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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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## **"Great Fracture"**

### **[Warning against 'Great Fracture', Secretary-General Opens Annual General Assembly Debate with Call to Avoid Zero-Sum Politics, Revive United Nations Values](#)**

24 September 2019

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Amid fears of the largest economies creating two competing worlds — each with its own currency, trade rules, financial norms and zero-sum geopolitics — the United Nations Secretary-General called today upon global leaders gathered for the General Assembly's annual general debate to maintain a multipolar world in which universal respect for international law and multilateral institutions remains undeniable.

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## **Free Speech – Hate Speech**

### **[Joint open letter on concerns about the global increase in hate speech](#)**

23 September 2019

*Signed by 26 mandates, see list below [Editor's text bolding]*

**We are alarmed by the recent increase in hateful messages and incitement to discrimination and hatred against migrants, minority groups and various ethnic groups, as well as the defenders of their rights, in numerous countries.** Hate speech, both online and offline, has exacerbated societal and racial tensions, inciting attacks with deadly consequences around the world. It has become mainstream in political systems worldwide and threatens democratic values, social stability and peace. Hate-fuelled ideas and advocacy coarsen public discourse and weaken the social fabric of countries.

Through international human rights law and principles, States have committed to combatting racial discrimination, racialized violence, and xenophobia. These **international human rights standards guarantee equality and non-discrimination rights and require States to take strong action against racist and xenophobic speech and to prohibit advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence.**

**We are gravely concerned that leaders, senior government officials, politicians and other prominent figures spread fear among the public against migrants or those seen as "the**

**others", for their own political gain.** The demonization of entire groups of people as dangerous or inferior is not new to human history; it has led to catastrophic tragedies in the past. Around the world, we observe that public figures are attempting to stoke ethnic tensions and violence by spreading hate speech targeting the vulnerable. Such rhetoric aims to dehumanise minority groups and other targeted people, and, in the case of migrants, fosters discriminatory discourse about who "deserves" to be part of a community. Furthermore, hateful calls for the suppression of non-normative sexual orientations and gender identities and a limitation of the human rights of LGBT people limit progress towards the eradication of violence and discrimination against LGBT persons in various countries around the world, and a number of discriminatory legal and policy initiatives have been put forward.

**The rhetoric of hatred must be countered, as it has real-life consequences.** Studies have established a correlation between exposure to hate speech and the number of hate crimes committed. To curb xenophobic attacks on migrants and prevent incitement to discrimination, hatred, hostility and violence against other marginalised groups, we call on public officials and politicians, as well as the media, to assume their collective responsibility to promote societies that are tolerant and inclusive. To achieve this, they must refrain from any advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence. They should also denounce swiftly those who incite hatred against migrants, minorities, or other vulnerable groups.

**This is not a call for further restriction on freedom of expression,** which is under attack worldwide; we call for just the opposite, the promotion of free expression. Freedom of expression serves as a vital tool to counter hate speech, and yet those same public figures who deploy hateful rhetoric often seek to restrict individual rights to speak and respond and defend themselves and their ideas. It is of crucial importance that States ensure that the three-part test for restrictions to freedom of expression – legality, proportionality and necessity –also applies to cases of incitement to hatred. We are concerned about the abuse of "hate speech" as a term to undermine legitimate dissent and urge States to address the core problems addressed by human rights law while promoting rights to privacy, culture, non-discrimination, public protest and peaceful assembly, public participation, freedom of religion and belief, and the freedom of opinion and expression. We urge them to follow the standards adopted in the Rabat Plan of Action and to participate actively in the Istanbul Process to counter the intolerance we see worldwide.

**We call on States to double their efforts to hold accountable those who have incited or perpetrated violence against migrants and other vulnerable groups.** Traditional and social media companies should exercise due diligence to ensure that they do not provide platforms for hate speech and for incitement to hatred and violence. States should actively work towards policies that guarantee the rights to equality and non-discrimination and freedom of expression, as well as the right to live a life free of violence through the promotion of tolerance, diversity and pluralistic views; these are the centre of pluralistic and democratic societies. We believe that these efforts will help make countries safer, and foster the inclusive and peaceful societies that we would all like and deserve to live in.

*Signed by:*

- *the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, Mr. Felipe González Morales;*
- *the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, Mr. David Kaye;*
- *the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, Mr. Ahmed Shaheed;*

- the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, Ms E. Tendayi Achiume;
- the Special Rapporteur on minority issues, Mr. Fernand de Varennes;
- the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, Mr. Michel Forst;
- the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, Mr. Victor Madrigal-Borloz;
- the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, Ms Dubravka Simonovic;
- the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, Ms Maria Grazia Giammarinaro;
- the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana;
- the Independent expert on human rights and international solidarity, Mr. Obiora C. Okafor;
- the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence, Mr. Fabian Salvioli;
- the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, Mr. Philip Alston;
- the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Ms Agnes Callamard;
- the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, Ms Fionnuala Ní Aoláin;
- the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences, Ms. Urmila Bhoola;
- the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, Ms Catalina Devandas Aguilar;
- the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls;
- the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises;
- the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent;
- the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia, Ms Rhona Smith;
- the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr. Javaid Rehman;
- the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali, Mr. Alioune Tine;
- the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, Ms Yanghee Lee;
- the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, Mr. Michael Lynk;
- the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia, Mr. Bahame Tom Mukirya Nyanduga

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## Refugee Policy

*Crises & Countries in Conflict*

[Statement on the \[U.S.\] Decision to Drastically Reduce Refugee Admissions](#)

InterAction

Sep 27, 2019

**The Trump Administration has proposed setting the ceiling for the United States Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) at 18,000 in Fiscal Year 2020. This represents the lowest number of vetted refugees admitted since the program began in 1980 and a precipitous**

## **decline in U.S. leadership in providing safety to some of the most vulnerable people in the world.**

InterAction—an alliance of nearly 200 U.S.-based organizations working overseas to combat extreme poverty and assist disaster-affected people—is disappointed and dismayed by the decision to further slash the number of refugees who will be admitted. The program not only represents a lifeline to refugees themselves but a critical tool in encouraging frontline countries outside the U.S. hosting refugees to keep their borders open to those fleeing war and oppression.

The U.S. has welcomed an average of 95,000 refugees a year and resettled over three million refugees over the past four decades. The program enjoys wide bipartisan support and has enriched U.S. society as refugees have integrated, started businesses, and become new Americans.

InterAction's CEO, Sam Worthington responded:

"Slashing the resettlement program by another 40% is the exact opposite of what the U.S. should do as the number of people displaced by conflict worldwide rises to its highest recorded point. The proposed admissions ceiling is so low it essentially slams the door shut on the world's most vulnerable people.

It also represents a sad milestone in our country's abdication of leadership in providing safe harbor to people whose lives have been shattered by conflict and persecution. The U.S. refugee resettlement program is something all Americans should be proud of and fight to preserve."

### ***InterAction Members Respond***

Care: Administration's plan to slash annual refugee admissions is a dark moment in our nation's history

Catholic Relief Services statement on proposed refugee cap

Church World Service: Stop President Trump from ending refugee resettlement! Tell Congress new record-low refugee admissions goal is morally unconscionable

ECDC statement on FY20 presidential determination

HIAS statement on proposed FY20 refugee admissions of 18,000

IRC: Trump Administration decision to reduce refugee admissions to the US to 18,000 represents a failure of American leadership and moral authority

Islamic Relief USA stands with other global aid organizations in denouncing any proposal to admit fewer or no refugees

Oxfam: Refugee admission announcement immoral and un-American

Save the Children: Oppose drastic cuts to refugee admissions

USCRI statement on the Presidential determination of refugee admissions for Fiscal Year 2020

Women's Refugee Commission statement on the gutting of U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program



## Multilateralism

### The purpose of multilateralism

*A framework for democracies in a geopolitically competitive world*

Will Moreland

Brookings Report :: September 2019 :: 31 pages

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#### *EXECUTIVE SUMMARY*

Across the globe, multilateralism appears in crisis. Skepticism of the benefits of a multilateral order grounded in underlying liberal principles is manifesting throughout the Western world. The United States, the system's imperfect cornerstone, scorns a growing number of multilateral institutions and norms each day. Within Europe, Brexit and discord over the European Union's (EU) future is undercutting the EU as a regional multilateral pillar, alongside the supranational bloc's capacity as a global actor. Simultaneously, a more assertive China and Russia are seeking to reshape multilateralism, challenging the foundational liberal principles that have guided the post-Cold War multilateral order to which the world has become accustomed.

The post-Cold War moment witnessed a tremendous flourishing in multilateral cooperation. Nations employed multilateral architectures with unprecedented success to manage and reduce real shared global problems. Individuals, understandably, are rallying to defend this multilateral order against rising strains. However, multilateralism can only operate in the geopolitical context within which it exists. The unfortunate return of great-power competition, so noticeably dampened during the preceding decades, is eroding the very foundations on which the multilateralism of the post-Cold War era stood.

While the United States is currently the most noticeable disruptor, authoritarian countries are actively contesting the underpinnings of the multilateral order. Russia and China increasingly are working to bring multilateral architectures into closer alignment with their own authoritarian norms. Such a transformation is not in the interests of nations around the globe that seek to maintain democratic governance against the growing reach of authoritarian influence. Globalization's ties have created deep interconnections and vulnerabilities between democratic and authoritarian states. As states continue to "weaponize" those channels, and China presents a true global economic challenge to the market democracies, the United States and other democratic countries must move toward a conception of multilateralism that defends democratic interests within existing, and even new, architectures.

A relearning of the history of multilateralism is central to this process. Decades ago, multilateral arrangements born amidst post-war hopes of cooperation quickly learned to function in divided environments throughout the Cold War. As great-power competition casts a shadow over today's multilateral systems, we must recall lessons from beyond the past quarter-century. To meet rising geopolitical challenges, democratic countries ought to approach multilateral architectures through a framework along three complementary lines:

- :: Continue to support measured collaboration on shared challenges;
- :: Create or revitalize fora to provide for deconfliction and crisis off-ramps; and

:: Compete selectively both within existing institutions and via new ones to better defend democratic values against authoritarian rivals.

A strategic outlook of competitive multilateralism seeks a rebalance among these three dimensions so that democratic governments are best positioned to strive to avert the specter of conflict without sacrificing their publics' liberty and prosperity.



## **UHC – “Multilateral Agencies”**

### **Multilateral agencies launch a joint plan to boost global health goals**

*Health, development and humanitarian agencies will collaborate for greater efficiency and more streamlined support to countries to deliver universal health coverage and achieve the health-related Sustainable Development Goals targets*

*Joint news release: Gavi, The GFF, the Global Fund, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNITAID, UN Women, World Bank Group, WFP and WHO.*

New York | | 24 September 2019 – Today at the United Nations General Assembly, 12 multilateral agencies launched a joint plan to better support countries over the next 10 years to accelerate progress towards the health-related [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#).

**Developed over 18 months, *Stronger Collaboration, Better Health: Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All* outlines how a dozen multilateral health, development and humanitarian agencies will collaborate to be more efficient and provide more streamlined support to countries to deliver [universal health coverage](#) and achieve the health-related SDG targets.**

Healthy people are essential for sustainable development and for ending poverty, promoting peaceful and inclusive societies as well as protecting the environment. Over the last few decades, significant gains have been made in key areas of health, but the 2030 targets will not be met without redoubled efforts.

“The plan is called, ‘Stronger Collaboration, Better Health’ for a reason,” said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of WHO. “Although collaboration is the path, impact is the destination. The release of this plan is the beginning, not the end, of that path.”

Universal health coverage is key to meeting the health-related goals and addressing health inequities. If trends continue, up to 5 billion of the world’s population will not be covered by essential health services in 2030, as highlighted in the Universal Health Coverage: Global Monitoring Report, released last week by WHO. To leave no one behind, countries need to address health inequities. Improved collaboration and coordination can help countries tackle complex health challenges and bring innovative solutions.

Together, the 12 agencies contribute nearly one-third of all development assistance to health. Under the [Global Action Plan](#), the agencies commit to strengthening their collaboration to:

:: Engage with countries better to identify priorities, plan and implement together;

:: Accelerate progress in countries through joint actions under 7 accelerator themes, which represent common challenges for many countries and where the agencies' mandates, expertise and resources offer solutions, namely: 1) Primary health care 2) Sustainable health financing 3) Community and civil society engagement 4) Determinants of health 5) Innovative programming in fragile and vulnerable settings and for disease outbreak responses 6) Research and development, innovation and access, and 7) Data and digital health. They will also work together to advance gender equality and support the delivery of global public goods;

:: Align by harmonizing their operational and financial strategies and policies in support of countries to increase efficiency and reduce the burden on countries; and

:: Account, by reviewing progress and learning together to enhance shared accountability.

Governments are setting priorities, developing implementation plans and intensifying efforts to achieve the health-related SDG targets. Demand from countries for the Global Action Plan is growing. "Achieving the health-related SDG goals is key for Nepal. Strengthening primary health care and enhancing data utilization for evidence-based planning and decision-making are two accelerators that will help bring us closer to achieving the SDG goals," said Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal, Mr Upendra Yadav.

Through the Global Action Plan, the agencies will help countries deliver on international commitments in addition to the SDGs, such as those made in Astana on primary health care and at the UN General Assembly High-level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage this week in New York.

Coordinated by WHO, the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All, is in response to a call from Germany, Ghana and Norway, with support from the United Nations Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, for more effective collaboration and coordination among global health organizations to achieve the health-related SDGs.

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## **Climate – CRC**

### **[16 children, including Greta Thunberg, file landmark complaint to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child](#)**

*Child petitioners protest lack of government action on climate crisis*

NEW YORK, 23 September – Sixteen child petitioners – including Greta Thunberg and Alexandria Villaseñor – from 12 countries around the world today [presented](#) a landmark official complaint to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child to protest lack of government action on the climate crisis.

The child petitioners – aged between 8 to 17 – allege that Member States' failure to tackle the climate crisis constitutes a violation of child rights. They urge the independent body to order Member States to take action to protect children from the devastating impacts of climate change.

"Change needs to happen now if we are to avoid the worst consequences. The climate crisis is not just the weather. It means also, lack of food and lack of water, places that are unliveable and refugees because of it. It is scary," said Greta Thunberg.

**The complaint was filed through the Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, a voluntary mechanism which allows children or adults on their behalf to appeal directly to the United Nations for help if a country that has ratified the Protocol fails to provide a remedy for a rights violation.**

Announced at a press conference hosted at UNICEF Headquarters in New York, the complaint aims to inspire the urgent action needed to curb global heating and mitigate the impact of the climate crisis.

"Thirty years ago, world leaders made a historic commitment to the world's children by adopting the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Today, the world's children are holding the world accountable to that commitment," said UNICEF Deputy Executive Director Charlotte Petri Gornitzka. "We fully support children exercising their rights and taking a stand. Climate change will impact every single one of them. It's no wonder they are uniting to fight back."...

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## **Development – Multilateral Development Banks – Climate Finance**

**[Nine multilateral development banks \(MDBs\) announced plans to increase global climate action investments they support each year to USD175 billion by 2025.](#)**

*Asian Development Bank*

*African Development Bank*

*AIIB*

*European Bank for Reconstruction and Development*

*European Develop Bank*

*IDB Group*

*Islamic Development Bank*

*New Development Bank*

*World Bank Group*

### **High Level MDB Statement**

*FOR PUBLICATION AT THE UNSG CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT, 22 SEPTEMBER 2019*

Multilateral Development Banks have been at the forefront of supporting our clients' efforts to pursue ambitious climate action for more than a decade. **In light of growing climate change impacts, including on the poorest and most vulnerable, each of our institutions is taking urgent action to help our clients adapt to and mitigate climate risks.**

These actions include:

**ACTION 1:** Each institution has individually committed to support increased climate finance levels over time:

:: Given the growth in climate finance support each of us has achieved to date, we expect our individual efforts to collectively total at least USD\$65 billion annually by 2025, with \$50 billion for low and middle income economies, 50 percent above current levels.<sup>1</sup>

:: We expect our collective efforts to double the total level of adaptation finance provided to clients to USD\$18 billion annually by 2025, compared to current levels. This responds to the urgent need to scale-up support for climate resilience in client projects and for enhanced systemic resilience.

**ACTION 2:** Based on current trends, we expect our collective efforts to also result in a further \$40 billion of climate investments mobilized annually by 2025 from private sector investors, including through the increased provision of technical assistance, use of guarantees, and other de-risking instruments.

**ACTION 3:** Commit to helping our clients deliver on the goals of the Paris Agreement. At COP25 we will present key elements of our common framework, which defines clear principles each institution will incorporate, starting from 2021, in ways reflective of their unique client base and operations. Principles for intermediated financing activities are still under development and will be presented by the time of COP26.

**ACTION 4:** Develop a new transparency framework to report on both the impact of each MDB's activities and how these are helping clients meet and exceed commitments they have made, to be presented at COP25. This framework will be informed by consultations with multiple stakeholders, with the objective of broadening its use across the financial sector, beyond MDBs.

**ACTION 5:** Each institution will take actions to help clients move away from the use of fossil fuels by:

:: Sharing at COP25 principles that can help our public and private sector clients design and implement long-term low GHG emissions and climate resilient strategies that grow in ambition over time. This approach should help governments assess their individual progress on their climate commitments and help bridge the gap between the countries' current efforts and the long-term goals of signatories to the Paris Agreement.

:: Continue working with national development banks and other financial institutions, to develop, by COP26, financing and policy strategies supporting a just transition that promotes economic diversification and inclusion.

In all of our actions, we will focus on building and strengthening partnerships that enhance support for clients. Specifically, we will accelerate dissemination of international best practices on climate risk disclosure across the financial sector. We will continue to work with commercial bank partners and DFIs, in particular with the members of the IDFC, and through the Climate Action in Financial Institutions Initiative and regional initiatives. Our work with national governments, the private sector, the donor community, civil society organizations, and global climate funds, such as the GCF, GEF and CIF, will remain key for countries to achieve ambitious transformation in line with their Paris Agreement commitments.

*1 Climate finance commitments are made by each institution individually, and any reporting on collective totals in no way implies an obligation to help another institution achieve their commitments.*

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**Finance –“Responsible Banking”**

**[Principles for Responsible Banking](#)**

September 2019

The Principles for Responsible Banking were launched by 130 banks from 49 countries, representing more than USD47 trillion in assets, on 22 and 23 September 2019 in New York City, during the annual United Nations General Assembly. More than 45 CEOs together with the UN Secretary-General attended the launch ceremony.

:: [Signatories List](#)

:: [The Principles Signature Document](#), containing the six Principles for Responsible Banking and their Preamble:

"Banks play a key role in society. As financial intermediaries, it is our purpose to help develop sustainable economies and to empower people to build better futures. Banking is based on the trust our customers and wider society put in us to serve their best interests and to act responsibly.

"Our success and ability to remain profitable and relevant is intrinsically dependent on the long-term prosperity of the societies we serve. We believe that only in an inclusive society founded on human dignity, equality and the sustainable use of natural resources, can our clients and customers and, in turn, our businesses thrive.

"We therefore want to take a leadership role and use our products, services and relationships to support and accelerate the fundamental changes in our economies and lifestyles necessary to achieve shared prosperity for both current and future generations.

We therefore commit to the ambitions set out in the following Principles:

### **1. Alignment**

We will align our business strategy to be consistent with and contribute to individuals' needs and society's goals, as expressed in the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Climate Agreement and relevant national and regional frameworks.

### **2. Impact & Target Setting**

We will continuously increase our positive impacts while reducing the negative impacts on, and managing the risks to, people and environment resulting from our activities, products and services. To this end, we will set and publish targets where we can have the most significant impacts.

### **3. Clients & Customers**

We will work responsibly with our clients and our customers to encourage sustainable practices and enable economic activities that create shared prosperity for current and future generations.

### **4. Stakeholders**

We will proactively and responsibly consult, engage and partner with relevant stakeholders to achieve society's goals.

### **5. Governance & Culture**

We will implement our commitment to these Principles through effective governance and a culture of responsible banking.

### **6. Transparency & Accountability**

We will periodically review our individual and collective implementation of these Principles and be transparent about and accountable for our positive and negative impacts and our contribution to society's goals.



## **Children – Sale and Sexual Exploitation**

### **[UN Committee launches guidelines on combating child sexual exploitation and the sale of children in the digital age](#)**

GENEVA (26 September 2019) – The United Nations Committee which monitors the Convention on the Rights of the Child is officially launching on Thursday [new guidelines](#) designed to help States better implement the Convention's Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.

The Guidelines drawn up by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child place a particular focus on the specific new threats confronting children all across the world as a result of digital technologies such as the internet and social media.

Rapidly evolving information and communication technologies have provided sexual offenders with a variety of new opportunities and means to abuse children. They are being used to groom children for sexual purposes; to view and participate in online child sexual abuse via live video streaming; to distribute child sexual abuse material, including self-generated content resulting from "sexting;" and to commit sexual extortion.

Offenders are connecting and sharing encrypted information with one another, and using the 'darknet' to commit or facilitate offences covered by the Optional Protocol. This presents new and complex challenges for law enforcement. In a world where internet access is expanding at unprecedented levels, the risk of children being sexually exploited, or of being bought and sold as a commodity, both within and across national borders, has been growing at an alarming rate.

The Guidelines aim to foster a deeper understanding of the provisions of the Optional Protocol, and offer practical solutions based on the good practices and challenges that States have encountered in its implementation. They are designed to assist the 176 States that have ratified the Optional Protocol so far – as well as those which accede to it in the future – to implement its provisions effectively. The Guidelines also address the role played by the private sector and States' obligation to ensure companies and other private sector entities take action to prevent the sexual exploitation of children.

"The Guidelines cover prevention, prohibition of the sale of children and their sexual exploitation for prostitution and in pornography, measures to prevent impunity of perpetrators and measures to support and rehabilitate child victims," said the Committee's Chair, Luis Pedernera. "We believe they can be of considerable help to States in their efforts to combat these atrocious crimes which continue to blight the lives of so many children across the world. This is no longer a case of an occasional hidden offender living at the bottom of the street. It is now a case of a multitude of offenders on the other side of the world who can reach directly inside our homes in order to corrupt and destroy our children's lives. This is a battle we simply cannot afford to lose."

*The Guidelines regarding the implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography were adopted by the Committee on the Rights of the Child at its 81st session (13–31 May 2019). They are now available at: [https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/CRC/CRC.C.156\\_OPSC%20Guidelines.pdf](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/CRC/CRC.C.156_OPSC%20Guidelines.pdf)*

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## **Development – Philanthropy**

### **UNICEF and the Islamic Development Bank launch first global Muslim philanthropy fund for children**

*Unique partnership will provide new funding resource for humanitarian and development programmes*  
NEW YORK, 26 September 2019 – UNICEF and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) today launched an innovative fund that will open new opportunities for Muslim philanthropy to reach the millions of children currently in need of humanitarian support and help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**The Global Muslim Philanthropy Fund for Children (GMPFC) is the first fund focused on Muslim giving to be launched by a United Nations organization together with a Multilateral Development Bank (MDB).** The fund will enable multiple forms of Muslim philanthropy, including obligatory giving such as Zakat and voluntary giving such as Sadaqah donations and Waqf endowments, to contribute to emergency response and development programmes.

**It is estimated that global annual Zakat contributions alone may reach up to US\$600 billion,** making this a significant potential source of sustainable funding to help achieve the SDGs. Seeking to raise US\$250 million, the Fund will be administered by the IsDB and unite giving from private and public foundations, Zakat agencies and individuals.

Funding will be allocated to UNICEF and IsDB programmes in the 57 Member Countries of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) which have been identified as eligible to receive Muslim giving, uphold UNICEF core values and deliver the greatest strategic impact for children and young people. This will include support for children in education, health and nutrition, water and sanitation, early childhood development, protection and youth empowerment.

As a lead investor to the Fund, Abdul Aziz Abdulla Al Ghurair, chairman of the Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education, today committed to contribute US \$10 million to the Fund over a three-year period. This commitment will support refugee education programmes in the Middle East and North Africa region.

“Global humanitarian needs are at critical levels and rising,” said Dr. Bandar Hajjar, President of the Islamic Development Bank. “Nearly 184 million people, including 89 million children need humanitarian assistance in 2019. Children are especially vulnerable– they face the highest risk of violence, exploitation, disease and bear the brunt of climatic events, be they floods or droughts. That is why we need urgent and innovative solutions such as Islamic finance. **We are proud to partner with UNICEF to develop this innovative, ethical and sustainable funding solution. Together we can provide help and assistance today and ensure a brighter tomorrow for those who need it the most– our children.**”

"Every child has the right to survive and thrive, but conflicts and other emergencies continue to deny children the protection, health and futures they deserve," said UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore. "Emergency programmes in OIC countries account for two thirds of UNICEF's humanitarian funding needs. This new partnership with IsDB will accelerate our efforts to reach the most vulnerable children with life-saving support and demonstrates the power of collective action to help every child attain every right."

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## **Precision Public Health – Global Initiatives**

### **[Using Data to Save Lives: The Rockefeller Foundation and Partners Launch \\$100 Million Precision Public Health Initiative](#)**

*Initiative Aims to Prevent 6 Million Deaths by 2030*

*Brings Data Science and Machine Learning to Community Health Systems and Frontline Workers*

NEW YORK, Sept. 25, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- The Rockefeller Foundation and leading global health partners announced today a \$100 million Precision Public Health initiative to empower community health systems and frontline health workers with the latest data science innovations, including more accurate and precise decision-making tools based on large, integrated datasets, predictive analytics, artificial intelligence, and machine learning. **The initiative aims to prevent 6 million deaths in 10 countries by 2030, by enabling frontline health workers with simple, inexpensive data analytic tools.**

This initiative will address the reality that data science and new innovations are not reaching the people who need them most. The Precision Public Health initiative will leverage technologies that are transforming health in wealthy countries to dramatically reduce preventable maternal and child deaths. **Partners and collaborators for this initiative include UNICEF; the World Health Organization; The Global Fund; the Global Financing Facility supported by The World Bank Group; and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.**

"We have an unprecedented opportunity to leverage advances in data science and technology that have enriched the lives of society's most privileged, and transform health for those left behind around the world," said Dr. Rajiv J. Shah, President of The Rockefeller Foundation. "Working together, we can close the health inequity gap by driving innovation and investment to save millions of lives."

The initiative will build upon a number of similar efforts on a smaller scale that have already shown encouraging results in applying data science to better deploy life-saving health tools. These include developing real-time risk maps to direct frontline health workers to areas of greatest need, and analyzing non-health data like climate patterns or social media trends to predict and better address health emergencies weeks in advance.

#### *The Rockefeller Foundation-UNICEF Partnership*

This initiative will begin in India and Uganda and expand to eight additional countries by 2030. The work in India and Uganda will focus on reducing maternal and child mortality through a partnership with The Rockefeller Foundation and UNICEF. The integration and analysis of disparate data will enable

decentralized decision-making and near real-time monitoring across the primary and community health systems to accelerate the impact of interventions on maternal and child health outcomes. Best practices and key learnings will be applied in additional countries through the regional UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa Office to accelerate progress and scale.

"Data is a powerful tool that can help us make life-saving decisions and prevent epidemics before they happen," said Ms. Henrietta Fore, Executive Director of UNICEF. "Timely, reliable, and disaggregated data, underpinned by a commitment to universal health coverage, can ensure that vulnerable women, children, and young people get the care they need at the right place and the right time."...

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## **Emergencies**

### **Ebola – DRC+**

*Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*

#### **Ebola Outbreak in DRC 60: 24 September 2019**

*Situation Update*

In the past week, from 16 to 22 September, 39 new confirmed Ebola virus disease (EVD) cases, with an additional 22 deaths, have been reported from nine health zones in three affected provinces in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Pockets of insecurity in the affected areas, along with localised security incidents, continue to hinder response activities, including safe and dignified burials (SDB), vaccination, contact tracing and case reporting. For instance, a recent major security incident in Lwemba, within Mandima health zone is still preventing response activities in this area. Overall, these incidents underscore the need for continued and proactive engagement and sensitizing of local communities, especially in the high risk areas that may not currently be affected...

...The Democratic Republic of the Congo health authorities have endorsed the use of a second investigational Ebola vaccine with at-risk populations in areas that do not have active EVD transmission. Regular vaccination activities in EVD-affected areas will continue...

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#### **Second Ebola vaccine to complement "ring vaccination" given green light in DRC**

23 September 2019 *Statement* Geneva, Switzerland

The health authorities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) have announced plans to introduce a second experimental Ebola vaccine, manufactured by Johnson & Johnson, from mid-October. This vaccine, which is given as a 2-dose course, 56 days apart, will be provided under approved protocols to targeted at-risk populations in areas that do not have active Ebola transmission as an additional tool to extend protection against the virus...

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will complement the current vaccine (rVSV-ZEBOV-GP, manufactured by Merck), which has proven highly effective and safe, and which has helped protect thousands of lives. The Merck vaccine will continue to be provided to all people at high risk of Ebola infection

including those who have been in contact with a person confirmed to have Ebola, all contacts of contacts, and others determined to be at high risk of contracting Ebola. To date over 223,000 people have received this vaccination during the current outbreak...

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## **POLIO**

*Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*

### **Polio this week as of 25 September 2019**

:: The Global Polio Eradication Initiative and the Pakistan Polio Programme are looking for innovative ways to help quickly detect, control and/or respond to the spread of anti-vaccination propaganda on social media in an urban population. For more information on how to join this collective effort please click [here](#).

:: [Look](#) through the lives of polio vaccinators in Somaliland as they reach out to vaccinate nomadic communities.

#### ***Summary of new viruses this week:***

:: ***Afghanistan*** — one wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1)- positive environmental sample;

:: ***Pakistan*** — four WPV1 cases and seven WPV1-positive environmental samples;

:: ***Nigeria*** — one circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2)- positive case;

:: ***Angola*** — four cVDPV2 cases;

:: ***Myanmar*** — two cVDPV1 cases.

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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 28 Sep 2019]

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

:: [Ebola Outbreak in DRC 60: 24 September 2019](#)

:: [WHO and partners launch emergency vaccination campaign to help contain world's largest measles outbreak](#) 25 September 2019 [*link not operative at inquiry*]

#### **Mozambique floods**

:: [Dr Joaquim da Silva Physician and post-emergency WHO operations officer in Sofala province](#) 25 September 2019

#### **South Sudan**

:: [South Sudan validates and costs its National Action Plan for Health Security](#) 26 Sep 2019

With support from the World Health Organization (WHO), South Sudan has developed and costed a National Action Plan for Health Security, which is a comprehensive, multisectoral blueprint to strengthen the country's core capabilities to manage health risks (as well as save lives and avoid

interference to international trade and travel) during emergency situations, as required by the legally binding International Health Regulations (2005).

### **Syrian Arab Republic**

:: WHO statement on mortality in Al Hol camp in Syrian Arab Republic 22 September 2019

:: Greater support needed to ensure accessible quality health services for a quarter of a million Syrian refugees in Iraq 22 September 2019

Nigeria - *No new digest announcements identified*

Somalia - *No new digest announcements identified*

Yemen - *No new digest announcements identified*

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### **WHO Grade 2 Emergencies** [to 28 Sep 2019]

#### **Measles in Europe**

:: WHO urges investments to stop measles transmission in Europe 24-09-2019

The first-ever WHO Strategic Response Plan (SRP) for a measles emergency was launched today to ensure financial commitment to stop the spread of this highly contagious and serious disease in the WHO European Region.

Over 120,000 measles cases were reported between August 2018 and July 2019, which is more than the total number for a 12-month period reported in the Region in over a decade. Of the Region's 53 countries, 48 reported cases in this period.

As measles continues to circulate in the Region, a stronger response by the international community is needed. In May this year, WHO classified measles outbreaks across the Region as a Grade 2 emergency. The newly launched SRP provides a resource mobilization tool to accelerate tailored interventions in measles-affected and at-risk countries, where investments will have the greatest possible impact...

#### **Sudan**

:: Critical WHO supplies arrive in Sudan to manage cholera outbreak 25 September 2019

*[Editor's Note: No mention of OCV in announcement]*

Afghanistan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Angola - *No new digest announcements identified*

Burkina Faso [in French] - *No new digest announcements identified*

Burundi - *No new digest announcements identified*

Cameroon - *No new digest announcements identified*

Central African Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

Ethiopia - *No new digest announcements identified*

HIV in Pakistan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Iran floods 2019 - *No new digest announcements identified*

Iraq - *No new digest announcements identified*

Libya - *No new digest announcements identified*

Malawi floods - *No new digest announcements identified*

MERS-CoV - *No new digest announcements identified*

Myanmar - *No new digest announcements identified*

Niger - *No new digest announcements identified*

occupied Palestinian territory - *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 28 Sep 2019]

#### **Kenya**

:: Sense of relief as families embrace malaria vaccine roll out in Kenya 24 September 2019

Chad - *No new digest announcements identified*

Djibouti - *No new digest announcements identified*

Mali - *No new digest announcements identified*

Namibia - viral hepatitis - *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: Rukban Humanitarian Update (As of 25 September 2019)

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.

*Editor's Note:*

*Ebola in the DRC has been added as a OCHA "Corporate Emergency" this week:*

CYCLONE IDAI and Kenneth - *No new digest announcements identified*

EBOLA OUTBREAK IN THE DRC - *No new digest announcements identified*

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### **Agency/Government/IGO Watch**

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

### **United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly**

[to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements*

28 September 2019

GA/12198

**[Stronger Multilateralism Key to Tackling Tough Global Challenges but Not at Expense of State Sovereignty, Several Speakers Warn as General Assembly Debate Continues](#)**

The world needs stronger multilateralism to tackle its toughest challenges, from climate change and poverty eradication to abuses of human rights and arms proliferation, but its efforts cannot be at the expense of respect for national sovereignty, a bedrock principle of the Charter of the United Nations, speakers emphasized today as the General Assembly continued its annual general debate.

25 September 2019

GA/12187

**[World Leaders Denounce Breaches of Sovereignty in Collective Efforts to Settle Conflict, Tackle Climate Change, as General Assembly Debate Continues](#)**

International peace and security are gravely threatened when national sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity — principles on which the United Nations was founded — are undermined and violated, world leaders told the General Assembly today as it continued its annual general debate.

24 September 2019

GA/12183

**[Warning against 'Great Fracture', Secretary-General Opens Annual General Assembly Debate with Call to Avoid Zero-Sum Politics, Revive United Nations Values](#)**

Amid fears of the largest economies creating two competing worlds — each with its own currency, trade rules, financial norms and zero-sum geopolitics — the United Nations Secretary-General called today upon global leaders gathered for the General Assembly's annual general debate to maintain a multipolar world in which universal respect for international law and multilateral institutions remains undeniable.

24 September 2019

SG/SM/19763-GA/12186-ENV/DEV/1999

**[At High-Level Political Forum, Secretary-General Calls for 'All Hands on Deck', Reinvigorated Efforts to Ensure Success of Sustainable Development Goals](#)**

**UN OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Top News*

**[Egyptian protests: Concerned by widespread arrests, Bachelet urges restraint](#)**

**[Zimbabwe: UN expert calls for democratic shift after groundbreaking visit](#)**

**[Bachelet signs "milestone agreement" to open UN Human Rights Office in Sudan](#)**

**[Saudi Arabia: UN experts urge freedom for Loujain Al-Hathloul after 500 days in prison](#)**

**[Cambodia: UN rights expert calls for 'reset' to put people first](#)**

## **UN Human Rights Office and Venezuelan Government sign Memorandum of Understanding**

**United Nations Human Rights Council** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest News*

**UN child rights committee voices support for children campaigning on climate change**

27 September 2019

**UN Committee launches guidelines on combating child sexual exploitation and the sale of children in the digital age**

26 September 2019

*[See Week in Review for detail]*

**Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest News*

**The Gambia: UN Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict Welcomes OPAC Ratification**

Friday, 27 September 2019

**UN Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict Welcomes Myanmar's Ratification of OPAC**

Friday, 27 September 2019

**Increasing Collaboration to Break Cycles of Vulnerability and Better Protect Children in Armed Conflict**

Friday, 23 August 2019

**SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest news*

**[China: Harassment of human rights lawyer Jiang Tianyong must stop, say UN experts](#)**

24 September 2019

**[Hate speech: UN experts make joint call for action by states and social media firms](#)**

23 September 2019

**Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest news*

**[Ecuador "endemic" violence and discrimination are major public health issues, says UN human rights expert](#)**

27 September 2019

**Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest News*

**[Preliminary findings and observations on visit to Tuvalu by UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights](#)**

[Karima Bennoune](#)

25 September 2019

**[Tuvalu cultural survival at risk from climate change, says UN human rights expert](#)**

25 September 2019

**Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest news*

*No new digest content identified.*

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

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

*Latest News*

**[Joint open letter on concerns about the global increase in hate speech](#)**

23 September 2019

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

**UN OCHA** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

26 September 2019

**[South Sudan: New research finds 1.5 million internally displaced persons](#)**

25 September 2019

**[Emergency Relief Coordinator Thanks Saudi Arabia for \\$500 Million for United Nations Agencies in Yemen](#)**

24 September 2019

**[Scores of people killed and wounded in Amran and Al Dhale'e \[EN/AR\]](#)**

**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNICEF** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected Statements, Press Releases, Reports*

*News note*

**[Geneva Palais briefing note: 123,000 children affected by flooding in Niger](#)**

This is a summary of what was said by Marixie Mercado, UNICEF spokesperson in Geneva – to whom quoted text may be attributed – at today's press briefing at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

27/09/2019

*Press release*

**[Sulawesi earthquake one year on: Over 1 million children and parents reached](#)**

27/09/2019

*Press release*

**[UNICEF and the Islamic Development Bank launch first global Muslim philanthropy fund for children](#)**

Unique partnership will provide new funding resource for humanitarian and development programmes

26/09/2019

*Press release*

**[SAP and UNICEF partner to give young people job skills training](#)**

New partnership in support of Generation Unlimited will co-create solutions for quality education and job skills for young people in underserved communities

25/09/2019

*Statement*

**[UNICEF Executive Director, Henrietta Fore CRC @ 30 Commemoration Event](#)**

25/09/2019

*Statement*

**[UNICEF Executive Director, Henrietta Fore ECW/IFFEd Replenishment Event](#)**

25/09/2019

*Press release*

**[As school year starts in Yemen, 2 million children are out of school and another 3.7 million are at risk of dropping out](#)**

25/09/2019

*Press release*

**[UNICEF aims to reach 1.1 million children with winter assistance in the Middle East and North Africa](#)**

UNICEF requires US\$47 million in funding for lifesaving winter supplies and cash assistance for children

24/09/2019

*Press release*

**[Indonesia: 10 million children at risk from air pollution due to wild forest fires](#)**

24/09/2019

*Press release*

**[16 children, including Greta Thunberg, file landmark complaint to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child](#)**

Child petitioners protest lack of government action on climate crisis

23/09/2019

*Statement*

**[UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore remarks on young people and climate change](#)**

23/09/2019

*Statement*

**[UNICEF Executive Director, Henrietta Fore ECD in Emergencies Event — SHORTENED](#)**

23/09/2019

*Statement*

**[Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director UHC Summit Event: "Accelerating Multi-Sectoral & Multi-Stakeholder Action & Investment "](#)**

23/09/2019

**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected Announcements*

**[Brutal violence in northern Nigeria forces thousands into Niger](#)**

27 Sep 2019

**[First group of vulnerable refugees evacuated from Libya to Rwanda](#)**

27 Sep 2019

**IOM / International Organization for Migration** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected Announcements*

**[IOM Scales Up Response to Hurricane Dorian Damage in The Bahamas](#)**

2019-09-27 16:40

Nassau – During the next weeks, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) will increase its support to survivors of Hurricane Dorian by managing shelters, providing essential household items to displaced families, supporting debris removal operations and deploying its...

**[IOM in Turkey and Greece Respond to Surge in Humanitarian Needs as Migrant Numbers Rise](#)**

2019-09-27 16:35

Ankara/Athens – At the International Organization for Migration (IOM)'s Western Turkey warehouse in the port city of Izmir, stocks of basic supplies – food, water, blankets, shoes, and clothing – are nearly depleted.

**[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 68,113 in 2019; Deaths Reach 970](#)**

2019-09-27 16:20

Geneva – IOM reports that 68,113 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea through 25 September, roughly a 16 per cent decrease from the 81,167 arriving during the same period last year.

**[IOM Tells UN High-Level Meeting that Universal Health Coverage Must Include Migrants](#)**

2019-09-24 18:50

New York - IOM Monday (23 September) welcomed the landmark Political Declaration on Universal Health Coverage at the 74th UN General Assembly in New York.

**[IOM, UNICEF Strengthen Partnership to Respond to Needs of Migrant Children](#)**

2019-09-24 18:29

Addis Ababa – Children as young as 10 are among Ethiopians leaving for better prospects outside the country, many with their parents' consent.

**UNAIDS** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements*

27 September 2019

**[HIV in small island developing states](#)**

27 September 2019

**[The pros and cons of being small](#)**

26 September 2019

**[Without sustainable financing the AIDS response will fail](#)**

26 September 2019

## [Communities of faith—helping to find the missing men and seeking justice for children](#)

25 September 2019

### [Young people taking action, inspiring change](#)

24 September 2019

### [Botswana extends free HIV treatment to non-citizens](#)

The Government of Botswana has decided to extend free HIV treatment to foreign residents in a major policy shift that closes a significant gap in the country's response to the epidemic.

There are an estimated 30 000 foreign residents living with HIV in Botswana, but less than a quarter of them currently have access to treatment. Many foreign residents are simply unable to afford medicines or return home to seek medical help.

Botswana has the third highest HIV prevalence in the world, with more than one in five of the adult population aged 15–49 years living with the virus. In 2016, the country decided to adopt a treat all strategy by extending free treatment to all citizens living with HIV, a step that has been yielding significant results. Since 2010, AIDS-related deaths have decreased by a third, with new HIV infections down by 36% over the same period.

"I commend Botswana for extending free treatment to foreign residents living with HIV," said Gunilla Carlsson, UNAIDS Executive Director, a.i. "This measure will save lives and help the entire country progress towards ending the AIDS epidemic—it is another example of Botswana's leadership and its determination to leave no one behind in the response to HIV."...

24 September 2019

### [Making a difference in Ethiopia one district at a time](#)

## **WHO & Regional Offices** [to 28 Sep 2019]

### **WHO Regional Offices**

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

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

:: Ebola, cholera and measles: Triple threats to the poorest communities in the Democr...

27 September 2019

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

:: World Rabies Day: Latin America and the Caribbean on the cusp of eliminating rabies deaths  
(09/25/2019)

:: UN Declaration on Universal Health Coverage: PAHO advocates for health system transformation  
(09/24/2019)

:: Health ministers to gather in Washington to set policies, priorities for health action in the Americas  
(09/23/2019)

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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

:: Community pharmacists on the frontline of health care 25-09-2019

:: WHO urges investments to stop measles transmission in Europe 24-09-2019

- :: [Stories of change: countries making progress towards universal health coverage](#) 24-09-2019
- :: [Estonia: making medicines affordable and accessible for all](#) 23-09-2019

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

- :: [Greater support needed to ensure quality health services for Syrian refugees in Iraq](#)  
22 September 2019

### **WHO Western Pacific Region**

- :: [Parliamentarians: Climate crisis one of the most critical threats to health in the Asia-Pacific region](#) 23 August 2019

### **World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)** [to 28 Sep 2019]

<http://www.oie.int/en/for-the-media/press-releases/2019/27/09/19>

#### **'United Against Rabies' collaboration celebrates one year of progress towards zero human rabies deaths by 2030**

Since the launch of 'Zero by 30' in 2018, the United Against Rabies collaboration has made progress to empower, engage and enable countries to reach the rabies elimination goal by 2030. Released today on World Rabies Day, the first annual progress report describes the incremental, collaborative impact of the four partners<sup>[1]</sup> in promoting the One Health approach<sup>[2]</sup> and achieving the three objectives of the Global Strategic Plan.

#### *Facilitating access to vaccines, medicines and education*

- :: In addressing the first objective of the Plan: Eliminate rabies by effective use of vaccines, medicines, tools and technologies, the UAR collaboration enabled the implementation of concrete actions in countries aimed at tackling rabies at its source: infected dogs. In 2018, these efforts included:

- :: Increasing access to high-quality dog rabies vaccines, by delivering more than 2 million doses to 13 countries in Asia and Africa, through the OIE Rabies Vaccine Bank;

- :: Improving care for dog bite cases with potential human rabies exposure, by convening training for more than 450 health professionals in 70 of the 89 countries in which human rabies occurs, delivered by WHO and other UAR partners.

- :: Enhancing rabies education and awareness through World Rabies Day webinars organized by FAO and other UAR partners, as well as almost 200 events on World Rabies Day registered on the GARC website from 62 countries, attracting significant exposure through printed, digital and social media channels. Capacity-building workshops in communications were also delivered by the OIE...

### **UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund [to 28 Sep 2019]

<http://www.unfpa.org/press/press-release>  
*No new digest content identified.*

### **UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 28 Sep 2019]

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter.html>  
*Selected Press Releases/Announcements*

#### **UNDP, Hilton Foundation launch new platform to support smart, inclusive cities**

New York, 26 September 2019—The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, and partners today launched [City2City.Network](#), a new platform aimed at helping cities manage challenges strategically—and learn from each other...

Posted on September 26, 2019

### **[Prolonged conflict would make Yemen the poorest country in the world, UNDP study says](#)**

Yemen will become the poorest country in the world if its conflict goes on through 2022, a new report by UNDP projects.

Posted on September 26, 2019

### **[Digital technologies are revolutionizing global development, UNDP chief says](#)**

New digital technologies are emerging and converging faster all the time and offering quicker, smarter solutions to tackle the world's toughest challenges, UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner said today.

Posted on September 25, 2019

### **UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected News & Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

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

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*News*

28 Sep 2019 *Press release*

#### **[Planting trees has never been easier!](#)**

New York, 28 September 2019 - For the first time ever, some of the best community-led tree planting projects from over 20 countries have come together to deliver a massive boost to the world's reforestation efforts...

23 Sep 2019 *Press release*

#### **[Investors make unprecedented commitment to net zero emissions](#)**

New York, 23 September, 2019 – In one of the boldest actions yet by the world’s largest investors to decarbonize the global economy, an alliance of the world’s largest pension funds and insurers – responsible for...

22 Sep 2019 *Press release*

**[130 banks holding USD 47 trillion in assets commit to climate action and sustainability](#)**

New York, 22 September 2019 – In a massive boost for climate action and sustainability, leading banks and the United Nations today launched the Principles for Responsible Banking, with 130 banks collectively...

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

**UNISDR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest News*

**[Small island developing States, on the front lines of climate and economic shocks, need greater international assistance](#)**

27 September 2019, New York

**UNESCO** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest News*

**[UNESCO qualifications passport for refugees and vulnerable migrants](#)**

27 September 2019

Member States of UNESCO have expressed the necessity to establish a globally recognized Qualifications Passport, drawing from the experiences and methodology of the [European Qualifications Passport \(link is external\)](#) (EQP) initiative taken by the [Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education \(link is external\)](#) (NOKUT) and the [Council of Europe \(link is external\)](#). Establishing a UNESCO Qualifications Passport (UQP) will emphasize the significance of education in building peace, restoring dignity and recovering livelihoods for refugees as well as the need to implement a comprehensive refugee response, strengthening global governance of migration.

A Qualifications Passport under the auspices of UNESCO could become a modern universal tool to facilitate the mobility for refugees with qualifications, and may even be used at a later stage, as a mobility tool for migrants around the globe. In addition, the UQP could serve as a complementary apparatus for the implementation of the future [Global Recognition Convention](#), and the implementation of provisions on recognition of refugees and displaced persons in the Revised Regional Recognition Conventions.

Given the current situation of refugees, the UQP could be one of the priority projects that UNESCO would lead to respond to the Global Compacts on the protection, insertion of both refugees and migration. The establishment of the UQP is a small step, but it should allow a step forward from “commitment to action”. It also meets the [New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants \(link is](#)

external), which has provided a Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) (link is external) and initiated the two “global compacts”.

**[The International Committee of the Red Cross and UNESCO bring together 14 countries from Asia and Pacific to advance the protection of cultural property](#)**

27 September 2019

**[UNESCO launches global programme to train 200,000 youth on climate and biodiversity skills](#)**

24 September 2019

UNESCO’s strong engagement with youth aims to give them a voice and drive social innovation and change, to enable them to participate fully in the policies defining their future. Standing with them at the UN Climate Summit, the organization announced a training and capacity building programme on climate knowledge to empower 200,000 youth per year, and called all governments to join this movement to reach the target of 2 Million Youth Empowerment by 2030.

**International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Announcements*

**[ICOMOS and partners issue new report: “Culture in the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda”](#)**

23 September 2019

Building on the commitments of #culture2015goal, the members of this campaign have taken the occasion of the UN SDGs Summit that takes place in New York on 24-25 September 2019, as a perfect opportunity to re-energise the campaign, now updated as #culture2030goal. The new report entitled: “Culture in the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda”, coordinated by ICOMOS and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) with contributions from all campaign members, sends key messages on the role of culture - current and potential - in the implementation of the SDGs...

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 28 Sep 2019]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

Friday 27 September, 2019

**[#WasteWiseCities: Top 20 innovative solutions that transform waste to wealth](#)**

Thursday 26 September, 2019

**[Full Cabinet Approves the Malawi National Urban Policy](#)**

**[Young Women take the Lead in the fight against Climate Change](#)**

**[Zero carbon urban mobility is key to achieving a sustainable future](#)**

Wednesday 25 September, 2019

[\*\*Brazil: Two projects supported by UN-Habitat honoured with awards\*\*](#)

Tuesday 24 September, 2019

[\*\*World Car Free Day 2019 celebrated in Dhaka, Bangladesh\*\*](#)

[\*\*Global Observance of World Habitat Day to take place in Mexico City\*\*](#)

Tuesday 24 September, 2019

[\*\*The climate is changing, so must our homes & how we build them\*\*](#)

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*United Nations General Assembly*

[\*\*World Leaders Gather to Mobilize Solutions to Shape the Future of Work\*\*](#)

24 September 2019

World leaders called for bold, innovative action to implement a human-centered approach to the future of work.

*UN General Assembly*

[\*\*ILO and UNCCD to work together on human impacts of desertification\*\*](#)

24 September 2019

Ahead of the UN Climate Summit, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding supporting closer cooperation on climate-related issues, including halting desertification and land degradation, and creating green jobs.

*Article*

[\*\*Future of work takes centre stage at UNGA\*\*](#)

24 September 2019

ILO-led discussions relating to the future of work played a key role at the UN General Assembly in New York. Follow the highlights here.

*UN Climate Action Summit*

[\*\*Just transition commitments made by many countries at UN Climate Action Summit\*\*](#)

23 September 2019

Prime Minister of Spain announces commitments made by close to 50 countries to create just transition plans designed to ensure ambitious climate action delivers significant social gains with decent green jobs.

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

**[ICAO's No Country Left Behind initiative successfully delivered a safer and more secure global flight network](#)**

28/9/19

**[Statement of support for Montréal youth Climate Strike](#)**

26/9/19

**[Brazil to enhance airport planning, operations and management through cooperation with ICAO](#)**

26/9/19

**[Industry High-level Group launches second Aviation Benefits Report](#)**

25/9/19

**[ICAO supports UN-wide effort to refocus global attention on Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals](#)**

25/9/19

**IMO** International Maritime Organization [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest Press Briefings*

**[Supporting gender equality, empowering women - World Maritime Day 2019](#)**

26/09/2019

IMO is inviting the entire maritime world to highlight and showcase their commitment to empowering women in the maritime community to support SDG 5 on gender equality.

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Press Release*

**[Global Climate in 2015-2019: Climate change accelerates](#)**

Publish Date: 22 September 2019

*Record greenhouse gas concentrations mean further warming*

The tell-tale signs and impacts of climate change – such as sea level rise, ice loss and extreme weather – increased during 2015-2019, which is set to be the warmest five-year period on record, according to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). Greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere have also increased to record levels, locking in the warming trend for generations to come.

*Press Release*

**[Landmark United in Science report informs Climate Action Summit](#)**

Publish Date: 22 September 2019

*Science highlights key facts and figures about growing gap between targets and reality*

The world's leading climate science organizations have joined forces to produce a landmark new report for the United Nations Climate Action Summit, underlining the glaring – and growing – gap between agreed targets to tackle global warming and the actual reality.

**UPU** Universal Postal Union [to 28 Sep 2019]

[http://news.upu.int/no\\_cache/news/](http://news.upu.int/no_cache/news/)

*News*

**[UPU third Extraordinary Congress wraps with strong solidarity message](#)**

26.09.2019

Closing the third Extraordinary Congress today, the Secretary General of the Universal Postal Union Bishar A. Hussein congratulated around 800 representatives from over 130 countries for reaching an agreement on postal remuneratio...

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Organization for Standardization** (ISO) [to 28 Sep 2019]

[https://www.iso.org/news\\_archive/x/](https://www.iso.org/news_archive/x/)

*News*

By Clare Naden on 26 September 2019

**[World Tourism Day: using standards to secure more jobs](#)**

ISO International Standards help support tourism and contribute to the objective of this year's theme "Tourism and jobs: a better future for all".

By Clare Naden on 25 September 2019

**[Turning tides: encouraging gender diversity on World Maritime Day](#)**

While traditionally seen as male-dominated, the maritime sector benefits from gender equality just like any other industry.

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

Sep 25, 2019 PR/2019/835

**[Accessible Books Consortium Welcomes Leading Publisher Hachette Livre as 100th Signatory to ABC's Charter for Accessible Publishing](#)**

Hachette Livre is the 100th signatory of the Accessible Books Consortium (ABC) Charter, marking an important milestone for the WIPO-sponsored alliance working to increase the number of books in accessible formats for use by hundreds of millions of people around the globe who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled.

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

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**[Statement by Dr. Cristiana Pasca Palmer, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, on the occasion of World Tourism Day 2019](#)**

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**USAID** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements*

**[USAID Administrator Mark Green's Meeting with the Director-General of the World Health Organization, the Honorable Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Ph.D.](#)**

September 26, 2019

Readout

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Administrator Mark Green met with the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, today in New York to discuss the upcoming U.S.-WHO Strategic Dialogue; collaboration on the Director-General's Transformation Agenda for the WHO; improved administration of grants; plans to strengthen the WHO's external partnerships, including with the private sector; and reforms on cost-effectiveness.

**[USAID Deputy Administrator Bonnie Glick's Meeting with Seth Berkley, M.D., Chief Executive Officer \(CEO\), Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance](#)**

September 25, 2019

Readout

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Deputy Administrator Bonnie Glick met September 23, 2019, with Dr. Seth Berkley, the CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. Deputy Administrator Glick thanked Dr. Berkley for Gavi's continued and long-standing partnership with USAID and outstanding impact in reaching more than 760 million children with life-saving vaccines since 2000. She congratulated Dr. Berkley on the successful launch of Gavi's 2021-2025 Strategy and Investment Case at the Tokyo International Conference on African Development in August of this year.

**[USAID Administrator Mark Green's Remarks After Meeting with Venezuelan Ambassador to the U.S. Carlos Vecchio, Venezuelan Lawmakers, and Human Rights Activists](#)**

September 25, 2019

Remarks

We've just had a wonderful conversation; Ambassador Vecchio, myself, and the rest of the delegation. I've been impressed with their leadership since we first met back in January. In the meeting today, I was able to give them the great news that I'm announcing \$52 million in new funding from USAID to support the interim government and the people of Venezuela as they seek to restore citizen responsive, democratic governance and repair the provision of health services in their country. USAID, and the Trump Administration more largely, fully support the interim government of Juan Guaidó to democratically elected National Assembly and the Venezuelan people as they work to end the illegitimate Maduro regime. The people of Venezuela have suffered enough in these long years and it is time for the country to enjoy peace and prosperity under a democratically elected government.

## **United States Announces New Humanitarian Assistance for Displaced Rohingya and Members of Other Affected Communities in Bangladesh and Burma**

September 24, 2019

Today in New York, the United States announced more than \$127 million in additional humanitarian assistance for Rohingya refugees and host communities in Bangladesh and internally displaced Rohingya and members of other affected communities in Burma. This funding will help address the emergency needs of some of the more than 900,000 refugees in Bangladesh, many of whom are Rohingya women and children from Rakhine State, Burma, as well as the related needs of Bangladeshi host communities. This funding will also provide life-saving assistance to internally displaced persons, including Rohingya, and members of other affected communities in Burma, including those affected by the fighting between the Burmese military and the Arakan Army.

## **USAID Announces \$52 Million in Development Assistance for Programs Inside Venezuela**

September 24, 2019

Today, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Administrator Mark Green, while standing alongside Venezuelan lawmakers, human-rights activists, and the Venezuelan Ambassador to the United States, Carlos Vecchio, announced \$52 million in development assistance to help Venezuela's Interim President Juan Guaido, his government, and the Venezuelan people as they seek to restore citizen-responsive, democratic governance to their country.

**DFID** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Press Releases*

### **UK aid to boost access to finance for sub-Saharan Africa**

New UK aid package will help mobilise £500 million in private sector investment and create 50,000 jobs across sub-Saharan Africa.

From: Department for International Development

Updated: 27 September 2019

24 September 2019 — *Press release*

### **New UK aid support for Venezuelans in desperate need**

The UK is significantly increasing its support for vulnerable Venezuelans suffering in the wake of their country's economic collapse.

## **Prime Minister announces ambitious package of support to protect and restore the world's forests**

New funding to halt loss of and reverse the damage already done to the world's mangroves and forests which are vital to protecting many species already so close to extinction.

From: Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

Updated: 23 September 2019

**ECHO** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**African Union** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives, recognizing that a number of Social Press releases*

**[AUC Commissioner, H.E Josefa Sacko appointed Global Leader in the fight against malnutrition](#)**

September 25, 2019

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Secretariat News*

**[ASEAN holds training on traditional medicines and health supplements](#)**

MANILA, 23 September 2019 - The ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality - Traditional Medicines and Health Supplements Product Working Group in collaboration with ASEAN – USAID Inclusive Growth in ASEAN through Innovation, Trade and E-Commerce and the ASEAN Secretariat organised a regional training on "ASEAN Guidelines on Claims and Claims Substantiation for Traditional [...]

**European Commission** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**OECD** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

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**[Countries must invest at least 1% more of GDP on primary healthcare to eliminate glaring coverage gaps](#)**

Countries must increase spending on primary healthcare by at least 1% of their gross domestic product (GDP) if the world is to close glaring coverage gaps and meet health targets agreed in 2015, says a new report from the World Health Organization and partners on the eve of a UN General Assembly high-level meeting on Universal Health Coverage.

**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Press Releases*

**[OAS and KOLAU Marketing Sign Cooperation Agreement to Promote Digitalization of Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Businesses](#)**

September 26, 2019

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 28 Sep 2019]

<https://www.oic-oci.org/>

*Selected Press Releases*

*Website not responding at inquiry*

**Group of 77** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

[Statement by H.E. Mohammad Shtayyeh, Prime Minister of the State of Palestine, at the \*\*43rd Annual Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77\*\* \(New York, 27 September 2019\)](#)

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**UNCTAD** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

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25 Sep 2019 –

[\*\*Forget securitization, backing public banks is best for sustainable development, says UN report\*\*](#)

[\*\*Managing capital could provide a us\\$680bn annual windfall for financing 2030 agenda, UNCTAD finds\*\*](#)

[\*\*UN calls for bold action to finance a global green new deal and meet the SDGs\*\*](#)

[\*\*'Til debt do us part: un calls for urgent action on debt relief, concessional lending and improved sovereign debt restructuring mechanisms\*\*](#)

[\*\*Bad moon rising: slowing global economy reveals debt distress as biggest threat to international stability\*\*](#)

**World Customs Organization – WCO** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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**IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Press releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Court of Justice** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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**World Bank** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

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**Migration and IDA**

In 2018, International Development Association (IDA) countries were home to 21 million economic migrants, and outward migration from IDA countries numbered 53 million. In Sub-Saharan Africa, intra-regional...

Date: September 26, 2019 Type: Brief

**Board Paper on Economic Migration**

This publication describes how economic migration can be leveraged for development and what role could the World Bank Group and other MDBs play in that process. It provides an update on migration data...

Date: September 26, 2019 Type: Brief L

**Migration and Remittances**

International migration – the movement of people across international boundaries – has enormous implications for growth and poverty alleviation in both origin and destination countries. According to newly...

Date: September 26, 2019 Type: Brief

**Gender-Based Violence (Violence Against Women and Girls)**

Gender-based violence (GBV) or violence against women and girls (VAWG), is a global pandemic that affects 1 in 3 women in their lifetime. The numbers are staggering: 35% of women worldwide have experienced...

Date: September 25, 2019 Type: Brief

**IMF** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

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September 25, 2019

### **[Statement by Kristalina Georgieva on Her Selection as IMF Managing Director](#)**

Ms. Kristalina Georgieva issued the following statement today after the Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) selected her as the IMF's next Managing Director—the 12th since the Fund's inception in 1944—for a five-year term, starting on October 1

September 25, 2019

### **[IMF Executive Board Selects Kristalina Georgieva as Managing Director](#)**

The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) today selected Kristalina Georgieva to serve as IMF Managing Director and Chair of the Executive Board for a five-year term starting on October 1, 2019. Ms. Georgieva, who succeeds Christine Lagarde, is the first person from an emerging market economy to lead the IMF since its inception in 1944.

### **African Development Bank Group** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*[We generally limit coverage to regional or Africa-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of No new digest content identified.]*

### **[UNGA 2019: Hands off our girls! African first ladies take campaign against rape, early child marriage, to UN General Assembly](#)**

27-Sep-2019 - Africa's first ladies, led by Sierra Leone Fatima Maada Bio brought their campaign to ban early child marriage and sexual violence against women and girls before a global stage in a passionate appeal for the world to support their "Hands Off Our Girls! Campaign. In a no-holds barred conversation organized on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly Wednesday, Bio flanked by her husband President Julius Bio, spoke to "lift the lid of silence" taboo and stigma surrounding rape and early marriage in Sierra Leone and other parts of the continent.

### **Asian Development Bank** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

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

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### **[Transport, Housing Key for Asian Cities to Continue Booming — ADB Report](#)**

To remain engines of economic growth and jobs, developing Asia's burgeoning cities need efficient transport networks and affordable housing backed by effective and coordinated land and economic planning, according to the theme...

25 Sep 2019

### **[Asia's Economic Outlook Dims as Trade and Investment Weaken — ADB](#)**

Economic growth in developing Asia remains robust but prospects have further dimmed and risks to the region's economies are rising as trade and investment weaken, according to ADO 2019 Update, ADB's flagship economic publication.

### **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

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

Beijing, China, September 23, 2019

**[MDBs Unite to Raise Annual Global Climate Finance to USD175B by 2025](#)**

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

**IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

News

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**[Call for proposals: Grant to implement inclusive red meat value chains for women and youth farmers in Eastern and Southern Africa](#)**

**Islamic Development Bank** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

News

**[IsDB launches flagship publication on developing national ecosystems to achieve SDGs](#)**

The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) has launched a flagship publication on the side lines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, to help developing countries to establish national ecosystems for South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

26 September 2019

**[UNICEF and the Islamic Development Bank launch first global Muslim philanthropy fund for children](#)**

26 September 2019

**[ISDB partners with WPDI to empower Karamoja district, Uganda](#)**

26 September 2019

**[High Level MDB Statement](#)**

22 September 2019

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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 28 Sep 2019]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

26 septembre 2019

**[Organisez une collecte de titres-restaurant pour Action contre la Faim](#)**

DU 1er OCTOBRE AU 15 NOVEMBRE, ACTION CONTRE LA FAIM LANCE LA GRANDE COLLECTE DE TITRES RESTAURANT VALIDES, A L'OCCASION DES 10 ANS DE L'OPÉRATION « JE DEJ, JE DONNE ». NOUS SOUHAITONS MOBILISER LES COLLABORATEURS DES ENTREPRISE EN SUSCITANT UN ÉLAN DE SOLIDARITÉ COLLECTIF. LES DONS EN TITRES-RESTAURANT VALIDES COLLECTES PERMETTENT A ACTION CONTRE LA FAIM DE VENIR EN AIDE AUX POPULATIONS LES PLUS VULNÉRABLES, EN TOUTE INDÉPENDANCE.

**Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA)** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Amref Health Africa** [to 28 Sep 2019]

<https://newsroom.amref.org/category/press-releases/>

*Selected Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 28 Sep 2019]

<https://aravind.org/>

*Announcements*

**[Inviting applications for Long term fellowship in Glaucoma at Sri Venkateswara Aravind Eye Hospital, Tirupati](#)**

**[October Summit 2019](#)**

*(thirteenth annual series)*

**BRAC** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest*

September 24, 2019

**[The growing water gap in Dhaka, one of the world's fastest growing cities](#)**

September 22, 2019

**[People for peace: 7 lessons from Bangladesh](#)**

September 22, 2019

**[When invisibility stops being a superpower](#)**

**CARE International** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Press Releases*

**[One Year on in Central Sulawesi, Devastated Women and Girls Continue to Face Challenges](#)**

27th Sep 2019

One year after Palu, Sigi, Donggala and other areas of Central Sulawesi were shaken by a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake, and inundated by tsunami waters, thousands of women and girls face challenges in accessing safe shelter, water and sanitation facilities, as well as uncertainty about their future. Together over the ...

### **[The UN's SDGs will remain a pipe dream unless gender violence is addressed, and women are economically empowered](#)**

25th Sep 2019

The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will remain a pipe dream unless world leaders accelerate efforts for the economic empowerment of women and address gender-based violence, CARE International experts say.

### **[World leaders miss opportunity to address climate emergency at UN Summit, says CARE International](#)**

24th Sep 2019

Today's United Nations Climate Action Summit was a missed opportunity for world leaders to mount a response commensurate with what scientists, cities, organizations and more than four million people worldwide are declaring a climate emergency. Decades of human and economic development are at risk and trillions of dollars of opportunity ...

### **[Counter-Terrorism Frameworks and Safeguarding Humanitarian Space: Humanitarian Recommendations ahead of the UNGA High Level Side Event](#)**

23rd Sep 2019

As humanitarian organisations committed to upholding humanitarian principles, we work to ensure that aid goes to all those who need it. Principled humanitarian action requires us to engage with all parties to a conflict so we can reach people most in need. To ensure that aid is not diverted or ...

**Clubhouse International** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*NEWS*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ECPAT** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*News & Updates*

### **[World Tourism Day 2019 – Children rescued from sexual exploitation in India](#)**

27/09/2019

The World Tourism Day 2019 is hosted by [UNWTO](#) in India, and we're taking this opportunity to bring attention to the work being done by ECPAT members in the country and India's tourism industry

to protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation. Many businesses, not only in India, are taking this step and on the World Tourism Day 2019, we invite you all to follow.

**Fountain House** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

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**[Vienna Conference Oct. 1-2: crucial event to stop the bombing of civilians](#)**

**Heifer International** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

*No new digest content identified.*

**HelpAge International** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICRC** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

**[Like in physical war, trust and truth will be the first victims in digital frontier](#)**

The digital space is the next frontier in war, and like in physical war, trust and truth will be the first victims."The digital transformation is affecting each and every sector -- the fabric of life -- and so it is affecting the humanitarian sector,

27-09-2019 | Article

**[Southern Africa: States commit to a global nuclear ban](#)**

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) welcomes southern African states' collective commitment to contribute to a global ban on nuclear weapons by signing and fully ratifying the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons on the sideli

27-09-2019 | Article

**[Remarks to "Sharing experiences in addressing gender-based violence: Women and girls in crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan"](#)**

26-09-2019 | Statement

## **Combatting terrorism should not come at the expense of humanitarian action or Principles**

As delivered by ICRC President Peter Maurer  
26-09-2019 | Statement

## **Syria: States must strike a balance between security and treating people humanely**

As delivered by ICRC President Peter Maurer  
24-09-2019 | Statement

## **The endurance of the Geneva Conventions shows us what is possible**

As delivered by President Peter Maurer  
23-09-2019 | Statement

**IFRC** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

*Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua*

### **Dengue spreads across Central America, Red Cross scales up response**

Panama/Geneva, 27 September 2019 --As dengue spreads rapidly across Central America, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is scaling up emergency assistance to help countries contain the mosquito borne viral disease ...

27 September 2019

*Global*

### **New "game-changing" financing mechanism to end cholera launched at UN General Assembly**

New York, 26 September 2019 – The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) today unveiled a major new initiative to combat cholera and other diarrheal diseases in 29 member countries ...

26 September 2019

*Asia Pacific, Indonesia*

### **Indonesia: 57,000 people homeless one year after Sulawesi earthquakes, tsunami and liquefaction**

One year after earthquakes, a tsunami and liquefaction struck Sulawesi in Indonesia on 28 September 2018, an estimated 57,000 people remain homeless, the Indonesian Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) said today.

23 September 2019

**International Medical Corps (IMC)** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**IRC International Rescue Committee** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Media highlights*

*Press Release*

**[IRC: Trump Administration decision to reduce refugee admissions to the US to 18,000 represents a failure of American leadership and moral authority](#)**

September 26, 2019

*Press Release*

**[Global Business Leaders: The Sustainable Development Goals Will Not Be Achieved If Refugees Continue to be Excluded](#)**

September 24, 2019

*Press Release*

**[IRC: 26 Million Refugees Missing from Sustainable Development Goals](#)**

September 23, 2019

**IRCT** [to 28 Sep 2019]

<https://irct.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Islamic Relief Worldwide** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest News*

**[Mirpur's survivors struck by second powerful earthquake](#)**

Published: 27 September, 2019

**[A year after disaster struck Sulawesi, its people are still rebuilding their lives](#)**

Published: 27 September, 2019

**[Islamic Relief launches Pakistan earthquake appeal](#)**

Published: 25 September, 2019

**[Islamic Relief hosts UN panel event on the role of faith in fighting global poverty](#)**

Published: 25 September, 2019

**[Islamic Relief cautiously welcomes climate commitments](#)**

Published: 24 September, 2019

**Landsea** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Medecins du Monde** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Mercy Corps** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Press releases*

### **United States: Mercy Corps Statement in Response to U.S. Administration's Reduced Refugee Admission Decision**

Mercy Corps is deeply concerned by the Administration's decision to cut refugee admissions to 18,000 -- a 50% reduction -- for the coming year. This decision undermines U.S. leadership globally, as well as our responsibility to protect the world's most vulnerable people. Today, 70.8 million people have been displaced from their homes, including nearly 26 million refugees, which is the highest level since after World War II.

### **Nigeria: Mercy Corps suspends operations in Borno and Yobe States**

Mercy Corps is suspending operations in Borno and Yobe States, Nigeria, following the closure of four of our field offices by the Nigerian military. We have not yet received an official reason from the Nigerian authorities for the closure and we are seeking to work with them to resolve this as soon as possible. Mercy Corps believes in the work we have done in northeast Nigeria, and we hope to quickly resume our programs that bring much-needed relief to the people of Nigeria.

### **Mercy Corps and Mission Resolve Foundation Deliver Water Treatment Plant for the Bahamas Following Hurricane Dorian**

FREEPORT, Bahamas — Following Hurricane Dorian's Category 5 destruction in the Bahamas, the global organization Mercy Corps and Mission Resolve Foundation have joined forces to bring clean drinking water to residents and several medical facilities on Grand Bahama island through the installation of a water treatment plant.

### **Mercy Corps Delivers Commitments to Help Fragile States Tackle the Global Climate Emergency as UN Convenes Climate Action Summit**

WASHINGTON, DC — As UN Secretary-General António Guterres convenes the UN Climate Action Summit to accelerate action in the face of a global climate emergency, the global organization Mercy Corps is answering his call for governments, the private sector and civil society to make firm commitments to tackle climate change.

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest [Selected Announcements]*

*Access to medicines*

### **6 things Big Pharma doesn't want you to know!**

Project Update 26 Sep 2019

*DRC Ebola outbreaks*

### **Crisis update - September 2019**

Crisis Update 23 Sep 2019

*DRC Ebola outbreaks*

### **Independent Ebola vaccination committee is needed to overcome lack of WHO transparency**

Press Release 23 Sep 2019

**Operation Smile** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

**Program Schedule**

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

**OXFAM** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected News/Announcements*

**World leaders make historic commitment to fight inequality and exclusion at UN General Assembly**

25 September 2019

Today marks an extraordinary gathering in New York of world leaders who have committed for the first time to take a stand together in the fight to promote inclusion and end extreme inequality.

**Poorest people get less than one cent per day to protect themselves from impacts of climate crisis**

23 September 2019

Leaders must heed climate strikes and give vulnerable people the tools to survive.

**Norwegian Refugee Council** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest news from NRC*

25. Sep 2019

**Joint INGO statement ahead of UNGA event on counter-terrorism frameworks and safeguarding humanitarian space**

As humanitarian organisations committed to upholding humanitarian principles, we work to ensure that aid goes to all those who need it. Principled humanitarian action requires us to engage with all parties to a conflict so we can reach people most in need.

*Yemen* | 25. Sep 2019

**Yemenis welcome return of food aid in Sana'a**

"During the last two months our suffering has been aggravated and many times I could not find food for my children," says Juma'a Saleh, a mother of eight from Yemen's capital city Sana'a. Juma'a is one of many residents celebrating the resumption of food distribution in the city, following a deal between the World Food Programme (WFP) and the authorities earlier this month.

*America/El Salvador/Guatemala/Mexico* | 23. Sep 2019

**U.S. not facing deep crisis in own neighbourhood: Central Americans denied asylum and aid**

Desperate Central American families fleeing violence are denied their right to protection and increasingly turned back to insecurity by military forces, barbed wires and walls.

**Pact** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Partners In Health** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

Sep 28, 2019

### **Heart Patient, Advocate, and Soon-to-be-MD**

Erneste Simpunga retells his story of being diagnosed with rheumatic heart disease at 16 and how he was able to travel to Boston for lifesaving surgery, with the support of PIH and Team Heart in Rwanda.

Sep 26, 2019

### **PIH Leader in Devex: UN Health Declaration Undermines Equity**

True health care for all will require global solidarity and should not involve different sets of services for different countries, Dr. Jean Claude Mugunga writes in an op-ed this week, during the UN General Assembly.

Sep 23, 2019

### **Opinion: Universal Health Coverage Must Meet the Needs of the Missing Billion**

PIH leaders discuss the importance of including the "missing billion," or people with disabilities, in conversations about universal health coverage at the U.N. General Assembly this week.

Sep 23, 2019

### **New Emergency Ward a Game Changer in Sierra Leone**

The new emergency ward at Koidu Government Hospital in Sierra Leone is the only one of its kind outside the capital of Freetown, and provides lifesaving work daily. [Read More](#)

**PATH** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected Announcements*

### **Memorandum of Understanding between PATH and MURC**

*A collaborative effort toward creating Digital Health Ecosystems in LMICs*

Seattle, Washington, USA, September 27, 2019 – We are pleased to announce that Mitsubishi UFJ Research and Consulting Co., Ltd. (Tokyo Japan, President: Satoshi Murabayashi, "MURC") and PATH (Seattle USA, President and CEO: Steve Davis) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in order to collaborate in the creation of digital health ecosystems in low and middle income countries (LMICs) and innovative projects using advanced technologies, building on the capabilities, knowledge and network of both parties. Through these collaborative activities, both parties will contribute to the promotion of global health and greater health equity...

**Plan International/BORNEfonden** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Save The Children** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

28 September 2019 - *Indonesia*

**[INDONESIA: Two-thirds of schools in Central Sulawesi remain damaged one year after devastating earthquake and tsunami](#)**

24 September 2019 - *Yemen*

**[Save the Children calls for investigation into killing of five children](#)**

24 September 2019 - *Global*

**[Children in crisis want education more than money, food or water](#)**

**SOS-Kinderdorf International** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*All News*

*Indonesia*

**[A boy's wish to walk again](#)**

September 27 2019 - Ari\* is one of thousands of children whose lives were devastated by the tsunami and earthquake that destroyed parts of the island of Sulawesi in 2018.

*UN General Assembly*

**[Children's rights takes centre stage at UN](#)**

September 26 2019 - SOS Children's Villages emphasised the importance of the principle "leave no one behind" in debates and the specific needs and rights of children without parental care.

**Tostan** [to 28 Sep 2019]

<http://www.tostan.org>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Women for Women International** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

September 25, 2019

**[Global Partnership to End Female Genital Mutilation Launches in NYC](#)**

*GLOBAL PARTNERS*

28 Too Many

Action Aid

Donor Direct Action

ONE Campaign

One Young World

Plan International

Purpose Foundation

Safe Hands

Women for Women International

**World Vision** [to 28 Sep 2019]

<http://wvi.org/>

*Newsroom*

**[20 Years World Vision in Albania and Kosovo- A journey of hope and transformation](#)**

September 27th 2019

**[Japan Ambassador Seiji Okada challenges international community for more support to South Sudan](#)**

September 27th 2019

**[World leaders gathered at the UN need to pick up the pace for the most vulnerable children](#)**

September 24th 2019

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**Electronic Frontiers Foundation**

[https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press\\_release](https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press_release)

*No new digest content identified.*

**Freedom House** [to 28 Sep 2019]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

*Press Releases*

**[United States: Freedom House Applauds Committee Action on Hong Kong Bills, Urges Floor Passage](#)**

September 27, 2019

This week's decisive congressional action to pass Hong Kong-related legislation out of committee sends the unmistakable signal that the US Congress stands with the people of Hong Kong.

*Press Releases*

**[Freedom House Applauds Formation of UN Commission to Investigate Human Rights Abuses in Venezuela](#)**

September 27, 2019

On September 27, 2019, the UN Human Rights Council adopted a resolution to create an independent fact-finding body to investigate human rights abuses in Venezuela.

**Human Rights Watch** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements Americas*

September 27, 2019 News Release

**[Venezuela: UN Creates Independent Investigative Body](#)**

*Middle East/North Africa*

September 27, 2019 News Release

**[Egypt: Hundreds Arrested in Nationwide Crackdown](#)**

September 23, 2019

**[Defenders of the Rainforest: The Fight to Protect Brazil's Amazon](#)**

Indigenous communities in Brazil's Maranhão state have organized as "forest guardians," patrolling their land and reporting illegal logging to authorities. While the "guardians" have been instrumental in bringing about enforcement operations on some occasions, they have faced threats, attacks, and according to community leaders, killings by loggers.

*Asia*

September 22, 2019 News Release

**[Indonesia: Indigenous Peoples Losing Their Forests](#)**

**Transparency International** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

23 Sep 2019

**[One in five people in Latin America and the Caribbean experiences sexual extortion, or knows someone who has, survey says](#)**

- A new report from Transparency International reveals that more than half of all citizens in 18 Latin American and Caribbean countries think corruption is getting worse in their country and governments aren't doing enough to tackle it. Corruption is a major concern for ordinary people; 85 per cent ...

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 28 Sep 2019]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

*News/ Statements*

**[Violence against children as seen by children](#)**

September 24, 2019

by Meg Gardinier, Secretary General of ChildFund Alliance

**CONCORD** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest News and Events*

**[The Ideal Interview of Jutta Urpilainen](#)**

by Newsroom | Sep 26, 2019

Next week, Jutta Urpilainen will be facing the European Parliament for a hearing during which she will be tested on her suitability for the role of International Partnerships Commissioner. CONCORD came up with interview questions that MEPs could ask during the vetting process as well as the ideal answers that the Commissioner designate could use to prepare for the interview. Time to imagine the perfect candidate and play the role model!

**The Elders** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements*

*Press release*

**[The Elders urge Colombia to defend peace agreement against FARC dissidents](#)**

27 Sep 2019

The Elders today called on Colombian President Iván Duque and all political leaders in the country to take all necessary measures to defend and affirm the country's historic peace agreement.

*Speech*

**[The lack of concern and absence of political will risks nuclear catastrophe](#)**

26 Sep 2019

Mary Robinson highlights failures around non-proliferation consensus building which has allowed for the termination of several nuclear agreements

*Speech*

**[A nuclear weapons-free world is possible with step-by-step disarmament](#)**

26 Sep 2019

Gro Harlem Brundtland argues that nuclear disarmament is most likely to be achieved through an incremental process which can secure buy-in from all governments.

*Press release*

**[World leaders risk climate catastrophe with warm words and no action](#)**

24 Sep 2019

As the UN Climate Summit concluded, The Elders appealed to world leaders to act on the outrage of millions of strikers around the world and upscale commitments to end fossil fuel use.

*Speech*

**[Strengthen global health security by investing in Universal Health Coverage](#)**

24 Sep 2019

Our networked world means that we are only as strong as our weakest link. Gro Harlem Brundtland warns leaders to ensure resilience to epidemics by investing in health systems that are capable of meeting daily challenges.

*Speech*

**[Champion Universal Health Coverage to leave nobody behind](#)**

23 Sep 2019

Speaking at the United Nations in New York, Gro Harlem Brundtland challenges world leaders to deliver Universal Health Coverage through publicly-financed primary healthcare-led reforms.  
UHC

**Evidence Aid** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

September 26, 2019 Blog

**[Including people with disabilities and older people in gender-based violence programming: How do we move towards action and outcomes in humanitarian response?](#)**

Claire Allen

Authors: Emma Pearce – Gender & Inclusion Consultant; Sophie Van Eetvelt – Innovation Manager, Elrha; Mendy Marsh – Co-founder & Executive Director, VOICE

Global commitments to prevent and respond to gender-based violence (GBV) from the earliest stages of a humanitarian crisis require tangible changes to the way humanitarian programmes are delivered – from assessment and design through to funding, monitoring and evaluation. At the same time, an increasing drive for inclusion in humanitarian response also requires a substantial shift in the way humanitarian programming is conceptualised and 'done'. The [Humanitarian Inclusion Standards](#) launched in 2018 provide key actions and guidance for humanitarian actors to include people with disabilities and older people. The standards cover identification, addressing barriers to accessing services, and fostering participation in humanitarian programmes, including protection programming.

In May 2019, [Elrha](#) and [VOICE](#) worked together on a [rapid review](#) of disability and older age inclusion in humanitarian GBV interventions. The rapid review collected qualitative data through a range of methodologies, including a desk review of formal and grey literature such as programme documentation, and key informant interviews with key stakeholders. A total of 26 projects / interventions were included in the review, which captures current practice, persistent gaps and key opportunities to strengthen GBV programming.,,

**Gavi** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest news*

24 September 2019

### [Multilateral agencies launch a joint plan to boost global health goals](#)

Health, development and humanitarian agencies will collaborate for greater efficiency and more streamlined support to countries to deliver universal health coverage and achieve the health-related Sustainable Development Goals targets.

*[See Milestones above for more detail]*

24 September 2019

### [Prime Minister of Bangladesh receives 2019 Vaccine Hero Award](#)

Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina recognised for championing immunisation both nationally and globally.

**Global Fund** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*News & Stories*

*News*

### [Tribute to Jacques Chirac, Determined Opponent of AIDS and Global Fund Partnership Trailblazer](#)

26 September 2019

*News*

### [Global Fund Applauds Spain's €100 Million Pledge](#)

25 September 2019

NEW YORK – The Global Fund applauds the announcement by the government of Spain that it will contribute €100 million to the Global Fund over the next three years.

The pledge marks the return of Spain as a donor and demonstrates the country's strong commitment to end the epidemics of HIV, tuberculosis and malaria and build stronger and more sustainable health systems around the world...

*News*

**[Multilateral Agencies Launch Joint Plan to Boost Global Health Goals](#)**

24 September 2019

*Updates*

**[Data Explorer: Country Documents](#)**

24 September 2019

*News*

**[Global Fund Applauds World Leaders' Commitment to Universal Health Coverage](#)**

23 September 2019

*News*

**[Annie Lennox, Diane Kruger, Natalie Portman and Penélope Cruz Call on the World to End Epidemics](#)**

23 September 2019

*Updates*

**[Technical Evaluation Reference Group Thematic Review: Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health](#)**

23 September 2019

*Updates*

**[Technical Evaluation Reference Group Thematic Review: Partnerships](#)**

23 September 2019

**Hilton Prize Coalition** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Blog*

**[Finding My Footing in Global Nutrition: HPC Fellow, Anna Mowell](#)**

Written on 09/24/2019

**ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 28 Sep 2019]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

*Latest resources, events, content*

**[IOM NGO Humanitarian Consultations 2019: Outline](#)**

September, 2019

**InterAction** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest Updates*

*Crises & Countries in Conflict*

**[Statement on the Decision to Drastically Reduce Refugee Admissions](#)**

InterAction

Sep 27, 2019

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

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**3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest News, Publications*

**[Payment for environmental services](#)**

Systematic review Brief 3ie 2019

This brief is based on a systematic review by Snilsveit and colleagues which examines the evidence on the effects of payment for services programmes on socio-economic and environmental outcomes.

**CHS Alliance** [to 28 Sep 2019]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Development Initiatives** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP)** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*LATEST PRESS RELEASES*

*No new digest content identified.*

**EHLRA/R2HC** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Groupe URD** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Humanitarian Studies Association** [to 28 Sep 2019]

<https://ihsa.info/>

*No new digest content identified.*

**INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*News*

**[World Leaders Pledge a Record US\\$205 Million to Education Cannot Wait During United Nations General Assembly](#)**

Education Cannot Wait (ECW)

25 September 2019

The global fund for education in emergencies surpasses half-a-billion dollar milestone in resources mobilized to reach children and youth left furthest behind in crises.

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 28 Sep 2019]

<https://phap.org/>

*Association news*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Sphere** [to 28 Sep 2019]

<https://www.spherestandards.org/news-and-events/>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Start Network** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*News and Blog*

**[REPORT INTO START NETWORK ANTICIPATION TOOLS ADVISES FOR LOCALISED APPROACH](#)**

by Helen James

23 Sep 19

Start Network's new review says that going forward, enabling communities to act ahead of a potential disaster will require a focus on localisation, putting at-risk people at the centre of the process to mainstream of early humanitarian action.

Since the Start Fund anticipation work began in 2016, the fund has allocated £3.7 million to implement nineteen early action projects in response to all types of disasters in fourteen countries across Africa and Asia. The majority of actions are in response to rapid-onset events characterised by short forecast lead times (typically one-two weeks) with limited time to activate and implement early actions. Similar to the Start Fund, the anticipatory alert cycle is quick, with allocation decisions made within 24 hours, with a target activation time of seven days.

To increase member's ability to undertake forecast-based actions, the Start Anticipation Team has been working to improve forecasting tools and develop technical guidance and training resources. Based on the information provided by Start staff, members and partners, the review highlights existing forecast-based tools and platforms used to inform early action...

## **Brookings**

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

*Accessed 28 Sep 2019*

*Latest Research*

*Report*

### **[Former Fed chair Janet Yellen on gender and racial diversity of the federal government's economists](#)**

Janet L. Yellen

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

*Regulatory Policy*

### **[The Supreme Court curtails but retains agency rule deference](#)**

Connor Raso

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

*Health Care Policy*

### **[A new vision for health reform](#)**

Joseph Antos and Alice M. Rivlin

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

*Climate Change*

### **[The challenging politics of climate change](#)**

Elaine Kamarck

Monday, September 23, 2019

*Report*

### **[The purpose of multilateralism](#)**

Will Moreland

September 2019

*[See Week in Review for more detail]*

## **Center for Global Development** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

September 27, 2019

### **[Teacher Professional Development around the World: The Gap between Evidence and Practice](#)**

Many teachers in low- and middle-income countries lack the skills to teach effectively, and professional development (PD) programs are the principal tool that governments use to upgrade those skills. At the same time, few PD programs are evaluated, and those that are evaluated show highly varying results. In this paper, we propose a set of indicators to standardize reporting on teacher PD programs.

Anna Popova, David Evans, Mary E. Breeding and Violeta Arancibia

September 24, 2019

## **Marginal, Not Transformational: Development Finance Institutions and the Sustainable Development Goals**

Development finance institutions have positioned themselves as key agencies to help the world meet the Sustainable Development Goals. It is doubtful that they can deliver. This paper outlines the challenges facing DFIs in achieving (anywhere near) such an expansion in their impact, particularly in infrastructure and particularly in the poorest countries.

Charles Kenny

September 24, 2019

## **Why Uncertainty in Global Health Interventions Matters—and What We Can Do About It**

Global health interventions, like many public policies, are rife with uncertainty. Will a program, such as a malaria prevention strategy that looks strong on paper, work as intended? Will a new technology, such as a specific drug or device that appears effective in clinical trial settings, work in practice and provide good value-for-money?

Kalipso Chalkidou , Anupama Dathan and Francis Ruiz

**CSIS** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected Reports*

*Report*

## **Enhancing U.S. Leadership in a New Era of Global Immunization**

September 27, 2019 | Nellie Bristol, Michaela Simoneau, Katherine Bliss

U.S. government investments in global immunization increase global stability and prosperity and protect Americans from disease. As momentum in vaccine coverage has stalled, new approaches are needed to deliver health services to unreached populations.

*Report*

## **Engaging with India's Electrification Agenda: Powering Odisha**

September 26, 2019 | Stephen J. Naimoli, Kartikeya Singh

The CSIS U.S.-India State and Urban Initiative explores opportunities to engage with Odisha on building capacity in its power sector.

*Report*

## **Beyond the Brink: Escalation and Conflict in U.S.-China Economic Relations**

September 25, 2019 | Matthew P. Goodman, William Alan Reinsch, Scott Kennedy

An effort to model U.S.-China economic conflict finds that Washington and Beijing are set on a path of continued escalation. This CSIS Simon Chair report makes recommendations for U.S. policymakers seeking to engage in successful economic bargaining with China.

*Report*

## **CSIS Brief: Beyond the Brink: Escalation and Conflict in U.S.-China Economic Relations**

September 25, 2019 | Matthew P. Goodman, Dylan Gerstel, Pearl Risberg

As the United States and China mark their 40th anniversary of formal diplomatic relations in 2019, the world's most important bilateral relationship is increasingly defined by mistrust, competition, and uncertainty.

*Report*

**[Youth Violence Prevention in the United States](#)**

September 25, 2019

Youths who become international terrorists, domestic terrorists, school shooters, and gang members experience factors at the personal, group, community, sociopolitical, and ideological-level that play a role in their pathways to violence.

*Report*

**[Strategic Directions for the United States International Development Finance Corporation \(DFC\)](#)**

September 24, 2019 | [Daniel F. Runde](#), [Romina Bandura](#), [Owen Murphy](#)

This report by the Project on Prosperity and Development offers concrete and independent ideas on how the DFC can better support U.S. national security interests while also examining the new agency's limitations.

*Report*

**[U.S. Military Forces in FY 2020: The Struggle to Align Forces with Strategy](#)**

September 24, 2019 | [Mark F. Cancian](#)

CSIS's Mark Cancian analyzes the U.S. military forces in FY 2020, their composition, new initiatives, long-term trends, and challenges, as the United States attempts to align its forces with a strategy of long-term great power competition.

*Report*

**[Engaging with India's Electrification Agenda: Powering Madhya Pradesh](#)**

September 23, 2019 | [Stephen J. Naimoli](#), [Kartikya Singh](#)

The CSIS U.S.-India State and Urban Initiative explores opportunities to engage with Madhya Pradesh on building capacity in its power sector.

**ODI** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected Press Releases & Reports*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Urban Institute** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

September 27, 2019

**[When Is a School Segregated? Making Sense of Segregation 65 Years after Brown v. Board of Education](#)**

Many students are enrolled in segregated school systems with unequal access to resources. In this report, we present a measure that can help policymakers identify the schools in their system that are contributing the most to segregation. How our measure differs from traditional metrics Much research on segregation relies on an absolute measure of segregation, which evaluates exposure and isolation between students of different

[Tomas Monarrez](#), [Brian Kisida](#), [Matthew Chingos](#)

September 27, 2019

Research Report

### **[An Opportunity Zone Guide for Governors and a Case Study of South Carolina](#)**

Created by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, the federal government's latest economic development incentive, Opportunity Zones, is currently in the beginning stages of implementation. While it has the potential to stimulate significant cash flow across the country, its success partially depends on localized execution. Restrictions on what investments qualify are light compared to other federal programs.

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[Brett Theodos](#), [Cody Evans](#), [Brady Meixell](#)

September 25, 2019

Brief

### **[Housing Finance At A Glance: A Monthly Chartbook, September 2019](#)**

The September 2019 edition of At A Glance, the Housing Finance Policy Center's reference guide for mortgage and housing market data, includes updated figures describing the value and size of the US housing market, non-agency MBS issuance, national mortgage affordability and mortgage loans near or in negative equity. Housing Finance at a Glance: Monthly Chartbooks Archive

[Laurie Goodman](#), [Alanna McCargo](#), [Edward Golding](#), [Jim Parrott](#), [Sheryl Pardo](#), [Todd M. Hill-Jones](#), [Karan Kaul](#), [Sarah Stochak](#), [John Walsh](#), [Alison Rincon](#), [Caitlin Young](#)

September 25, 2019

Research Report

### **[Child Care Challenges for Medicaid Work Requirements](#)**

Several states have proposed, and some received, the administration's approval to require some Medicaid beneficiaries, including parents with children at home, to engage in and report on work or designated work-related activities to remain eligible for Medicaid. Some parents may need child care to comply with these Medicaid work requirements. This report explores what is known about the child care challenges they may face and

[Gina Adams](#), [Eva H. Allen](#), [Anuj Gangopadhyaya](#), [Genevieve M. Kenney](#)

September 25, 2019

Research Report

### **[Statement by Laurie Goodman on Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Program](#)**

HFPC Vice President Laurie Goodman testified before the US House of Representatives' Financial Services Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development and Insurance during a hearing that reviewed the Federal Housing Administrations' Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Program. Her testimony explains the value of the HECM program, makes suggestions for how the program can be improved and outlines options for Congress on how to ensure

[Laurie Goodman](#)

September 25, 2019

Testimony

### **[Turbulence Continues in State Tax Revenues in the First Half of 2019, Largely Related to TCJA Federal Tax Changes](#)**

State government tax revenues rebounded in the first quarter of 2019 after declines in the fourth quarter of 2018. However, year-over-year growth was substantially weaker in the first quarter of 2019 than in the final quarter of 2017 and the first three quarters of 2018. Most of the recent weakness was attributable to personal income tax declines. State personal income taxes declined for the second consecutive quarter,

[Lucy Dadayan](#)

September 24, 2019

Research Report

**[Bold, Equitable Policy Solutions Are Needed to Close the Racial and Gender Wealth Gaps](#)**

Kilolo Kijakazi, Institute fellow, testified before the US House of Representatives Financial Services Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion during a hearing that examined the racial and gender wealth gap in America. Her testimony emphasized that the racial wealth gap was created by policies, programs, and institutional practices and that effective solutions required more expansive data collection on wealth and bold, equitable

[Kilolo Kijakazi](#)

September 24, 2019

Testimony

**World Economic Forum** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Media*

*News* 25 Sep 2019

**[Crowd-Sourcing the SDGs: New Open-Source Digital Platform to Unlock Ideas and Spur Funding for Sustainable Development](#)**

*News* 24 Sep 2019

**[Business as a Force for Good – the New Front Line in Tackling Climate Change](#)**

**[World Economic Forum and Aker Group Announce Technology Centre for Ocean and Environment](#)**

**[New Push to Decarbonize Aviation Sector as Consumers Consider Alternatives to Flying](#)**

**[Launch of Climate Action Platform for Delivering Carbon Neutrality in Hard-to-Abate Sectors by Mid-Century](#)**

**[Colombia's Duque Doubles Down on Defending the Amazon](#)**

**[Clean Air Fund to Accelerate Public-Private Solutions to Air Pollution](#)**

**[World Economic Forum Announces Closing the Gender Gap Accelerator in Egypt](#)**

**[Greenwashing Is Out, Let's 'Out' the Greenwashers](#)**

*News* 23 Sep 2019

**[World Economic Forum Launches Global New Mobility Coalition to cut Transport Emissions by 95% and Reduce Commute Costs by 40%](#)**

**[President of Chile: Country Aiming to Be Carbon Neutral Before 2050](#)**

**[We Have the Climate Solutions – Now We Need the Partnerships](#)**

## [A New Ecosystem of Leaders: 40 Social Innovators Driving Change and Transforming Society in 2019](#)

## [New Coalition Aims to Make Zero-Emissions Shipping Plain Sailing](#)

## [Global Survey Shows 74% Are Aware of the Sustainable Development Goals](#)

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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 28 Sep 2019]

<https://alleninstitute.org/what-we-do/frontiers-group/news-press/>

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

#### [Prime Minister Ardern and Prime Minister Sanchez to Join Bill and Melinda Gates at Goalkeepers 2019 in New York City](#)

Third annual Goalkeepers event will focus on global inequality and the importance of designing health and education investments to prioritize the poorest

SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

#### [Pakistan and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Unveil Collaboration on Ehsaas Program to Alleviate Poverty](#)

PM Khan said this is "the biggest anti-poverty project ever launched in the country and it has been planned with a great deal of attention to detail. I'm pleased that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will assist with a range of activities including accelerating stunting reduction programs, supporting financial inclusion initiatives and investing in public health systems to improve health and reduce maternal, newborn and child mortality."

SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

#### [Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards Presented in New York on September 24](#)

Bill and Melinda Gates, co-chairs of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, co-hosted the fourth annual Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards on September 24 in New York to celebrate outstanding work around the world that is directly linked to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (Global Goals).

The Changemaker Award was presented to youth activist Payal Jangid for her fight against child labor and child marriage in India. The Progress Award was presented to Gregory Rockson, co-founder and CEO of mPharma, for his work to increase access to high-quality drugs across community pharmacies in five African countries. The Campaign Award was presented to Aya Chebbi, the first

African Union Youth Envoy, for her work promoting youth empowerment, peacebuilding, and non-violent mobilization in Africa.

The Global Goalkeeper Award was presented to Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India for the progress India is making in improving sanitation through the Swachh Bharat mission. Before the Swachh Bharat mission, over 500 million people in India did not have access to safe sanitation, and now, the majority do.

**Blue Meridian Partners** [to 28 Sep 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.*

**Annie E. Casey Foundation** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

Posted September 24, 2019

**[Percentage of Kids in Concentrated Poverty Worsens in 10 States and Puerto Rico](#)**

The Annie E. Casey Foundation today released "Children Living in High-Poverty, Low-Opportunity Neighborhoods," a KIDS COUNT data snapshot that examines where concentrated poverty has worsened across the country despite a long period of national economic expansion.

**Clinton Foundation** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Press Release*

September 23, 2019

**[City of Milwaukee Office of Early Childhood Initiatives, LaundryCares Foundation, and Too Small to Fail to Unveil Family Read, Play & Learn Spaces in Laundromats](#)**

**Co Impact** [to 28 Sep 2019]

[www.co-impact.io](http://www.co-impact.io)

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Ford Foundation** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

News 27 September 2019

**[A message from Darren Walker to the NYC criminal justice community](#)**

Last week, [in my annual message, "In Defense of Nuance,"](#) I referenced New York City's important effort to close Rikers Island, the scourge of America's biased, broken criminal justice system. Over the past few days, I have heard a number of responses that merit acknowledgment. Your points of view are important. Your care and commitment to our shared work is evident, appreciated, and

indispensable.

The Ford Foundation is unwavering in its commitment to ending mass incarceration. We envision a world where people are not locked up in cages, treated inhumanely, and stripped of their dignity. To work toward this goal we support a range of initiatives and organizations working to eradicate the harmful footprint of mass incarceration and protect and promote the humanity and dignity of all people...

**J. Paul Getty Trust** [to 28 Sep 2019]

<http://news.getty.edu/>

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**GHIT Fund** [to 28 Sep 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 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest Updates*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**IKEA Foundation** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Stories*

**[From "doing good" to "doing the impossible"](#)**

A roundtable discussion on How to Move Further, Faster to Minimise Carbon Footprints has sparked greater collaboration between philanthropy and UN agencies. This week, global leaders, U.S. governors and top...

September 27, 2019

**[Making clean air a human right](#)**

Air pollution affects everyone's health, especially that of young children. Outdoor air pollution is linked to 4.2 million deaths per year, while its most prominent sources—transport, the power sector and...  
September 25, 2019

### **[Why we need green alternatives to fossil fuel-fired generators](#)**

Today, the IKEA Foundation is proud to announce a new partnership with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to support the growth of the renewable energy market. Around the world, an...  
September 24, 2019

### **HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Kaiser Family Foundation** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

September 25, 2019 *News Release*

### **[Benchmark Employer Survey Finds Average Family Premiums Now Top \\$20,000](#)**

Annual family premiums for employer-sponsored health insurance rose 5% to average \$20,576 this year, according to the 2019 benchmark KFF Employer Health Benefits Survey released today. Workers' wages rose 3.4% and inflation rose 2% over the same period. On average, workers this year are contributing \$6,015 toward the cost of family coverage, with employers paying the rest.

### **Kellogg Foundation** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Selected Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Aga Khan Foundation** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **MacArthur Foundation** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** [to 28 Sep 2019]

<https://mellon.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*News*

**[Moore Foundation community fund supports efforts to improve the lives of immigrants in the United States](#)**

September 24, 2019

**Open Society Foundations** [to 28 Sep 2019]

<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/newsroom>

*Press release*

**[Open Society Foundations Announce 2019 Soros Justice Fellows](#)**

September 27, 2019

NEW YORK—The Open Society Foundations today announced an award of \$1.5 million to the 2019 class of Soros Justice Fellows, a mix of emerging and established leaders, including policy advocates, grassroots organizers, lawyers, and scholars. Working in 10 different states and the District of Columbia, the 17 fellows will take on a range of issues that advance efforts to curb mass incarceration, challenge harsh punishment, and advance a more accountable criminal justice system in the United States.

*Press release*

**[Open Society Foundations Name Head of Culture and Art](#)**

September 25, 2019

Rashida Bumbray to lead new program dedicated to advancing diverse artistic practices and strengthening locally-led cultural spaces around the world

**David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Press Releases & Statements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*The Latest*

**[Precision Public Health: Leveraging Data to Unlock Health for All](#)**

Naveen Rao, MD Senior Vice President & Senior Advisor to the President, The Rockefeller Foundation  
... That's why today The Rockefeller Foundation is announcing the launch of its Precision Public Health Initiative, along with an initial investment of \$100 million over three years in partnership with a host of powerful collaborators: UNICEF; the World Health Organization; World Bank; GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance; and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. As a first step, we aim to save the lives of 6 million mothers and children in 10 countries by 2030...

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

### **To Achieve the SDGs We Must Take Collective Action**

Dr. Rajiv J. Shah, President, The Rockefeller Foundation  
September 23, 2019

The Rockefeller Foundation will host more than 30 events over six days to engage partners and spur action on the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), against the backdrop of the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

While some complain about the traffic congestion in midtown New York, or deride the gathering as simply a “talk shop,” if you dig a little deeper, this can be a week of great progress and purpose.

Yesterday, we hosted our second annual “17 Rooms” convening, which brought together 200 leaders across philanthropy, government, civil society, academia and business to develop new ideas and collaborations to advance the SDGs and measure progress.

Watching this group break into teams and develop concrete, innovative ideas to drive solutions on issues like health and climate change was inspirational. In Room 14, “Life Below Water,” the group recommended a ban on bottom trawling and putting an end to subsidies that perpetuate overfishing. In Room 4, “Quality Education,” the group recommended launching a prize for the country that has most successfully incorporated innovation into their education system to create lifelong learners. In Room 5, “Gender Equality,” the group recommended a business certification focused on pay equity and representation. Dozens of new ideas emerged.

Within these 17 Rooms, leaders from grassroots organizations and environmental organizations worked alongside CEOs of global companies not just to highlight problems, but to actually develop solutions. This type of leadership and collective action is what’s required to ensure no person suffers the indignity of living in subsistence poverty.

We also held a special gathering on behalf of a Foundation grantee, Dr. Denis Mukwege, a world-renowned gynecologist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate. Dr. Mukwege directs the Panzi Hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo – a haven for women who have been victims of violent sexual assault. His work has earned him praise for his global campaign against the use of rape as a weapon of war. Dr. Mukwege’s courageous commitment reminds us of the moral leadership required to make the world more just for the people who have been victims of unspeakable violence.

The Rockefeller Foundation also hosted former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon and dozens of university presidents from around the world to launch the University Global Compact, a global platform of universities committed to helping achieve the SDGs. Given the incredible uprising of young people last week, with more than 4 million people in 160 countries taking to the streets to demand climate action, we are proud to have brought together universities to support the leadership of the younger generation to achieve these global goals.

The SDGs cannot be achieved by anyone working alone. We need to recommit to the SDGs and bring a renewed sense of urgency to the effort of building a world in which everyone can be hopeful about the future. We need to transform our economies to include women and those who are left behind, as we make a transition away from carbon to a more sustainable economy. Achieving these major

transformations at a time when our politics are broken and trust in institutions is at an all-time low requires all of us to take on more responsibility to lead.

I was inspired by the hundreds of people who participated in yesterday's events and energized by their commitment to take action on the SDGs. I am optimistic about the weeks, months and years ahead and look forward to reporting on our efforts this week.

Onwards, Raj

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

**[Healthy Marketplace Index Report from the Health Care Cost Institute](#)**

Report compares inpatient hospital market concentration in 112 metro areas across the country using interactive graphics and tools. How does your area stack up?

**Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*"...a group of organizations working together to increase philanthropic support for basic scientific research on a global basis..."*

*No new digest content identified.*

**SDG Philanthropy Platform**

<http://sdgfunders.org/>

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

*Selected Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Alfred P. Sloan Foundation** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Wellcome Trust** [to 28 Sep 2019]

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

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**[This can be a pivotal moment for global health](#)** by Alex Harris

What the global action plan being launched at the UN General Assembly means for research and innovation.

*Opinion* | 23 September 2019

**[Researchers pay the cost of research](#)**

Ben Bleasdale, Policy Adviser Wellcome

Excellence in research shouldn't come at the expense of those who make it happen.

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**Candid** [*formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar*] [to 28 Sep 2019]

<https://candid.org/about/press-room?fcref=pg>

September 25, 2019

**[Candid's Cleveland Office Announces Plan to Redirect In-Person Library Services to Local Community Partners](#)**

September 24, 2019

**[Nonprofit CEOs Saw Modest Compensation Increases in FY 2017](#)**

**Council on Foundations** [to 28 Sep 2019]

<https://www.cof.org/newsroom>

*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**

September 2019 Volume 47, Issue 9, p1039-1160

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Preventive Medicine**

September 2019 Volume 57, Issue 3, p293-428

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Public Health**

September 2019 109(9)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

Volume 101, Issue 3, 2019

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/101/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Annals of Internal Medicine**

17 September 2019 Vol: 171, Issue 6

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation**

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

(Accessed 28 Sep 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMJ Global Health**

July 2019 - Volume 4 - 4

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**BMC Health Services Research**

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

(Accessed 28 Sep 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMC Infectious Diseases**

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

(Accessed 28 Sep 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMC Medical Ethics**

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

(Accessed 28 Sep 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Medicine**

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

(Accessed 28 Sep 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

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

(Accessed 28 Sep 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Public Health**

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

(Accessed 28 Sep 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Research Notes**

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

(Accessed 28 Sep 2019)

*Research note*

#### **[Collaborative health education for Somali Bantu refugee women in Kansas City](#)**

*To partner with and understand the health of Somali Bantu refugee women, small group sessions were designed and conducted using a community-based collaborative action research (CBCAR) approach.*

*Health topics i...*

Authors: Ellyn R. Mulcahy, Carla Buchheit, Elyse Max, Suzanne R. Hawley and Aimee S. James

Citation: BMC Research Notes 2019 12:616

Published on: 23 September 2019

### **BMJ Open**

August 2019 - Volume 9 - 8

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Bulletin of the World Health Organization**

Volume 97, Number 9, September 2019, 581-644

<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/97/9/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

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

Volume 45, Issue 5 Pages: 613-771 September 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Therapeutics**

September 2019 Volume 41, Issue 9, p1643-1898

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **Clinical Trials**

Volume 16 Issue 5, October 2019

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/16/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Conflict and Health**

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

[Accessed 28 Sep 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

### **Contemporary Clinical Trials**

Volume 84 September 2019

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/84/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Current Genetic Medicine Reports**

Volume 7, Issue 3, September 2019

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/7/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases**

October 2019 - Volume 32 - Issue 5

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Developing World Bioethics**

Volume 19, Issue 3 Pages: 123-185 September 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Development in Practice**

Volume 29, Issue 7, 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Development Policy Review**

Volume 37, Issue 5 Pages: 579-715 September 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology**

Volume 14, Issue 7, 2019

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

**Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness**

Volume 13 - Issue 3 - June 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Disasters**

Volume 43, Issue 4 Pages: 709-954 October 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**EMBO Reports**

Volume 20 Issue 9 1 September 2019

<https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Emergency Medicine Journal**

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

[Accessed 28 Sep 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

**Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Volume 25, Number 9—September 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Epidemics**

Volume 28 September 2019

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/28/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 3 May-June 2019

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/2019/41/3>

#### ***Research Burdens, Benefits, and Risks***

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Ethics & International Affairs**

Summer 2019 (Issue 33.2) June 2019

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2019/summer-2019-issue-33-2/>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **The European Journal of Public Health**

Volume 29, Issue 4, August 2019

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/29/4>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Food Policy** Volume 75

Volume 87 August 2019

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/87/suppl/C>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Food Security**

Volume 11, Issue 5, October 2019

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/11/5>

*Original Paper*

#### **[Where in the value chain are we losing the most food? The case of wheat in Jordan](#)**

[Basel F. Y. Khader, Yigezu A. Yigezu, Mahmud A. Duwayri, Abdul Aziz Niane...](#)

*Original Paper*

#### **[Determinants of postharvest losses along smallholder producers maize and Sweetpotato value chains: an ordered Probit analysis](#)**

[Apurba Shee, Sarah Mayanja, Eria Simba, Tanya Stathers, Aurelie Bechoff...](#)

*Original Paper*

## **[An assessment of the global food security index](#)**

Meital Izraelov, Jacques Silber

### *Abstract*

Several measures of food insecurity, whether at the household or at the national level, have been introduced during the past two or three decades. Some concentrate on the determinants of food security while other emphasize more the consequences of food insecurity. The main focus of this paper is on the food security indicators introduced by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), the Global Food Security Index (GFSI). The paper has two goals. It first checks whether the set of weights selected by the panel of experts of the EIU plays a crucial role in the ranking of countries by level of food security. Then it examines to what extent the ranking of countries given by the GFSI is sensitive to the list of indicators selected. The empirical analysis conducted, based on statistical techniques such as principal components and efficiency analysis, led us to conclude that both the weights selected and the choice of indicators give a reasonable ranking of countries by level of their food security

### *Original Paper*

## **[Global food security and food riots – an agent-based modelling approach](#)**

Davide Natalini, Giangiacomo Bravo, Aled Wynne Jones

## **Forced Migration Review (FMR)**

FMR 61 June 2019

<https://www.fmreview.org/ethics>

### ***the ETHICS issue***

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Forum for Development Studies**

Volume 46, 2019 - Issue 3

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Genome Medicine**

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

[Accessed 28 Sep 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

## **Geoheritage**

Volume 11, Issue 3, September 2019

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/11/3>

[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. 3 September 01, 2019

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

*COMMENTARIES*

*Open Access*

### **[Health Volunteers Overseas: A Model for Ethical and Effective Short-Term Global Health Training in Low-Resource Countries](#)**

Elizabeth MacNairn

Global Health: Science and Practice September 2019, 7(3):344-354; <https://doi.org/10.9745/GHSP-D-19-00140>

Three core attributes enable short-term volunteers to make incremental contributions to long-term outcomes at host institutions: (1) focusing on teaching rather than service delivery, (2) engaging in mutually beneficial and equitable partnerships with host institutions, and (3) operating within a structured management system.

*ORIGINAL ARTICLES*

### **[Operationalizing Integrated Immunization and Family Planning Services in Rural Liberia: Lessons Learned From Evaluating Service Quality and Utilization](#)**

Allyson R. Nelson, Chelsea M. Cooper, Swaliho Kamara, Nyapu D. Taylor, Topian Zikeh, Cefanee Kanneh-Kesselly, Rebecca Fields, Iqbal Hossain, Lolade Oseni, Birhanu S. Getahun, Anne Fiedler, Anne Schuster and Hannah Tappis

Global Health: Science and Practice September 2019, 7(3):418-434; <https://doi.org/10.9745/GHSP-D-19-00012>

Providers, managers, and clients valued the integrated service delivery model. Trends indicated slightly higher family planning uptake in intervention facilities, but that difference was not statistically significant. Intrafacility referrals by postpartum women did not negatively affect immunization utilization rates.

*ORIGINAL ARTICLES*

### **[Three Waves of Data Use Among Health Workers: The Experience of the Better Immunization Data Initiative in Tanzania and Zambia](#)**

Laurie Werner, Dawn Seymour, Chilunga Puta and Skye Gilbert

Global Health: Science and Practice September 2019, 7(3):447-456; <https://doi.org/10.9745/GHSP-D-19-00024>

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*Research*

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**[Corporations' use and misuse of evidence to influence health policy: a case study of sugar-sweetened beverage taxation](#)**

Authors: Gary Jonas Fooks, Simon Williams, Graham Box and Gary Sacks

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Vol. 38, No. 9 September 2019

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## **Humanitarian Exchange Magazine**

Number 75, May 2019

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### ***Special Feature: Making humanitarian action work for women and girls***

by HPN May 2019

The theme of this edition of Humanitarian Exchange, co-edited with Women Deliver, is making humanitarian action work for women and girls. Despite gains, including commitments made at the World Humanitarian Summit, there is still much to be done to address the gendered impacts of humanitarian crises and improve gender-sensitive humanitarian action.

In the lead article, [Jacqueline Paul](#) advocates for feminist humanitarian action based on evidence that improvements in women's socio-economic status can reduce excess mortality among women after shocks. [Jean Kemitare](#), [Juliet Were](#) and [Jennate Eoomkham](#) look at the role of local women's rights organisations in preventing and responding to violence against women and girls, and [Marcy Hersh](#) and [Diana Abou Abbas](#) highlight opportunities for more concrete action on sexual and reproductive health in emergencies.

Citing experience from Vanuatu, [Jane Newnham](#) explains how women will choose to use contraceptives even during a humanitarian response, when services and counselling are delivered in an appropriate and responsive way. Drawing on experience in Bangladesh, [Tamara Fetters](#) and [colleagues](#) challenge the belief that abortion is a non-essential service, or too complicated for humanitarian actors to provide. [Darcy Ataman](#), [Shannon Johnson](#), [Justin Cikuru](#) and [Jaime Cundy](#) reflect on an innovative programme using music therapy to help survivors of trauma.

[Emilie Rees Smith](#), [Emma Symonds](#) and [Lauryn Oates](#) highlight lessons from the STAGE education programme in Afghanistan, and [Degan Ali](#) and [Deqa Saleh](#) outline how African Development Solutions is helping women and girls take on leadership and decision-making roles in Somalia. [Fiona Samuels](#) and [Taveeshi Gupta](#) explore patterns of suicide among young people in Vietnam, with a particular focus on girls, and [Subhashni Raj](#), [Brigitte Laboukly](#) and [Shantony Moli](#) illustrate the importance of a gendered approach to community-based disaster risk reduction in the South-West Pacific. [Nicola Jones](#), [Workneh Yadete](#) and [Kate Pincock](#) draw on research in Ethiopia to explore the gender- and age-specific vulnerabilities of adolescents. The edition ends with an article by [Julie Rialet-Cislaghi](#) on how humanitarian responses can better address child marriage.

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Volume 25, Issue 12 2019

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*Article*

#### **[Digital heritage research re-theorised: ontologies and epistemologies in a world of big data](#)**

Chiara Bonacchi & Marta Krzyzanska

Pages: 1235-1247

Published online: 11 Feb 2019

*ABSTRACT*

This article provides the first theoretical treatment of the ontologies and epistemologies of digital heritage research at the time of the interconnected and social web, based on extensive empirical and

analytical investigation. We draw on observations and concepts developed while conducting the first study of public experiences of the past that utilised big data – over 1.4 million Facebook posts, comments and replies – to revisit or generate new theory from the ground up. We expect that this will help scholars from a range of fields in the humanities, social and computing sciences who are interested in undertaking digital heritage research to understand the deeper implications of their work, the complexities and limitations of the knowledge they create, and its value in exposing the processes via which heritage is made and assessed.

*Article*

**[Towards a holistic approach to heritage values: a multidisciplinary and cosmopolitan approach](#)**

Mélanie Duval, Benjamin Smith, Stéphane Hoerlé, Lucie Bovet, Nokukhanya Khumalo & Lwazi Bhengu

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

#### **[Prescribing off-label drugs for children: when will it change?](#)**

The Lancet

A [study](#) in *Pediatrics*, published on Sept 16, paints a familiar picture. Using data from the US National Ambulatory Medical Care Surveys 2006–15, Divya Hoon and colleagues show that in 44·5% of visits to office-based physicians who prescribed systemic drugs to children, these drugs were prescribed off label. Off-label prescription can be outside the approved age, weight, dose, formulation, route of administration, or indication. In this study, 74·6% of all off-label prescriptions were for an unapproved disorder for the specific drug and 17·6% were off-label by age. Over the study period, there was a rise in off-label orders by indication and the reasons varied by age group. There were more off-label prescriptions for gastrointestinal disorders in the youngest age groups and for psychiatric disorders in the older age groups. Studies of inpatient care have shown even higher percentages, especially for off-label drug use in the neonatal and paediatric intensive-care setting.

Progress to address this issue has been slow. The first paediatric drug development incentive legislation was introduced as part of the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Modernization Act

more than 20 years ago. This law was followed by the Best Pharmaceutical for Children Act in 2002 and the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) in 2003. Under PREA, the FDA is allowed to require paediatric studies of any drug likely to be used in a substantial number of children or when there are no good alternatives for children. Yet a study published last year showed that at the time of approval only 18 of 114 new drugs or new indications for drugs that would fall under the PREA requirement had any information on efficacy, safety, or dosing in children. Furthermore, after a median follow-up of 6·8 years, only 47 of 114 had any paediatric information.

Children are not small adults and evidence-based treatment is arguably even more important in children. Both the potential of adverse events with lifelong consequences and the danger of ineffective drugs with poor outcomes have far-reaching consequences. The current efforts are woefully inadequate.

*Comment*

**[Orphan drug development in China: progress and challenges](#)**

Shuyang Zhang, Limeng Chen, Zongjiu Zhang, Yupei Zhao

*Review*

**[10 years of health-care reform in China: progress and gaps in Universal Health Coverage](#)**

Winnie Yip, et al

**The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health**

Oct 2019 Volume 3 Number 10 p663-748

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

*Review*

**[Dengue infection and advances in dengue vaccines for children](#)**

Scott B Halstead, Leonila F Dans

*Summary*

Dengue viruses are endemic in most tropical and subtropical countries where they produce disease ranging from a mild fever to a severe, potentially fatal vascular permeability syndrome. We reviewed the status of development and testing in children of three vaccines designed to protect against the four dengue viruses. The first dengue virus vaccine, Dengvaxia, now licensed in 20 endemic countries, the EU and the USA, provides protection against severe dengue in seropositive individuals but increases the risk for naive recipients to develop severe dengue and to be hospitalised. We discuss mechanisms and implications of shortcomings of the licensed vaccine and describe the structure and attributes of two other dengue virus vaccines. Based upon human dengue challenge studies, one of these vaccines promises to deliver solid, long-lasting immunity after a single dose. Because dengue virus infections are ubiquitous in residents and visitors to tropical countries, in the absence of a protective vaccine paediatricians should recognise the early signs and clinical presentation of severe dengue, understand its pathophysiology and appropriate management.

**Lancet Digital Health**

Oct 2019 Volume 1 Number 6 e243-e318

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*Articles*

**[A co-designed mHealth programme to support healthy lifestyles in Māori and Pasifika peoples in New Zealand \(OL@-OR@\): a cluster-randomised controlled trial](#)**

Cliona Ni Mhurchu,

The OL@-OR@ mobile health programme was co-designed with Māori and Pasifika communities in New Zealand, to support healthy lifestyle behaviours. We aimed to determine whether use of the programme improved adherence to health-related guidelines among Māori and Pasifika communities in New Zealand compared with a control group on a waiting list for the programme.

**Lancet Global Health**

Oct 2019 Volume 7 Number 10 e1287-e1466

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*Articles*

**[A social empowerment intervention to prevent intimate partner violence against women in a microfinance scheme in Tanzania: findings from the MAISHA cluster randomised controlled trial](#)**

Saidi Kapiga, et al

**[Long-term effects of public health insurance on the health of children in Mexico: a retrospective study](#)**

Pablo Celhay, Sebastian Martinez, Matias Munoz, Michelle Perez, Ricardo Perez-Cuevas

**Lancet Infectious Diseases**

Oct 2019 Volume 19 Number 10 p1035-1148, e337-e369

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*Editorial*

**[Moving towards equitable access to vaccination](#)**

The Lancet Infectious Diseases

Progress in childhood immunisations has stalled for almost a decade. According to [new data](#) from UNICEF and WHO, only 86% of children worldwide received life-saving vaccinations for diseases such as diphtheria, pertussis, and measles in 2018, with little change from 84% in 2010. [The Global Vaccine Action Plan](#), which aims to ensure equitable access to vaccines by 2020, is not on track to meet its targets.

This stagnation hampers global health and development and is a key issue for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, to address in its third replenishment round from 2021–25. The Gavi [investment case](#) was launched at a meeting in Japan at the end of August, ahead of a conference in London next year where funds will be pledged by governments and other donors. The next Gavi 5-year plan calls for investment of at least US\$7·4 billion (slightly down from \$7·5 billion in the period 2016–20), with the objective of immunising 300 million children against 18 diseases and saving up to 8 million lives. At the same time, the governments of low-income countries that partner with Gavi will be asked to put \$3·6 billion into their vaccine programmes, up from \$1·6 billion in the previous period.

The Gavi plan puts a focus on immunising children who are not currently receiving adequate vaccine coverage. Almost half of under-vaccinated children live in just 16 countries, where lack of access, conflict, and displacement are important barriers to vaccination. To tackle these issues, Gavi proposes to invest \$3·3 billion in strengthening immunisation systems through infrastructure development, an

objective that Seth Berkley, the Chief Executive Office of Gavi, says amounts to “building out the primary health-care system”.

Another potential impediment to equitable vaccine access is the sustainability of programmes in countries that, as they become wealthier, are no longer eligible for Gavi support or low vaccine prices. Berkley has indicated that ways should be found to support countries with pricing and procurement in this post-transition period. Because of the cost of vaccines, children in middle-income countries that have never been eligible for Gavi support are now those least likely to have access to recommended vaccines—70% of the least vaccinated children will be in these countries by 2030. To help tackle this crucial coverage gap, up to 3% of Gavi's budget will go towards vaccination programmes in transitioning and middle-income countries.

However, none of the laudable objectives of Gavi can be achieved without adequate funding. When it was last replenished in 2015, Gavi received more than the \$7.5 billion it asked for. But the world of 2015 feels a long way away. The UK, Gavi's biggest funder, was then led by Prime Minister David Cameron in a pre-Brexit era. How will Boris Johnson, freshly installed as UK prime minister, approach funding for Gavi? Johnson has questioned the budget and priorities of the Department for International Development and has mooted support for ending its existence as a cabinet-level department. The UK will host Gavi's 2020 [replenishment](#) pledging conference—when on home soil, anything but the strongest commitment would surely be an embarrassment to the host government.

The USA provided the second largest national contribution in 2015, doubling its financial commitments, which was one of the key reasons that expectations were exceeded. President Trump's continued commitment to the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief has been counterbalanced by a decrease in money for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria to the USA's lowest contribution in a decade. And then there is China, the world's second largest economy. It committed a paltry \$5 million in 2015. What prospect is there that China will embrace a more multilateral approach to global health when Gavi calls for support?

Potential donors should consider building on the great progress that has already been achieved and exploiting new opportunities. More children than ever before (116.3 million) received three doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine in 2018. Global immunisation with a second dose of measles vaccine has climbed, from 39% in 2010 to 67% today. Switching to Pneumosil, a new, [cheaper pneumonia vaccine](#) could free-up \$1 billion.

Achieving global equitable vaccination will boost economies, improve global health security, and help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals: not just those related to health, but also poverty, inequalities, education, and more. A well funded and strategically astute Gavi is essential to reaching this goal. It needs strong support now more than ever before.

### **Lancet Respiratory Medicine**

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*Editorial* | 25 September 2019

#### **[A stem-cell race that no one wins](#)**

Japan helped to bring stem-cell technology to the world. Its regulatory policies threaten its hard-won reputation.

*Letter* | 18 September 2019

#### **[Wilderness areas halve the extinction risk of terrestrial biodiversity](#)**

Wilderness areas with minimal levels of human disturbance promote the persistence of biodiversity by acting as buffers against species loss, and therefore represent key targets for environmental protection.

Moreno Di Marco, Simon Ferrier [...] & James E. M. Watson

### **Nature Biotechnology**

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## **Nature Reviews Genetics**

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*Perspective* | 12 July 2019

### **[The potential of genomics for restoring ecosystems and biodiversity](#)**

Earth's landscapes and biodiversity are being eroded at an unprecedented pace and scale. This Review argues that genomics tools need to be adopted in restoration ecology to help reverse the environmental destruction caused by humans.

Martin F. Breed, Peter A. Harrison [...] & Jakki J. Mohr

#### *Abstract*

Billions of hectares of natural ecosystems have been degraded through human actions. The global community has agreed on targets to halt and reverse these declines, and the restoration sector faces the important but arduous task of implementing programmes to meet these objectives. Existing and emerging genomics tools offer the potential to improve the odds of achieving these targets. These tools include population genomics that can improve seed sourcing, meta-omics that can improve assessment and monitoring of restoration outcomes, and genome editing that can generate novel genotypes for restoring challenging environments. We identify barriers to adopting these tools in a restoration context and emphasize that regulatory and ethical frameworks are required to guide their use.

## **New England Journal of Medicine**

September 26, 2019 Vol. 381 No. 13

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#### *Editorials*

### **[Emerging Use of CRISPR Technology — Chasing the Elusive HIV Cure](#)**

C. H. June

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A new form of gene therapy termed genetic editing or gene targeting has become possible owing to advances in genetic engineering technology.<sup>1</sup> The intent of genetic editing is to alter the DNA code in cells with single base-pair specificity, and thus it can be considered to be an ultimate form of precision therapy. For the past two decades, genome editing has been a powerful tool for basic science research. The importance of genome editing as a research tool was recognized in 2007 by the award of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine to Smithies, Capecchi, and Evans. Until recently, . .

#### *Perspectives*

### **[Sustained Animus toward Latino Immigrants — Deadly Consequences for Children and Families](#)**

B.P Dreyer

## **Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly**

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#### **[Evaluation of approaches to strengthen civil registration and vital statistics systems: A systematic review and synthesis of policies in 25 countries](#)**

Amitabh Bipin Suthar, Aleya Khalifa, Sherry Yin, Kristen Wenz, Doris Ma Fat, Samuel Lantei Mills, Erin Nichols, Carla AbouZahr, Srdjan Mrkic

Research Article | published 27 Sep 2019 PLOS Medicine

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#### **[Risk and protective factors for child development: An observational South African birth cohort](#)**

Kirsten Ann Donald, Catherine J. Wedderburn, Whitney Barnett, Raymond T. Nhapi, Andrea M. Rehman, Jacob A. M. Stadler, Nadia Hoffman, Nastassja Koen, Heather J. Zar, Dan J. Stein

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#### **[Psychological, social, and welfare interventions for torture survivors: A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials](#)**

Aseel Hamid, Nimisha Patel, Amanda C. de C. Williams

Research Article | published 24 Sep 2019 PLOS Medicine

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### **[Social resistance drives persistent transmission of Ebola virus disease in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo: A mixed-methods study](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0223104)**

Kasereka Masumbuko Claude, Jack Underschultz, Michael T. Hawkes

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#### *Abstract*

#### Background

The second largest Ebola virus disease (EVD) epidemic in history is currently raging in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Stubbornly persistent EVD transmission has been associated with social resistance, ranging from passive non-compliance to overt acts of aggression toward EVD response teams.

#### Methods

We explored community resistance using focus group discussions and assessed the prevalence of resistant views using standardized questionnaires.

#### Results

Despite being generally cooperative and appreciative of the EVD response (led by the government of DRC with support from the international community), focus group participants provided eyewitness accounts of aggressive resistance to control efforts, consistent with recent media reports. Mistrust of EVD response teams was fueled by perceived inadequacies of the response effort ("herd medicine"), suspicion of mercenary motives, and violation of cultural burial mores ("makeshift plastic morgue"). Survey questionnaires found that the majority of respondents had compliant attitudes with respect to EVD control. Nonetheless, 78/630 (12%) respondents believed that EVD was fabricated and did not exist in the area, 482/630 (72%) were dissatisfied with or mistrustful of the EVD response, and 60/630 (9%) sympathized with perpetrators of overt hostility. Furthermore, 102/630 (15%) expressed non-compliant intentions in the case of EVD illness or death in a family member, including hiding from the health authorities, touching the body, or refusing to welcome an official burial team. Denial of the biomedical discourse and dissatisfaction/mistrust of the EVD response were statistically significantly associated with indicators of social resistance.

#### Conclusions

We concluded that social resistance to EVD control efforts was prevalent among focus group and survey participants. Mistrust, with deep political and historical roots in this area besieged by chronic violence and neglected by the outside world, may fuel social resistance. Resistant attitudes may be refractory to short-lived community engagement efforts targeting the epidemic but not the broader humanitarian crisis in Eastern DRC

*Research Article*

**"If I have a cancer, it is not my fault I am a refugee": A qualitative study with expert stakeholders on cancer care management for Syrian refugees in Jordan**

Manar Marzouk, Maureen Kelley, Ibtihal Fadhil, Slim Slama, Kajsa-Stina Longuere, Proochista Ariana, Gail Carson, Vicki Marsh

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**Knowledge, attitudes and practices of livestock and aquaculture producers regarding antimicrobial use and resistance in Vietnam**

Phuc Pham-Duc, Meghan A. Cook, Hanh Cong-Hong, Hang Nguyen-Thuy, Pawin Padungtod, Hien Nguyen-Thi, Sinh Dang-Xuan

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*Research Articles*

#### **[Biobanks and the Moral Concerns of Donors: A Democratic Deliberation](#)**

Raymond G. De Vries, Kerry A. Ryan, Linda Gordon, Chris D. Krenz, Tom Tomlinson, Scott Jewell, Scott Y. H. Kim

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#### *Preview*

Do members of the public believe that biobanks should accommodate the moral concerns of donors about the types of research done with their biospecimens? The answer to this question is critical to the future of genomic and precision medicine, endeavors that rely on a public willing to share their biospecimens and medical data. To explore public attitudes regarding the requirements of consent for biobank donations, we organized three democratic deliberations involving 180 participants. The deliberative sessions involved small group discussions informed by presentations given by experts in both biobank research and ethics. We found that participants had a sophisticated understanding of the ethical problems of biobank consent and the complexity of balancing donor concerns while promoting research important to the future of health care. Our research shows how deliberative methods can offer policy makers creative ideas for accommodating the moral concerns of donors in the biobank consent process.

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Volume 39, Issue 9 Pages: 1867-2116 September 2019

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*Review*

**[Total quality management in the health-care context: integrating the literature and directing future research](#)**

Alzoubi MM, Hayati KS, Rosliza AM, Ahmad AA, Al-Hamdan ZM

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***Special Issue: Genotype to Phenotype***

*Introduction to special issue*

**[The manifestation of the genome](#)**

By Laura M. Zahn, Beverly A. Purne

The DNA within a human cell, known as the genotype, provides a blueprint to direct a host of processes for building an embodied organism. Although we often treat the human genome as if it is fixed, there is a lot of variation between individuals. The observable human phenotype consists of multiple traits resulting from many genetic variants within any single genome. Hair, eye and skin color, height, build, and behavior all represent such polygenic traits. Many of these traits can be modulated by our environment—for instance, through exposure to stress, sunlight, or microbes—resulting in a range of outcomes. This special issue expands our view of genotype and phenotype and explores recent advances in understanding the factors that influence the development of the human phenotype. We examine cases in which various cells and traits are specified by DNA mutation or epigenetic changes, but we also highlight cases in which phenotype is affected by suites of genes and gene products from commensal bacteria. This special issue illustrates the diverse approaches that together are increasing our understanding of the complex relationship between genotype and phenotype, with the potential to drive discoveries that promote human health.

*Review*

## [\*\*Translational genomics and precision medicine: Moving from the lab to the clinic\*\*](#)

By Eleftheria Zeggini, Anna L. Gloyn, Anne C. Barton, Louise V. Wain

Science27 Sep 2019 : 1409-1413

### *Abstract*

Translational genomics aims to improve human health by building on discoveries made through genetics research and applying them in the clinical setting. This progress has been made possible by technological advances in genomics and analytics and by the digital revolution. Such advances should enable the development of prognostic markers, tailored interventions, and the design of prophylactic preventive approaches. We are at the cusp of predicting disease risk for some disorders by means of polygenic risk scores integrated with classical epidemiological risk factors. This should lead to better risk stratification and clinical decision-making. A deeper understanding of the link between genome-wide sequence and association with well-characterized phenotypes will empower the development of biomarkers to aid diagnosis, inform disease progression trajectories, and allow better targeting of treatments to those patients most likely to respond

## [\*\*Technology Feature | Beyond CRISPR: What's current and upcoming in genome editing\*\*](#)

By Chris Tachibana

Science27 Sep 2019 : 1484

### Summary

Gene editing gets an upgrade with new versions of CRISPR and CRISPR alternatives (zinc-finger nucleases, TALENs, and meganucleases).

### *Letters*

## [\*\*Amazon fires threaten Brazil's agribusiness\*\*](#)

By Daniel Arruda, Hugo G. Candido, Rúbia Fonseca

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## [\*\*Seeing Chile's forest for the tree plantations\*\*](#)

By América Paz Durán, Olga Barbosa

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## [\*\*Preventing European forest diebacks\*\*](#)

By Simon Thorn, Jörg Müller, Alexandro B. Leverkus

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### *Policy Forum*

## [\*\*The ocean is key to achieving climate and societal goals\*\*](#)

By Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, Eliza Northrop, Jane Lubchenco

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Ocean-based approaches can help close mitigation gaps

### *Summary*

The just-released Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) special report on the ocean and cryosphere in a changing climate (SROCC) (1) details the immense pressure that climate change is exerting on ocean ecosystems and portrays a disastrous future for most life in the ocean and for the billions of people who depend on it unless anthropogenic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are slashed. It reinforces in stark terms the urgency of reducing carbon emissions expressed in a 2018 IPCC report (2). But another just-released report (3) provides hope and a path forward, concluding that the ocean is not simply a victim of climate change, but a powerful source of solutions. Drawing on this report

organized by the High Level Panel (HLP) for a Sustainable Ocean Economy, which quantifies and evaluates the potential for ocean-based actions to reduce emissions, we outline a “no-regrets to-do list” of ocean-based climate actions that could be set in motion today. We highlight the report's analysis of the mitigation potential and the required research, technology, and policy developments for five ocean-based mitigation areas of action: renewable energy; shipping and transport; protection and restoration of coastal and marine ecosystems; fisheries, aquaculture, and shifting diets; and carbon storage in the seabed (see the figure). Make no mistake: These actions are ambitious, but we argue that they are necessary, could pay major dividends toward closing the emissions gap in coming decades, and achieve other co-benefits along the way (3, 4).

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[\*\*Feeling misidentified: Understanding migrant's readiness to engage in health care screening\*\*](#)

Jane Hendy, Tushna Vandrevala, Ayesha Ahmed, Claire Kelly, ... Aftab Ala

Article 112481

### **Stability: International Journal of Security & Development**

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### **Stanford Social Innovation Review**

Fall 2019 Volume 17, Number 4

[https://ssir.org/issue/fall\\_2019#](https://ssir.org/issue/fall_2019#)

Nonprofit organizations seeking to raise money often assume certain things, such as that women have less capacity to give than men. In fact, women now make up half the US workforce and are the primary breadwinners in two-thirds of US families. Learn more about this and other misconceptions in the cover story in the Fall 2019 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review, “Eight Myths of US Philanthropy.”

### **Sustainability**

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### **UN Chronicle**

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<https://unchronicle.un.org/>

#### **[New Technologies: Where to?](#)**

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

### **Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies**

*An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care*

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