1 dose of IPV in their immunization programme has been achieved.

:: Eminent Islamic religious scholars from Afghanistan and Pakistan came together in Muscat, Oman for the first ever joint Ulama Conference, under the aegis of the Islamic Advisory Group (IAG). for polio eradication The IAG convened religious scholars in a bid to appreciate their value as community leaders and secure bilateral support for polio eradication efforts across the joint poliovirus transmission corridors. At the end of the two-day conference, the scholars issued a joint declaration in support of the polio efforts. Watch the Opening Session [here](#). Read the declaration [here](#).

:: In keeping with the recommendations of the Emergency Committee under the International Health Regulations (IHR), Afghanistan and Pakistan have introduced an all-age polio vaccination for travelers crossing international borders to increase general population immunity the common wild poliovirus transmission corridor. Read [more](#).

Summary of new viruses this week:

:: **Afghanistan**—three wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1)-positive environmental samples;

:: **Pakistan**—three WPV1-positive environmental samples;

:: **Nigeria**—one circulating vaccine-derived type 2 (cVDPV2) case and seven 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 20 Apr 2019]

Bangladesh - Rohingya crisis

:: Bi-weekly Situation Report 7 - 11 April 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

:: Ten new diphtheria cases were reported in week 14, (1 confirmed, 9 suspected), bringing the total number of reported case-patients to 8 545.

:: To gain an understanding of how women and men perceive immunization in camps, WHO organized two focus group discussions.

:: Water Quality Surveillance round 10 has been started in all refugee areas.

Varicella Update

A total of 2161 varicella cases were reported this week via weekly report form (2783 cases in week 13).

Risk Communication

WHO organized, two separate focus group discussions (FGDs), one for only women of all ages, and another of only men of all ages, held at the Camp 14 in Ukhiya of the Cox's Bazar district. **This was to gain an understanding of how women and men perceive immunization in the camps.** The questions were kept open-ended to understand perception and attitude related to importance of Immunization, importance of Immunization schedule and compliance, gaps in communication with respect to immunization. Observations from these FGDs revealed that everyone in both the groups had heard about necessity of immunization but did not have clear reasons to believe or act. People opted for it because it is a free service and they trust health workers. **Absence of knowledge about relevance of complying with the immunization schedule and dangers of missing out on any vaccine was identified.**

Cyclone Idai

:: Cyclone-affected communities in Zimbabwe being vaccinated against cholera

Campaign targets nearly 500,000 people in Chimanimani and Chipinge

HARARE, Zimbabwe, 16 April 2019 – An oral cholera vaccine (OCV) campaign targeting some 487,825 people began Tuesday in Zimbabwe in the two districts most affected by cyclone Idai. During the campaign all residents of Chimanimani and Chipinge districts aged 12 months and older will receive the vaccine to protect them against cholera.

While there have been no reported cases of cholera in the cyclone-affected areas in Zimbabwe, the Zimbabwe Ministry of Health and Child Care is launching the campaign, with support from UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO), as a proactive, preventative measure.

Funded by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, more than 975 000 OCV doses will be administered in two rounds for full immunity. The second dose will be given approximately two weeks after the first...

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: [37: Situation report on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu](#) 16 April 2019
:: [Disease Outbreak News \(DONs\) - Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)
11 April 2019
[See Ebola above for detail]

[Myanmar](#) - No new digest announcements identified
[Nigeria](#) - No new digest announcements identified
[Somalia](#) - No new digest announcements identified
[South Sudan](#) - No new digest announcements identified
[Syrian Arab Republic](#) - No new digest announcements identified
[Yemen](#) - No new digest announcements identified

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[WHO Grade 2 Emergencies](#) [to 20 Apr 2019]

[Brazil \(in Portuguese\)](#)

:: [Últimas notícias - Cerca de 70 milhões de pessoas serão vacinadas durante a Semana de Vacinação nas Américas](#) 18 de abril de 2019

[Cameroon](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*
[Iraq](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*
[Libya](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*
[occupied Palestinian territory](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*
[Sudan](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*
[Central African Republic](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*
[Ethiopia](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*
[MERS-CoV](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*
[Niger](#) - *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 20 Apr 2019]

[Afghanistan](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*
[Chad](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*
[Indonesia - Sulawesi earthquake 2018](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*
[Kenya](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*
[Lao People's Democratic Republic](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*
[Mali](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*
[Namibia - viral hepatitis](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*
[Peru](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*
[Philippines - Typhoon Mangkhut](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*
[Tanzania](#) - *No new digest announcements identified*

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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

:: Syria: Humanitarian Response in Al Hol camp, Situation report No. 2

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.

CYCLONE IDAI

:: 20 April 2019 Mozambique: Cyclone Idai & Floods Situation Report No. 16 (A ...

:: 18 April 2019 Zimbabwe: Floods Situation Report No. 3, As of 17 April 2019

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Agency/Government/IGO Watch

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

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly

[to 20 Apr 2019]

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

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ECOSOC/6976

Concluding High-Level Development Financing Forum, Ministers Pledge Renewed Efforts to Overcome Funding Challenges in Realizing 2030 Agenda

Ministers and other high-level officials concluded the 2019 Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up today, pledging to scale up efforts towards the full and timely implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda — a comprehensive set of policy actions adopted in 2015 to finance sustainable development through 2030.

17 April 2019

SC/13785

Security Council Press Statement on Yemen

The following Security Council press statement was issued today by Council President Christoph Heusgen (Germany):

The members of the Security Council expressed their grave concern that, four months after the agreements reached by the Government of Yemen and the Houthis in Stockholm, those agreements have not yet been implemented. They reiterated their endorsement of the Stockholm Agreement, circulated as document [S/2018/1134](#), and reiterated their call for it to be implemented without delay.

The members of the Security Council underlined their full support for the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen and the Chair of the Redeployment Coordination Committee (RCC) and welcomed their tireless efforts to support implementation of the Stockholm Agreement...

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ECOSOC/6972

World 'Not Keeping Pace' in Implementing Sustainable Development Goals, Secretary-General Stresses, as Development Financing Forum Begins

Citing a fragile world economy and unravelling multilateral alignments, delegates at the Economic and Social Council's 2019 forum on financing for development follow-up today also spotlighted a crucial window of opportunity to render the global financial system fairer and more fit for purpose.

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 20 Apr 2019]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

Top News

UN human rights chief deeply concerned by mass terrorism convictions in Bahrain

Afghanistan: Progress in torture eradication, but a long way to go - UN report

Bachelet warns Nicaraguan authorities to refrain from violence on protest anniversary

UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to review Andorra, Guatemala, Hungary, Lithuania, and Zambia

UN Committee Against Torture to review Benin, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Germany, Mexico, South Africa, and the United Kingdom

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 20 Apr 2019]

https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/NewsSearch.aspx?NTID=PRS&MID=HR_COUNCIL
No new digest content identified.

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 20 Apr 2019]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/CRCIndex.aspx>
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No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 20 Apr 2019]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Children/Pages/ChildrenIndex.aspx>
No new digest content identified.

SRSR/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

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[Children's lives and well-being in danger as fighting intensifies in Tripoli, Libya](#)

Joint statement by Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director, and Virginia Gamba, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 20 Apr 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 20 Apr 2019]

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

16 April 2019

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

16 April 2019

[Timor-Leste's commitment to customary justice and conservation sets examples for other countries](#)

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 20 Apr 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases [as presented on webpage]

18 April 2019

[UN emergency fund releases \\$2 million for life-saving assistance as needs escalate in Libya](#)

17 April 2019

[Invisible Citizens Week draws attention to plight of world's 40 million internally displaced people OCHA and Ogilvy partner to reach a global audience](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

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Statement*

[Children's lives and well-being in danger as fighting intensifies in Tripoli, Libya](#)

Joint statement by Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director, and Virginia Gamba, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

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Press release

[Cyclone Idai: Education at risk for more than 305,000 children in Mozambique – UNICEF](#)

More than 3,400 classrooms damaged or destroyed in storm

18/04/2019

Press release

[UNICEF launches #VaccinesWork campaign to inspire support for vaccines](#)

Amid growing outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases, UNICEF's campaign will use social media to show that most parents trust vaccines to protect their children

17/04/2019

[See Milestones/Perspectives above for details]

Press release

[6,000 children reunited with families after years of separation in South Sudan](#)

17/04/2019

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

19 Apr 2019

[HCR evacuates refugees in Libya to Niger amid Tripoli fighting](#)

[UNHCR stepping up support to Iran's flood affected communities](#)

17 Apr 2019

[Unique project in Cox's Bazar puts Bangladeshi and refugee women first, provides skills](#)

16 Apr 2019

[Sheikh Thani Bin Abdullah Bin Thani Al-Thani in landmark \\$35m donation for the displaced through UNHCR's Zakat programme](#)

16 Apr 2019

[Detained refugees in Libya moved to safety in second UNHCR relocation](#)

16 Apr 2019

[One year into Nicaragua crisis, more than 60,000 forced to flee their country](#)

16 Apr 2019

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Selected Announcements

[Needs of Affected Population Remain High One Month After Cyclone Idai](#)

2019-04-16 16:00

Beira – Despite the concerted efforts of humanitarian organizations, many families remain in need, and without assistance they lack the resources to repair and rebuild their homes.

[IOM and the European Union Helping Thousands of Vulnerable Migrants to Get Home from Turkey](#)

2019-04-16 15:50

Ankara – Turkey hosts over four million migrants seeking a different life from the instability, uncertainty and poverty they have left behind.

UNAIDS [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

18 April 2019

[Cyclone Idai flood survivors 'just want to go home'](#)

16 April 2019

[Côte d'Ivoire signals renewed will to tackle issue of user fees for HIV services](#)

15 April 2019

[Urgent action needed to address HIV in Haut Mbomou, Central African Republic](#)

15 April 2019

[Parental consent is required in the majority of countries worldwide](#)

WHO & Regional Offices [to 20 Apr 2019]

17 April 2019 *News release*

[WHO releases first guideline on digital health interventions](#)

WHO today released new recommendations on 10 ways that countries can use digital health technology, accessible via mobile phones, tablets and computers, to improve people's health and essential services.

"Harnessing the power of digital technologies is essential for achieving universal health coverage," says WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. "Ultimately, digital technologies are not ends in themselves; they are vital tools to promote health, keep the world safe, and serve the vulnerable."

Over the past two years, WHO systematically reviewed evidence on digital technologies and consulted with experts from around the world to produce recommendations on some key ways such tools may be used for maximum impact on health systems and people's health...

13 April 2019 *News release*

[At WHO Forum on Medicines, countries and civil society push for greater transparency and fairer prices](#)

At a global forum on fair pricing and access to medicines, delegates from governments and civil society organizations called for greater transparency around the cost of research and development as well as production of medicines, to allow buyers to negotiate more affordable prices.

[See Week in Review above for detail]

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: WHO Africa mourns the loss of a colleague killed in a hospital attack in the Democratic Republic of the Congo 19 April 2019

:: Cyclone-affected communities in Zimbabwe being vaccinated against cholera: Campaign targets nearly 500,000 people in Chimanimani and Chipinge 17 April 2019

:: WHO and partners successfully vaccinate over 400,000 children against Measles in Borno State - Target 838,582 children more. 12 April 2019

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: Colombia, an example to follow in the effort of ensuring 'health for all' (04/19/2019)

:: Director General of WHO recognizes Colombia's solidarity in ensuring the health of migrants (04/19/2019)

:: Nearly 70 million people to be vaccinated during Vaccination Week of the Americas (04/18/2019)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified.

WHO European Region EURO

:: Celebrating universal health coverage across the WHO European Region 17-04-2019

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

No new digest content identified.

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

[National Model United Nations](#)

Keynote Remarks at the National Model United Nations

Posted on April 18, 2019

[Global Counter-Terrorism Compact Coordination Committee Meeting](#)

UN ASG and Director of UNDP's Crisis Bureau, Asako Okai's statement at the Global Counter-Terrorism Compact Coordination Committee Meeting

Posted on April 16, 2019

[UNDP Development Chief Calls for Action on Debt, Climate, & Inequality As Developing Countries Face Volatile Global Outlook](#)

Increased financing and bold leadership are needed urgently to tackle climate change, rising inequality, and surging debt, as increased risks and vulnerabilities threaten economic growth globally.

Posted on April 14, 2019

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

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

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

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No new digest content identified.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Latest News

[‘Critical moment’ for sustainable development, UN chief tells major financing forum](#)

15 April 2019, New York

“Uneven growth, rising debt levels, possible upticks in financial volatility, and heightened global trade tensions” are hampering progress on reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), UN chief António Guterres told the Forum on Financing for Development on Monday, during what he called “a critical moment” to “accelerate action for sustainable development.”

Ministers, senior UN officials, high-level finance officials, civil society, business representatives and local authorities, are meeting at UN Headquarters for the four-day FfD Forum, as it is known for short. Mr. Guterres said climate change, greenhouse gas emissions and technologies disrupting labour markets, were a major challenge, saying “We are here today as part of an effort to coordinate an urgent global response to reverse these trends.”

“Simply put,” he spelled out “we need more money to implement the Sustainable Development Goals.”...

UNESCO [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

19 April 2019

[UNESCO solemnly expresses the support of the international community to the President of the French Republic following the fire at Notre-Dame](#)

[See Week in Review above for detail]

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

22/03/2019 –

[Record participation, high engagement as governments forge common path in responding to global drug challenges, says UNODC Executive Director](#)

22/03/2019 –

[UNODC-supported Alternative Development Coffee from Myanmar launched in French Parliament](#)

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Occupational safety and health

[New safety and health issues emerge as work changes](#)

18 April 2019

A new report on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH), published ahead of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work on 28 April, reviews the ILO's 100 years of achievements, and reveals some of the emerging challenges and opportunities in creating better working environments.

Youth employment

[Awarding innovative policies to empower youth](#)

18 April 2019

National, local and regional governments and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to showcase decent work policies that help youth reach their full potential.

International Law conference

[ILO hosts 'ILO100 - Law for Social Justice' conference](#)

18 April 2019

Leading legal scholars and practitioners met at ILO headquarters in Geneva for an international conference to mark the ILO's Centenary with discussions of key issues including social and labour rights and the quest for social justice as well as the contribution of the ILO to the development of public international law.

Waste management

[Urgent action needed to better manage e-waste: ILO](#)

17 April 2019

Representatives of governments, workers' and employers' organizations agree more must be done, and urgently, to manage the millions of tonnes of e-waste produced each year.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

15/4/19

Dominica becomes ICAO's 193rd Member State

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

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UPU councils close in Berne

- The Postal Operations Council (POC) and Council of Administration (CA) met at the UPU's headquarters between 1-12 April, where they took decisions on the organization's work, including a way forward on changes to the remuneration systems for global postal exchanges.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

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Greening industry through a transition to hydrogen societies

VIENNA, 18 April 2019 – Hydrogen offers great potential to help green the energy sector and diversify the economy; however the technology's development needs to be supported by tailored policies and closer collaboration between governments and industry to ensure everyone can benefit from it.

Market-based construction skills training for all: a Japan-UNIDO partnership in Lebanon

BEIRUT, 15 April 2019 – The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Government of Japan are joining forces in Lebanon for a project titled "Market-based construction skills training

UNIDO, Japan to boost the employability of youth in Palestine's garment and textile value chain

WEST BANK, Palestine, 15 April 2019 – The Government of Japan has recently announced that it will fund US\$ 446,428 for a project to improve the competitiveness of the garment and textile value chain in the State Palestine with the objective of promoting job creation, especially for youth and women in the northern Governorates of the West Bank.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

By Elizabeth Gasiorowski-Denis on 16 April 2019

[Raising new ISO standards for saving the planet - ISO 14064-2 and ISO 14064-3](#)

Floods, droughts, record-breaking temperatures – the evidence indicates that addressing climate change has become one of the world’s most pressing issues, which is why the publication of two ISO standards will have a significant part to play in helping to reduce damaging greenhouse gases.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

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[Italy ratified the Nagoya–Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety on 9 April 2019.](#)

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USAID [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

DFID [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ECHO [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

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African Union [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

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April 18, 2019

[The AU-EU-UN task force meeting calls to rescue stranded migrants and refugees in Libya](#)

April 17, 2019

[African Ministers Adopt Landmark “Cairo Declaration” on Infrastructure](#)

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

European Commission [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

17/04/2019

[European Border and Coast Guard: Stronger EU borders with a new standing corps of 10,000 border guards](#)

Commission - Press release European Strasbourg, 17 April 2019 . Today, the European Parliament adopted the Commission's proposal to reinforce the European Border and Coast Guard Agency with a standing corps of 10,000 border guards by 2027.

[EU, Latin America and the Caribbean: Partnering for prosperity, democracy, resilience and global governance](#)

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 17 April 2019 The European Union is strengthening its political partnership with Latin America and the Caribbean by focusing it on four priorities - prosperity, democracy, resilience and effective global governance - for common future.

OECD [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

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Organization of American States (OAS) [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

April 17, 2019

[OAS Permanent Council to Consider “Plans for the Democratic Reconstruction of Venezuela”](#)

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

16/04/2019

[Al-Othaimeen Welcomes Reconvening of the Yemeni Parliament](#)

H.E. Dr. Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Othaimeen, the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), welcomed the convening of the extraordinary session of the Yemeni Parliament in the city of Seiyun, Hadhramaut, on 13 April 2019 for the first time since the Houthi militias invaded

Sana'a in 2014....

OIC Secretary General Deeply Saddened over fire at Notre-Dame de Paris Cathedral

The Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimeen has expressed his deep sadness over the massive fire that engulfed the historical Cathedral in France, "Notre-Dame de Paris"....

16/04/2019

OIC Participates in the Joint Afghanistan- Pakistan Eminent Ulema Conference for Supporting Polio Eradication

The Joint Afghanistan-Pakistan Eminent Ulema Conference opened in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman today under the auspices of the Ministry of Health of Sultanate of Oman and the Islamic Advisory Group for Polio Eradication (IAG). The Conference is aimed at supporting efforts towards protecting children and to enhance cross-border cooperation in accessing children with vaccination. The Conference takes place in implementation of the decision of the 5th IAG Meeting held at the OIC General Secretariat on 14 November 2018....

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Group of 77 [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by H.E. Minister Dr. Riyad Mansour \(State of Palestine\), Chair of the Group of 77, at the 2019 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up \(New York, 15 April 2019\)](#)

[Statement by Ms. Sahar Nasser, First Secretary at the Mission of the State of Palestine to the UN on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, following the adoption of the Buenos Aires outcome document of the Second High-level UN Conference on South-South Cooperation \(BAPA+40\) \(New York, 15 April 2019\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Ambassador Riyad Mansour \(State of Palestine\), Chair of the Group of 77, before the tenth session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing \(New York, 15 April 2019\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

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World Customs Organization – WCO [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Selected Latest News

16 April 2019

Customs representatives from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region meet in Tunis for a WCO Regional Security Workshop

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

15 April 2019

Marrakesh milestone — 25th anniversary of the WTO's founding agreements

Twenty-five years ago, on 15 April 1994, representatives from more than 120 nations gathered in Marrakesh, Morocco, to sign what was described at the time as the "greatest trade agreement in history", one which led to the establishment of the WTO and created a new global framework for liberalizing trade in goods and services, protecting intellectual property rights, and easing trade tensions through a new dispute resolution mechanism.

Report sheds light on impact of digital technologies on global value chains

15 April 2019

Global value chains (GVCs) have regained momentum in recent years, leading to the creation of new jobs and increased prosperity, especially in developing economies, according to a new report co-published by the WTO and five other institutions. New digital technologies, such as robotics and big data, are reshaping GVCs and creating new opportunities for the participation of small and medium-sized enterprises but policymakers will need to ensure the benefits are shared widely.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified..

International Court of Justice [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 20 Apr 2019]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

Statement : 16 April 2019

Statement of ICC Prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, in relation to the escalation of violence in and around Tripoli, Libya

I am deeply concerned about the escalation of violence in Libya in the context of the resurging conflict arising from the advance of the Libyan National Army ("LNA") towards Tripoli, and related fighting with forces aligned with the Government of National Accord ("GNA").

As Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court ("ICC" or the "Court"), I call on all parties and armed groups involved in the fighting to fully respect the rules of international humanitarian law. This includes taking all necessary measures to protect civilians, and civilian infrastructures, including schools, hospitals and detention centres. I urge all parties to the conflict not to commit any crimes

within the Court's jurisdiction, and in particular, for commanders to ensure that their subordinates do not do so...

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World Bank [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

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Tuberculosis Must Fall: Reducing the Rapid Transmission of Tuberculosis in the Mining Sector in Southern Africa

Challenge The mining sector plays a significant role in the economic development of Southern Africa. South Africa has the third largest mining industry in the world—consisting of over 2,000 mines and contributed...

Date: April 18, 2019 Type: Result Brief

World Bank Provides \$150 Million Grant To Support Host Communities and Refugees in Uganda

Uganda is the largest refugee-hosting country in Africa and third largest worldwide

WASHINGTON, April 17, 2019 - The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved today a grant of \$150 million additional...

Date: April 17, 2019 Type: Press Release

Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative West Africa Regional Summit Call to Action

Public and private sector leaders from 12 countries gathered today in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, to discuss and agree on ways to boost opportunities for women entrepreneurs in West Africa. The Summit was...

Date: April 17, 2019 Type: Press Release

World Bank Group Launches Worldwide Consultations on Future Strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence

WASHINGTON, April 16, 2019 — The World Bank Group today announced the launch of global consultations to inform the development of its first formal strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV). Consultations...

Date: April 16, 2019 Type: Press Release

Global Value Chain Development Report 2019: Technological Innovation, Supply Chain Trade and Workers in a Globalized World

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Date: April 15, 2019 Type: Publication

IMF [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

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African Development Bank Group [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

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[La Banque africaine de développement soutient la lutte contre le travail des enfants dans les mines de cobalt en RDC](#)

19/04/2019 - Pour lutter contre le travail des enfants dans les mines de cobalt en République démocratique du Congo (RDC), la Banque africaine de développement a approuvé, mercredi 17 avril 2019, un financement de 84,36 millions de dollars américains en faveur du Projet d'appui au bien-être alternatif des enfants et jeunes impliqués dans la chaîne d'approvisionnement du cobalt (PABEA-Cobalt).

[We-Fi Regional Summit Calls for Urgent Public and Private Sector Action to Support Women Entrepreneurs in West Africa](#)

17/04/2019 - Heads of state, ministers, leaders of multilateral development banks, private sector executives, women entrepreneurs, and contributing governments of the Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative (We-Fi) convened today at the first We-Fi Regional Summit to discuss concrete ways to strengthen support for women-led small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in West Africa.

[African Development Bank approves strategy for Central Africa - "crucial for the economic integration of the region"](#)

15/04/2019 - The Board of the African Development Bank has approved the Central Africa Regional Integration Strategy Paper 2019 – 2025, adopting the Bank's multinational operations in Central Africa over the indicated period.

Asian Development Bank [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

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Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

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IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Development Bank [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

15 April 2019

[Islamic Development Bank and Global Partnership for Education Launch Alliance to Address Global Education Crisis](#)

The expanding support among world leaders for providing quality education to children in the world's poorest countries received a major boost today as the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) agreed to a multi-pronged collaboration that will broaden and deepen GPE's engagement with new partners.

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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 20 Apr 2019]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Latest News

[Website not responding at inquiry]

Aravind Eye Care System [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

CARE International [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

News & Updates

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[Saudi Arabia: 1200 military personnel trained on international humanitarian law in Taif](#)

Kuwait City (ICRC) – From 14 to 18 April, a high-level workshop on international humanitarian law organized jointly by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Ministry of Defense and the Human Rights Commission reached more than 120

18-04-2019 | News release

[Missing since the 1992-93 Abkhazia conflict: Speeding up the identification process](#)

On 8 April 2019, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) chaired the 13th meeting of the Coordination Mechanism, established with the purely humanitarian objective of clarifying the fate and whereabouts of people who have been missing in
15-04-2019 | News release

IFRC [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

[Syria: Heaviest flooding in decade worsens humanitarian crisis in Al Hasakeh region](#)

Damascus/Beirut/Geneva, 17 April 2019 – Heavy rains have caused the worst flooding in a decade across Syria’s Al Hasakeh region, where 118,000 people are facing near complete destruction of their homes and livelihoods. The majority of the affected popu ...

17 April 2019

Iran

[Iran floods: Two million people in need of humanitarian aid](#)

Tehran/Geneva, 15 April 2019 – An estimated 2 million people – one in every 40 people in Iran – need humanitarian assistance as a result of the massive floods that have swept across the country. Heavy rains and flash floods have affected more than 2,00 ...

15 April 2019

Mozambique

[Mozambique Cyclone: Signs of recovery, but long road still ahead](#)

Beira/Nairobi/Geneva, 14 April 2019 – One month after the worst disaster in Mozambique’s recent history, signs of recovery are beginning to emerge as people return home and as the deadly cholera outbreak appears to be starting to abate. However, hundre ...

14 April 2019

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Story

[Water, Sanitation and Hygiene: Essential for Disease Control in Emergencies](#)

April 16, 2019

When Cyclone Idai cut its swath of destruction across Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi on March 14 and 15, International Medical Corps responded to support survivors in areas where the storm’s torrential rains, high winds and flooding had claimed more than 1,000 lives and affected nearly 3 million people. In Mozambique and Zimbabwe, the damage has ...

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Press Release

[Attack on IRC supported hospital in DRC leads to loss of life; IRC Ebola responders caught in violence.](#)

April 19, 2019

Press Release

[New IRC survey finds services on U.S.-Mexico border overwhelmed, women and children at risk](#)

April 17, 2019

Press Release

[IRC calls for action from Europe and US as conflict in Tripoli, Libya worsens](#)

April 17, 2019

Statement

[Trump's Yemen veto is a green light for world's worst humanitarian crisis to continue](#)

April 16, 2019

IRCT [to 20 Apr 2019]

<https://irct.org/>

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Latest News

[Protecting Nepalese children from sex trafficking](#)

Published: 19 April, 2019

[Reducing poverty through effective development financing and social capital](#)

Published: 18 April, 2019

[Tackling hunger and boosting livelihoods in drought-stricken Balochistan](#)

Published: 17 April, 2019

[Enhancing local capacity to increase the impact of humanitarian aid](#)

Published: 16 April, 2019

[24,500 people receive healthcare in Balcad, Somalia](#)

Published: 15 April, 2019

Landsea [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

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

DRC Ebola outbreaks

[Crisis update - April 2019](#)

Crisis Update 18 Apr 2019

Ethiopia

[Alarming rates of malnutrition among displaced people in sout...](#)

Press Release 17 Apr 2019

Libya

[Detained refugees trapped, Libyan families flee, as fighting worsens in Tripoli](#)

Project Update 17 Apr 2019

Cyclone Idai & Southern Africa flooding

[MSF emergency response to Cyclone Idai and flooding](#)

Crisis Update 17 Apr 2019

Colombia

[Assisting Venezuelan migrants in Colombia](#)

Project Update 17 Apr 2019

South Sudan

[There's a lot to be done to address the uncountable health needs](#)

Voices from the Field 16 Apr 2019

Mercy Corps [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Operation Smile [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

[Program Schedule](#)

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

OXFAM [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Selected News/Announcements

[Major spike in cholera likely as agencies struggle to reach infected people](#)

18 April 2019 Yemen

Fears that the world's worst cholera outbreak could be set for a massive resurgence are growing as aid agencies in Yemen are struggling to reach almost 40,000 people suspected to have the disease, Oxfam warned today.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Latest news from NRC

[Yemen: More bombs and weapons will only mean more suffering and death](#)

Published 17. Apr 2019

Statement by the Norwegian Refugee Council's Policy Director, Ole Solvang, on the US President's veto to a bill to end military support for the war in Yemen

Pact [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Apr 18, 2019

[PIH TB Leader Urges Faster Rollout of New Treatments](#)

Broader use of new MDR-TB drugs in treatment settings would bring immediate benefits to patients, Dr. KJ Seung of PIH and Dr. Cathy Hewison of MSF write in *The Lancet Global Health* this week.

PATH [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Thursday 18 April 2019

[Foreign children share testimonies from Al Hol camp](#)

Al Hol (Syria) – Save the Children has spoken to dozens of foreign children it supports in Al Hol camp in North East Syria, where conditions are overcrowded and humanitarian aid is insufficient to meet all needs.

Monday 15 April 2019

[Cyclone Idai: Children talk of death & destruction while world looks away](#)

One month after Cyclone Idai wreaked havoc across Mozambique, affected children are showing signs of severe psychological stress, including bedwetting, nightmares and anxiety, Save the Children warned today. The agency is concerned the urgent and long-term needs of children continue to grow as international attention moves on from the humanitarian crisis.

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

All News

No new digest content identified.

Tostan [to 20 Apr 2019]

<http://www.tostan.org>

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 20 Apr 2019]

<http://wvi.org/>

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR [to 20 Apr 2019]

<http://cmfr-phil.org/media-ethics-responsibility/>

No new digest content identified.

Electronic Frontiers Foundation

https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press_release

Press Release | April 16, 2019

[Media Alert: EFF Argues Against Forced Unlocking of Phone in Indiana Supreme Court](#)

Wabash, IN—At 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) will argue to the Indiana Supreme Court that police cannot force a criminal suspect to turn over a passcode or otherwise decrypt her cell phone. The case is *Katelin Seo v. State of Indiana*. The Fifth Amendment of...

Freedom House [to 20 Apr 2019]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

Press Releases

[Nicaragua: One Year Later, President Ortega Must Release Prisoners of Conscience](#)

April 16, 2019

Hundreds remain imprisoned from last year's deadly protests in Nicaragua.

Human Rights Watch [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Selected Content

April 18, 2019 News Release

[Nepal: End Attacks on Free Expression](#)

April 18, 2019 News Release

[Iran: Release Anti-Compulsory Hijab Activists](#)

Transparency International [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

17 Apr 2019

[Supreme Court decision in Brazil violates freedom of the press and sets concerning precedent](#)

- A decision by Brazil's Supreme Federal Court (STF) to demand the suppression of a media report concerning one of the court's sitting judges violates the freedom of the press, warns Transparency International Brazil.

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Bond [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

News and views

[How to get funds into conflict zones](#)

17 April 2019

Naser Haghamed

Four takeaways from the Bond Conference session on getting funds and resources to people in conflict zones.

[5 ways to change the narrative from fear to hope](#)

16 April 2019

Thomas Coombes

Focusing more on hope and values in our communications could help us to shift public opinion about our work.

ChildFund Alliance [to 20 Apr 2019]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

Opinion

Conflict countries and regions

[Europe must take a stand in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict](#)

Monday, 15 April, 2019

Writing in the Financial Times, Gro Harlem Brundtland calls on European leaders to reassert their commitment to a two-state solution as the only way to deliver peace, justice and human rights to Israelis and Palestinians.

Evidence Aid [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Latest News

[Challenging impossible: eight game-changing approaches to vaccination](#)

17 April 2019

Making sure that vaccines reach as many children as possible around the world requires a healthy dose of innovation. For World Immunization Week 2019, we are showcasing a series of innovations – from cutting-edge to low-tech – that further our mission to create equal access to new and underused vaccines for children living in the world's poorest countries.

Global Fund [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 20 Apr 2019]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest Resources

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Challenges to Civil Society

[Responses to Populism in a Digitally-Enabled Era: A New Sector Innovation Report](#)

Vicky Tounge

Apr 18, 2019

Are you working to push back against populist narratives and tendencies? Have you got a new way of doing things that you would like to share with a wide civil society audience? We are looking for case studies for our new innovation report for the civil society sector.

Start Network [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

18 Apr 19

[Beginning the design of the Start Financing Facility](#)

by Helen James

We are pleased to announce that we are beginning the design of the Start Financing Facility (SFF) and are reaching out to give members of Start Network the opportunity to get involved in this process. What is the SFF?

The Start Financing Facility is envisaged as the future financial infrastructure for the Start Network. It will allow us to channel donor resources through the network in a timely, predictable and transparent manner. The long term goal is for the SFF to incorporate existing Start Network funding mechanisms (such as the Start Fund, MERF, Replica etc) as well as new instruments (insurance, loans etc) to provide a continuum of funding that will enable our members to better protect communities at risk...

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action

(ALNAP) [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

17 Apr 2019

[ALNAP seeking Steering Group for new action learning research](#)

The ALNAP Secretariat will undertake new research on action learning and is looking to set up a Steering Group with relevant Member organisations.

A concept note and terms of reference for the Steering Group are now available. If you're interested in taking part, please email ALNAP's Senior Research Fellow Alice Obrecht (a.obrecht@alnap.org)

CHS Alliance [to 20 Apr 2019]
<http://chsalliance.org/news-events/news>
No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 20 Apr 2019]
<http://devinit.org/news/>
10 Apr 2019
[DI's response to new aid spending figures \[OECD\]](#)
News

EHLRA/R2HC [to 20 Apr 2019]
<http://www.elrha.org/resource-hub/news/>
16.04.2019
[Five new innovation projects taking a local perspective on measuring the impact of GBV programmes](#)

Groupe URD [to 20 Apr 2019]
<https://www.urd.org/?lang=en>
[Undated]
[GEDAE 2019: 3-day conference on waste management and ecological sanitation](#)
The CEFREPADE and Groupe URD will be holding the 2nd edition of a conference on waste management and ecological sanitation in developing and crisis-affected territories.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 20 Apr 2019]
<https://ihsa.info/>
No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 20 Apr 2019]
<http://www.sphereproject.org/news/>
No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 20 Apr 2019]
<https://phap.org/>
Latest News
Courses and workshops
[Geneva 2019 Core Professional Training on Humanitarian Law and Policy](#) Apr 29 - May 1

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Brookings

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

Accessed 20 Apr 2019

Latest Research

International Affairs

[Trans-Atlantic Scorecard – April 2019](#)

Friday, April 19, 2019

China

[China's Belt and Road: The new geopolitics of global infrastructure development](#)

[Amar Bhattacharya](#), [David Dollar](#), [Rush Doshi](#), [Ryan Hass](#), [Bruce Jones](#), [Homi Kharas](#), [Jennifer Mason](#), [Mireya Solís](#), and [Jonathan Stromseth](#)

April 2019

Campaigns & Elections

[The coming showdown over government reform](#)

[Paul C. Light](#)

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Regulatory Policy

[Can fintech increase lending? How courts are undermining financial inclusion](#)

[Peter Conti-Brown](#)

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Report

[Governing digital trade](#)

[Joshua P. Meltzer](#)

Friday, April 12, 2019

Center for Global Development [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

April 19, 2019

[The Dos and Don'ts of USG Humanitarian Reorganization](#)

The proposed FY 2020 budget changes would be the most significant overhaul of USG humanitarian structures in decades. The proposal in its current form is unlikely to get much traction in Congress, where it is seen on both sides of the aisle as dramatically weakening US leadership on refugees. In light of other moves by the administration—like slashing refugee resettlement numbers and treating asylum seekers roughly—that is a legitimate and vital concern. There is ample reason to approach the proposal with caution, particularly the idea of stripping away the refugee bureau's resources.

[Jeremy Konyndyk](#)

April 17, 2019

[The Quality of UK Aid Spending, 2011–2018: An Analysis of Evaluations by the Independent Commission on Aid Impact](#)

This paper analyses the grades awarded in the 65 primary reviews undertaken by the UK Independent Commission for Aid Impact (ICAI) over its first eight years of operation, from 2011 to 2018. It finds that ICAI has directly evaluated £28bn of UK aid over the period. Around four-fifths of spend assessed was graded as “satisfactory” (amber/green) or “strong” (green). The findings from ICAI reviews, and this report, should inform the UK Government’s aid allocations between departments at the forthcoming spending review.

[Ian Mitchell](#) and [Arthur Baker](#)

CSIS [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Selected Reports

Report

[Delivering Prosperity in the Indo-Pacific: An Agenda for Australia and the United States](#)

April 18, 2019 | [Matthew P. Goodman](#), [Gordon de Brouwer](#) CSIS’ Matthew Goodman, together with colleagues at Australian National University, co-authored a brief on opportunities for U.S.-Australia coordination in the Indo-Pacific across five sectors.

Report

[Challenges, Changes, and Continuity: The United States and a Fragmented Regional Order](#)

April 15, 2019 | [Anthony H. Cordesman](#)

Both sides need to take a more realistic look at the nature and causes of the instability in the Middle East. Truly effective strategic partnerships requires both sides to change their present policies.

Report

[Rethinking Taxes and Development: Incorporating Political Economy Considerations in DRM Strategies](#)

April 15, 2019 | [Daniel F. Runde](#), [Christopher Metzger](#), [Conor M. Savoy](#), [Erol Yayboke](#)

This report from the CSIS Project on Prosperity and Development looks at the domestic resource mobilization (DRM) reforms in developing countries through a political economy lens.

Report

[Acquisition Trends, 2018: Defense Contract Spending Bounces Back](#)

April 15, 2019 | [Rhys McCormick](#), [Gregory Sanders](#), [Andrew Philip Hunter](#)

This report analyzes the current state of affairs in defense acquisition by combining detailed policy and data analysis to provide a comprehensive overview and critical insights into the current and future outlook for the defense acquisition system.

ODI [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

[How DFID can better manage complexity in development programming](#)

Briefing papers | April 2019 | [Samuel Sharp](#), [Craig Valters](#) and [Brendan Whitty](#)

This briefing note explores how DFID can design and manage flexible systems to deal with complex development challenges.

Urban Institute [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

April 11, 2019

[Options for Reforming the Mortgage Servicing Compensation Model](#)

In this brief, the fifth in a series prepared by HFPC researchers with support from the mortgage servicing collaborative, the authors examine three options for the mortgage servicing compensation structure: (1) retain the status quo, (2) move to a fee-for-service model, and (3) move to a central default utility model. The authors discuss the pros and cons of each scenario and assess how each option would perform under various

[Karan Kaul](#), [Laurie Goodman](#), [Alanna McCargo](#), [Todd M. Hill-Jones](#)

April 19, 2019

Brief

[City Service Corps: AmeriCorps Program Outcome 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 threshold—and income inequality continues to rise. Approximately 1.4 million New Yorkers face food insecurity, and more than 400,000 people live in public housing. New York City has the largest number of youths disconnected from school and employment in the country, and fewer

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

April 18, 2019

Research Report

[Public Housing Work Requirements: Case Study on the Chicago Housing Authority](#)

This report presents a case study of the Chicago Housing Authority's (CHA's) work requirement policy, one of a small number of work requirements implemented by housing authorities. The report describes the CHA work requirement, the policy's implementation and how it has changed, and perceptions of implementation and outcomes from key CHA and service provider staff and residents. The CHA work requirement has been in place for

[Diane K. Levy](#), [Leiha Edmonds](#), [Samantha Batko](#), [Marcus Gaddy](#)

April 16, 2019

Research Report

[Catalyzing Neighborhood Revitalization Through Strengthening Civic Infrastructure](#)

Place-based revitalization initiatives seek to make every neighborhood safe and healthy and to connect them to high-quality services. These initiatives share a few common characteristics. They concentrate resources in a specific geography; combine physical revitalization with the provision of services (e.g., health, education, and job training programs); leverage existing institutions, networks, and capital; and engage local

[Aaron Shroyer](#), [Joseph Schilling](#), [Erika C. Poethig](#)

April 16, 2019

Research Report

[Reshaping Parent PLUS Loans: Recommendations for Reforming the Parent PLUS Program](#)

The Parent PLUS loan program, introduced during the 1980 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, was designed to help high-asset families who needed liquidity to cover their expected family contribution (EFC). Since then, however, policymakers have pushed the program past its original

mission, leaving some low-income parents with loans they cannot repay. Some policymakers have suggested easing repayment requirements, but we

[Sandy Baum](#), [Kristin Blagg](#), [Rachel Fishman](#)

April 16, 2019

Research Report

World Economic Forum [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Selected News Releases

No new digest content identified.

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

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

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

News

[Gene drives get a precision upgrade](#)

April 16, 2019

Method to fine tune DNA could be used to engineer malaria-resistant mosquitoes, reduce

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 20 Apr 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 20 Apr 2019]

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

Press Release

April 19, 2019

[Op-Ed from President Clinton: "Hope, on 20th anniversary of Columbine, of reversing the political polarization surrounding guns"](#)

Co Impact [to 20 Apr 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 20 Apr 2019]

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

Equals Change Blog 17 April 2019

[Turning the tide, together: Disability inclusion at Ford](#)

By Noorain Khan and Catherine Townsend

GHIT Fund [to 20 Apr 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 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Latest Updates

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

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

16 April 2019

[**Aga Khan University celebrates research and development partnerships in Lisbon**](#)

Kellogg Foundation [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Grantee Publications

International Connections Fund

[**Evaluation of the International Connections Fund**](#)

April 17, 2019

The [International Connections Fund](#) (ICF) was established in 2008 with the goal of helping Chicago nonprofit organizations advance their work by collaborating with peer organizations abroad...

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundation [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Press Releases & Statements

Podcast April 12, 2019

[Scientists at Work: Teaching Robots to Think](#)

Event April 12, 2019

[How Are U.S. Cities Reforming Their Criminal Justice Policies?](#)

Rockefeller Foundation [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

April 17, 2019

[Innovative Consortium Reduces Post-Harvest Loss and Food Waste](#)

Washington and Ames – Food loss and waste is a global problem that negatively impacts the bottom line of businesses and farmers, particularly small-holder farmers...

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

Latest News Releases, Blog Posts, Reports

[Policy Changes Needed in 13 Areas to Help Close N.J.'s Health Gaps, Says Report From State's Largest Philanthropy](#)

April 17, 2019

Informed by extensive research and months of conversations with nearly 300 community residents, nonprofit and business leaders, and others from across the state, a report identifies 13 priorities for building a Culture of Health in New Jersey.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 20 Apr 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..."

April 16, 2019

[TED Announces the 2019 Audacious Projects \[via AudaciousProject.org\]](#)

The Audacious Project, TED's philanthropic collaborative dedicated to bold, actionable ideas, announced the 2019 Audacious projects.

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 20 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

News | 17 April 2019

[Four ways we're working with DFID to thwart epidemics](#)

To prevent future epidemics and improve the response to ones that are already happening, there needs to be evidence, knowledge and the right tools. To help provide these, Wellcome is working with the UK Department for International Development (DFID) in a five-year initiative.

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Foundation Center [to 20 Apr 2019]

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

April 17, 2019

[Foundation Center South Announces Plan to Relocate and Invest in Local Community Partners](#)

Council on Foundations [to 20 Apr 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

April 2019 Volume 47, Issue 4, p351-478

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

April 2019 Volume 56, Issue 4, p477-630

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

April 2019 109(4)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 100, Issue 4, 2019

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/100/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

16 April 2019 Vol: 170, Issue 8

<http://annals.org/aim/issue>

Original Research | 16 April 2019

[Development and Performance of a Checklist for Initial Triage After an Anthrax Mass Exposure Event](#)

Nathaniel Hupert, MD, MPH; Marissa Person, MSPH; Dan Hanfling, MD; Rita M. Traxler, MHS; William A. Bower, MD; Katherine Hendricks, MD, MPH&TM

Background:

Population exposure to Bacillus anthracis spores could cause mass casualties requiring complex medical care. Rapid identification of patients needing anthrax-specific therapies will improve patient outcomes and resource use.

Ideas and Opinions

[Deliberate Indifference: Inadequate Health Care in U.S. Prisons](#)

Ashley Hurst, JD, MDiv, MA; Brenda Castañeda, JD; Erika Ramsdale, MD

Whether health care should be a fundamental right in the United States is an ongoing debate. However, one group—incarcerated persons—has a constitutionally protected right to adequate health care. Nevertheless, there is a growing epidemic of inadequate health care in U.S. prisons. Shrinking prison budgets, a prison population that is the highest in the world, and for-profit health care contracts all contribute to this epidemic. The medical community has an obligation to respond by providing and advocating for adequate health care for incarcerated persons.

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 20 Apr 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

March 2019 - Volume 4 - 2

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

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 20 Apr 2019)

Research article

[Tuberculosis care for migrant patients in Portugal: a mixed methods study with primary healthcare providers](#)

Tuberculosis (TB) is still a major global health problem. The increasing number of cases observed among foreign-born populations contrasts with the decreasing trends observed in later years in some high-income...

Authors: Ana Maria Tavares, Ana Cristina Garcia, Ana Gama, Ana B. Abecasis, Miguel Viveiros and Sónia Dias

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2019 19:233

Published on: 18 April 2019

Research article

[Access to cardiac rehabilitation and the role of language barriers in the provision of cardiac rehabilitation to migrants](#)

Cardiac rehabilitation (CR) has proven health benefits and, according to international guidelines, CR must be offered to all eligible patients. Studies have reported lower uptake of CR among migrants, and migr...

Authors: Fatima Al-Sharifi, Hanne Winther Frederiksen, Henriette Knold Rossau, Marie Norredam and Ann-Dorthe Zwisler

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2019 19:223

Published on: 11 April 2019

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 20 Apr 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 20 Apr 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 20 Apr 2019)

Opinion

| 17 April 2019

[Data management and sharing policy: the first step towards promoting data sharing](#)

Authors: Naomi Waithira, Brian Mutinda and Phaik Yeong Cheah

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 20 Apr 2019)

Research article

[Measuring the quality of maternal and care processes at the time of delivery in sub-Saharan Africa: development and validation of a short index](#)

There is a growing recognition that quality of care must improve in facility-based deliveries to achieve further global reductions in maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity. Better measurement of care qu...

Authors: Vandana Tripathi, Cynthia Stanton, Donna Strobino and Linda Bartlett

Citation: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2019 19:133

Published on: 16 April 2019

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 20 Apr 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 20 Apr 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

April 2019 - Volume 9 - 4

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 97, Number 4, April 2019, 245-308

<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/97/4/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 45, Issue 3 Pages: 313-472 May 2019

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

REVIEW ARTICLES Open Access

The usefulness and acceptability of a personal health record to children and young people living with a complex health condition: A realist review of the literature

There are a growing number of children and young people (CYP) with chronic health needs or complex disabilities. Increasingly, CYP with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions are surviving into adulthood. Communication between CYP, their family, and health professionals can be challenging. The use of a personal health record (PHR) is one potential strategy for improving communication by promoting CYP's health advocacy skills. However, PHR implementation has proved difficult due to technical, organisational, and professional barriers. The aim of this realist review is to identify the factors, which help or hinder the use of PHRs with CYP living with a complex health condition.

[Janet Diffin](#), [Bronagh Byrne](#), [Helen Kerr](#), [Jayne Price](#), [Aine Abbott](#), [Dorry McLaughlin](#), [Peter O'Halloran](#)

Pages: 313-332

First Published: 28 February 2019

Clinical Therapeutics

April 2019 Volume 41, Issue 4, p605-790

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Clinical Trials

Volume 16 Issue 2, April 2019

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/16/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 20 Apr 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 79 Pages 1-122 (April 2019)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/79/suppl/C>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

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 19, Issue 1 Pages: 1-60 March 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 29, Issue 3, 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

Volume 37, Issue 3 Pages: 311-449 May 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 14, Issue 1, 2019

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

Volume 20, Number 4 01 April 2019

<http://embor.embopress.org/content/20/4?current-issue=y>

[Reviewed earlier]

Emergency Medicine Journal

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

[Accessed 20 Apr 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 25, Number 4—April 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Pages 1-134 (March 2019)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/26/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 2 Pages: 1-40 March-April 2019

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

The Scientific Value and Validity of Research

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs

Spring 2019 (Issue 33.1) March 2019

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2019/spring-2019-issue-33-1/>

[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 29, Issue 2, April 2019

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/29/2>

Editorials

[European-wide monitoring of sexual and gender minority health: a necessary and feasible task for advancing health equity](#)

Richard Bränström; Arjan van der Star; John Pachankis

European Journal of Public Health, Volume 29, Issue 2, April 2019, Pages 199–200,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckz007>

Food Policy Volume 75

Volume 84 Pages 1-204 (April 2019)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/83/suppl/C>

[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 60 March 2019

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

Special Issue Theme: Education: needs, rights and access in displacement

Education is one of the most important aspects of our lives – vital to our development, our understanding and our personal and professional fulfilment throughout life. In times of crisis, however, millions of displaced young people miss out on months or years of education, and this is damaging to them and their families, as well as to their societies, both in the short and long term. This issue of FMR includes 29 articles on Education, and two 'general' articles.

Foreword: Education – a humanitarian and development imperative

Manuel Bessler

For far too long, donors and the international community have neglected education in humanitarian response. Switzerland was no exception. Food, water, health and shelter were the usual priorities during emergencies, while education was considered more of a long-term objective to be tackled by national governments and development agencies once a crisis was over.

However, we were wrong. We simply ignored the families' tendencies to see their children's education – often interrupted or absent – as a priority need in displacement. We were not sufficiently aware of education's life-sustaining and protective role during conflict and crisis. We underestimated the impact education can have on peaceful coexistence and misjudged the social and economic consequences of the lack of education during displacement for both host and home countries...

This edition of Forced Migration Review is timely and necessary. In a time of unprecedented displacement, rising hostilities and an increase in protracted conflicts, it is important to recall what is at stake if displaced girls and boys are prevented from going to school. Education is the most powerful means of breaking cycles of vulnerability and poverty, and without education there can be no sustainable development. The young displaced generation has enormous potential for contributing to society. However, greater international commitment is needed to support countries dealing with rising population movements. Eighty-five per cent of refugees live in developing countries that already struggle with over-stretched education systems. We need to provide assistance to countries to ensure that displaced children can access local schools. We need to provide support to national education ministries, teachers and parents so that both displaced and host-community children can learn and grow up in safe, child-friendly environments. We need to find creative solutions to enable children and youth who have missed out on learning to catch up. All this requires the joint action of the humanitarian and development communities, NGOs, multi- and bilateral agencies and the private sector. Switzerland calls on others to follow suit by prioritising education in policy making, funding and action on the ground. The provision of education for displaced children and youth is both an immediate emergency response and an effective way to work towards durable solutions during protracted displacement.

[29 articles on this theme included in this issue]

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 46, 2019 - Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Genocide Studies International

Volume 12 Issue 2, Fall 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Genome Medicine

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

[Accessed 24 Nov 2018]

[No new digest content identified]

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....

[Reviewed earlier]

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. 7, No. 1 March 22, 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Public Health

Volume 14, 2019 Issue 5
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health

<http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/>
[Accessed 24 Nov 2018]
[No new digest content identified]

Health Affairs

Vol. 38 , No. 3 March 2019
<https://www.healthaffairs.org/toc/hlthaff/current>
Patients As Consumers
[Reviewed earlier]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 20, Issue 2, December 2018
<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-20-issue-2-december-2018/>
Issue 20.2 features a special section: Special Section on Human Rights and the Social Determinants of Health and a General Papers section
[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 14 - Special Issue 2 - April 2019
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue>
SPECIAL ISSUE: Frontiers of Health Policy Research

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

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

Health Equity

Volume 2, Issue 1 / December 2018
<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/heq/2/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 33, Issue 10, 1 December 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Promotion International

Volume 34, Issue 2, April 2019

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

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

[Poverty-related diseases: factors that predict coping in two Cameroonian settings](#)

Valerie Makoge; Lette Hogeling; Harro Maat; Lenneke Vaandrager; Maria Koelen

Health Promotion International, Volume 34, Issue 2, April 2019, Pages 344–355,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapro/dax088>

Health Research Policy and Systems

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

[Accessed 20 Apr 2019]

Research

| 15 April 2019

[How are evidence generation partnerships between researchers and policy-makers enacted in practice? A qualitative interview study](#)

Evidence generation partnerships between researchers and policy-makers are a potential method for producing more relevant research with greater potential to impact on policy and practice. Little is known about how such partnerships are enacted in practice, however, or how to increase their effectiveness. We aimed to determine why researchers and policy-makers choose to work together, how they work together, which partnership models are most common, and what the key (1) relationship-based and (2) practical components of successful research partnerships are.

Authors: Anna Williamson, Hannah Tait, Fadi El Jardali, Luke Wolfenden, Sarah Thackway, Jessica Stewart, Lyndal O'Leary and Julie Dixon

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 41, Number 1, February 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 74, February 2019

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

Communication and community engagement in humanitarian response

This edition of Humanitarian Exchange, co-edited with Charles-Antoine Hofmann from the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), focuses on communication and community engagement. Despite promising

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

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

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

IDRiM Journal

Vol 8, No 2 (2018)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Infectious Diseases of Poverty

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

[Accessed 20 Apr 2019]

Commentary

| 18 April 2019

[Health and immunisation services for the urban poor in selected countries of Asia](#)

Asia is a region that is rapidly urbanising. While overall urban health is above rural health standards, there are also pockets of deep health and social disadvantage within urban slum and peri-urban areas that represent increased public health risk. With a focus on vaccine preventable disease and immunisation coverage, this commentary describes and analyses strengths and weaknesses of existing urban health and immunisation strategy, with a view to recommending strategic directions for

improving access to immunisation and related maternal and child health services in urban areas across the region. The themes discussed in this commentary are based on the findings of country case studies published by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on the topic of immunisation and related health services for the urban poor in Cambodia, Indonesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Philippines, and Vietnam.

Authors: John Grundy, Xiaojun Wang, Kunihiko Chris Hirabayashi, Richard Duncan, Dexter Bersonda, Abu Obeida Eltayeb, Godwin Mindra and Robin Nandy

International Health

Volume 11, Issue 3, May 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

International Human Rights Law Review

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

Vol 6, No 3 (2019) March 2019

<https://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/48>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 34 Pages 1-480 (March 2019)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/34/suppl/C>

Review article Abstract only

[Designing public open space to support seismic resilience: A systematic review](#)

Emily L. French, S. Jeff Birchall, Karen Landman, Robert D. Brown

Pages 1-10

Review article Abstract only

[Expanding the capabilities of people with disabilities in disaster risk reduction](#)

Khanh That Ton, J.C. Gaillard, Carole Elizabeth Adamson, Caglar Akgungor, Ha Thanh Ho

Pages 11-17

Review article Abstract only

[Measuring political will: An index of commitment to disaster risk reduction](#)

Jonatan A. Lassa, Akhilesh Surjan, Mely Caballero-Anthony, Rohan Fisher

Pages 64-74

Review article Abstract only

[Developing a practical toolkit for evaluating hospital preparedness for surge capacity in disasters](#)

Hamidreza Shabanikiya, Mehdi Jafari, Hasan Abolghasem Gorgi, Hesam Seyedin, Azin Rahimi
Pages 423-428

International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 48, Issue 2, April 2019

<https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue/48/2>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 25, Issue 6 2019

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

Article

[Ethnographic sound collections and Australian Aboriginal Heritage: Kaytetye song traditions remembered](#)

[Jason M. Gibson](#)

Pages: 537-552

Published online: 11 Sep 2018

Article

[From engagement to empowerment: how heritage professionals can incorporate participatory methods in disaster recovery to better serve socially vulnerable groups](#)

[Jamesha Gibson](#), [Marccus D. Hendricks](#) & [Jeremy C. Wells](#)

Pages: 596-610

Published online: 08 Oct 2018

Book Review

[Museums, heritage and international development](#)

[Natalie Underberg-Goode](#)

Pages: 626-628

Published online: 30 Aug 2018

International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

Volume 12 Issue 2 2019

<https://www.emeraldinsight.com/toc/ijhrh/12/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Infectious Diseases

March 2019 Volume 80, Supplement, S1-S84

[https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712\(19\)X0005-3](https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712(19)X0005-3)

Articles

[Tuberculosis and integrated child health — Rediscovering the principles of Alma Ata](#)

[Anne K. Detjen](#), [Shaffiq Essajee](#), [Malgorzata Grzemska](#), [Ben J. Marais](#)

S9–S12

Published online: February 27, 2019

Highlights

- :: The renewed commitment to Primary Health Care (PHC) presents an opportunity to reconsider latent synergies and novel partnerships for child health and development.
- :: TB and HIV partners need to align better and jointly formulate strategies to scale up pediatric TB and HIV in an integrated MNCH and PHC context.
- :: Integrated, family-centered approaches, implemented at the community and primary care facility level are key for bridging the pediatric TB and HIV gaps.

[Building a European database to gather multi-country evidence on active and latent TB screening for migrants](#)

Joanna Nederby Öhd, Knut Lönnroth, Ibrahim Abubakar, Robert W. Aldridge, Connie Erkens, Jerker Jonsson, Valentina Marchese, Alberto Matteelli, Dee Menezes, Dominik Zenner, Maria-Pia Hergens S45–S49

Published online: March 1, 2019

International Migration Review

Volume 53 Issue 1, March 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

JAMA

April 16, 2019, Vol 321, No. 15, Pages 1429-1542

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

Viewpoint

[A Model for Public Access to Trustworthy and Comprehensive Reporting of Research](#)

Marina Broitman, PhD; Harold C. Sox, MD; Jean Slutsky, PA, MSPH

free access

JAMA. 2019;321(15):1453-1454. doi:10.1001/jama.2019.2807

This Viewpoint describes the peer review processes of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, the yield since 2010 of publicly posted final reports of funded comparative effectiveness studies, and speculates that the benefits of the legislatively mandated process may someday outweigh its many current procedural challenges.

JAMA Pediatrics

April 2019, Vol 173, No. 4, Pages 303-404

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

[Reviewed earlier]

JBI Database of Systematic Review and Implementation Reports

April 2019 - Volume 17 - Issue 4

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Journal of Adolescent Health

April 2019 Volume 64, Issue 4, p419-546

[https://www.jahonline.org/issue/S1054-139X\(18\)X0006-8](https://www.jahonline.org/issue/S1054-139X(18)X0006-8)

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Community Health

Volume 44, Issue 2, April 2019

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10900/44/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development

2019: Volume 9 Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Development Economics

Volume 138 Pages 1-308 (May 2019)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-development-economics/vol/138/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics

Volume 14 Issue 2, April 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

April 2019 - Volume 73 - 4

<https://jech.bmj.com/content/73/4>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine

Volume 12, Issue 1 Pages: 1-88 February 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Global Ethics

Volume 14, Issue 3, 2018

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

[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 2, 2018

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

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Journal of Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Management

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Editorial

[Assessing researchers with a focus on research integrity](#)

The Lancet

Despite decades of progress in global health, many low and middle income countries are not reaching their health Sustainable Development Goals, creating a sense of urgency to prioritise health in resource-strained environments. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) is becoming increasingly attractive to the health-care industry. The accompanying enthusiasm remains awkwardly placed somewhere between aspiration and reality.

The Artificial Intelligence in Global Health [report](#), published on April 1, 2019, was funded by the USAID's Center for Innovation and Impact and the Rockefeller Foundation, in close coordination with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The report looks at 27 cases of AI use in health care and distils them into four key groupings—population health, patient and front-line health worker virtual assistants, and physician clinical decision support. It hypothesises how AI solutions could improve access, quality, and efficacy of global health systems while accounting for their technological maturity and feasibility. The identified challenges, the most highly volatile being privacy, ethics, and data ownership, are in line with recent [debates](#) on regulation and policy for AI technology implementation in health care. To mitigate these challenges, stakeholders would need to be held accountable and be transparent whether

supporting innovation, interoperability, or capacity building. The report sets the framework for a proactive and strategic approach to accelerate the development of cost-effective use of AI in global health by investing in case-specific, systematic, and technology-related key areas.

This report outlines an aspirational yet pragmatic framework for better coordination for AI investment between donors, governments, and the private sector, while harnessing a futuristic vision—the digitisation of global health. Because the cost-effectiveness of these AI solutions has yet to be validated, the call for investments feels somewhat premature. Traditionally, the global health community is a late adopter of new technologies. Hence, it is imperative that they have an integral and active role in the dialogue early on. As this report rightfully stipulates, technology will get there, but will the world follow?

Seminar

Tuberculosis

Jennifer Furin, Helen Cox, Madhukar Pai

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Lam Minh Yen, C Louise Thwaites

Articles

The relationships between democratic experience, adult health, and cause-specific mortality in 170 countries between 1980 and 2016: an observational analysis

Thomas J Bollyky, Tara Templin, Matthew Cohen, Diana Schoder, Joseph L Dieleman, Simon Wigley

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Summary

Background

Previous analyses of democracy and population health have focused on broad measures, such as life expectancy at birth and child and infant mortality, and have shown some contradictory results. We used a panel of data spanning 170 countries to assess the association between democracy and cause-specific mortality and explore the pathways connecting democratic rule to health gains.

Methods

We extracted cause-specific mortality and HIV-free life expectancy estimates from the Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors Study 2016 and information on regime type from the Varieties of Democracy project. These data cover 170 countries and 46 years. From the Financing Global Health database, we extracted gross domestic product (GDP) per capita, also covering 46 years, and Development Assistance for Health estimates starting from 1990 and domestic health spending estimates starting from 1995. We used a diverse set of empirical methods—synthetic control, within-country variance decomposition, structural equation models, and fixed-effects regression—which together provide a robust analysis of the association between democratisation and population health.

Findings

HIV-free life expectancy at age 15 years improved significantly during the study period (1970–2015) in countries after they transitioned to democracy, on average by 3% after 10 years. Democratic experience explains 22·27% of the variance in mortality within a country from cardiovascular diseases, 16·53% for tuberculosis, and 17·78% for transport injuries, and a smaller percentage for other diseases included in the study. For cardiovascular diseases, transport injuries, cancers, cirrhosis, and other non-communicable diseases, democratic experience explains more of the variation in mortality than GDP. Over the past 20 years, the average country's increase in democratic experience had direct and indirect effects on reducing mortality from cardiovascular disease (−9·64%, 95% CI −6·38 to

-12.90), other non-communicable diseases (-9.14%, -4.26 to -14.02), and tuberculosis (-8.93%, -2.08 to -15.77). Increases in a country's democratic experience were not correlated with GDP per capita between 1995 and 2015 ($\rho=-0.1036$; $p=0.1826$), but were correlated with declines in mortality from cardiovascular disease ($\rho=-0.3873$; $p<0.0001$) and increases in government health spending ($\rho=0.4002$; $p<0.0001$). Removal of free and fair elections from the democratic experience variable resulted in loss of association with age-standardised mortality from non-communicable diseases and injuries.

Interpretation

When enforced by free and fair elections, democracies are more likely than autocracies to lead to health gains for causes of mortality (eg, cardiovascular diseases and transport injuries) that have not been heavily targeted by foreign aid and require health-care delivery infrastructure. International health agencies and donors might increasingly need to consider the implications of regime type in their efforts to maximise health gains, particularly in the context of ageing populations and the growing burden of non-communicable diseases.

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[Working with marginalized groups demands time and respect — and researchers must give both](#)

All those in the research enterprise must support efforts to conduct just, equitable and inclusive research.

World View | 15 April 2019

[Safeguards for human studies can't cope with big data](#)

Forty years on from a foundational report on how to protect people participating in research, cracks are showing, warns Nathaniel Raymond.

News Feature | 16 April 2019

[Indigenous groups look to ancient DNA to bring their ancestors home](#)

Local communities and geneticists are working together to sequence DNA from remains that were taken from their homelands decades ago.

Nicky Phillips

Letter | 27 March 2019 | open

[Mapping changes in housing in sub-Saharan Africa from 2000 to 2015](#)

The prevalence of improved housing (with improved drinking water and sanitation, sufficient living area and durable construction) in urban and rural sub-Saharan Africa doubled between 2000 and 2015.

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Perspective

[A Belmont Report for Health Data](#) E. Parasidis, E. Pike, and D. McGraw

Efthimios Parasidis, J.D., M.B.E., Elizabeth Pike, J.D., LL.M., and Deven McGraw, J.D., M.P.H., LL.M.

Just as indignities common in human-subjects research led to the articulation of ethical principles in the Belmont Report 40 years ago, contemporary concerns about data use call for stakeholders to promulgate ethical guidance for health data.

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Policy Platform

[Combating infectious disease epidemics through China's Belt and Road Initiative](#)

Jin Chen, Robert Bergquist, Xiao-Nong Zhou, Jing-Bo Xue, Men-Bao Qian

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...Conclusion and implication

A major part of the BRI focuses on support and communication to build a new mechanism for global health, prioritising the prevention and control of infectious diseases, preventing outbreaks becoming epidemics, and providing UHC, thus overcoming the vicious circle of poverty and ill health. China will strengthen cooperation with particular regard to the control of TB, echinococcosis, and dengue within the 69 countries and deliver enhanced communication and research leading to the elimination of LF, malaria, and schistosomiasis. Based on opportunities the BRI provides and the cooperative experience gained, the framework shown in [Fig 3](#) should become available and applicable to the response to these challenges by sharing information, joint control, and technical know-how.

UHC and response to the challenges posed by infectious disease epidemics are vital for the new era, with health considerations at the core of the BRI. Despite the serious threats of the infectious disease epidemics, the emphasis on health through the BRI puts us in an excellent position to achieve the health-related aspects of the SDGs by implementing the Health Silk Road concept of improved life through health-related communication. Based on technical experience in this field, mature collaborating mechanisms, and the provision of financial support, the strategies in the context of the BRI reinforce the various countries' extensive engagement in combating infectious disease epidemics.

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Outcome-based targets are needed to achieve biodiversity goals

Summary

In 2010, Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020, and its 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets, to catalyze national and international conservation efforts and reverse negative biodiversity trends. With the plan nearing an end, and attention turning toward a post-2020 biodiversity framework, it is timely to assess the strengths, weaknesses, and effectiveness of the Aichi Targets. Aichi Target 11, concerned with establishing effective and representative networks of protected areas (PAs) by 2020, has attracted considerable interest owing to widespread recognition of the pivotal role that appropriately situated and well-managed PAs have in conserving biodiversity (1). Substantial advances have been made toward the areal components of Aichi Target 11, with the PA estate increasing by 2.3% on land and 5.4% in the oceans since 2010 and now covering 15% of land and inland freshwater globally and 7% of the oceans (2). However, species' population abundance within and outside PAs continues to decline (1), the placement and resourcing of the majority of PAs has been poor (1, 3, 4), and more than half of PAs established before 1992 have suffered increasing human pressure (5). We discuss four problems with Aichi Target 11 that have contributed to its limited achievement and propose a formulation for a target for site-based conservation beyond 2020 aimed at overcoming them.

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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.

Health

[The Crisis of Youth Mental Health](#)

By Eliot Brenner

Children and adolescents confront a mental health treatment gap in which many who need help do not get it. Philanthropy can help fill this gap by investing in new models of delivering care

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

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World Heritage Success Stories

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

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

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

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