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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.

Myanmar – Rohingya

UN Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar calls on UN Member States to remain vigilant in the face of the continued threat of genocide
23 October 2019
NEW YORK (23 October 2019) – The head of the UN Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar, Marzuki Darusman, told the General Assembly on Wednesday that Myanmar is failing in its obligations under the Genocide Convention to prevent, to investigate and to enact effective legislation criminalising and punishing genocide.

Mr. Darusman spoke to the General Assembly at the request of the Human Rights Council. He said the Mission’s findings are based on the fact that the policies, laws, individuals and institutions that laid the groundwork for the brutal “clearance operations” in 2016 and 2017 remain in place and strong.

Mr. Darusman said the Mission found that crimes under international law, which were reported on last year, continue to be committed by Myanmar’s military, called the Tatmadaw, throughout the country, impacting Myanmar’s ethnic communities.

Serious violations of human rights and humanitarian law have been committed in both northern Myanmar and in the context of the continuing conflict between the Tatmadaw and the Arakan Army in Rakhine State. “This confirms our previous conclusion that the cycle of impunity enables, and indeed fuels, this reprehensible conduct on the part of the security forces,” Mr Darusman said.

The harsh persecution of the Rohingya community in Myanmar continues unabated in defiance of the international community. The treatment of some 600,000 Rohingya remaining in Rakhine State is largely unchanged. Their situation has worsened, as they endure another year subjected to discrimination, segregation, movement restrictions and insecurity, without adequate access to livelihoods, land, basic services, including education and health care, or justice for past crimes committed against them by the Tatmadaw.

This makes the return to Rakhine State of close to one million Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh simply impossible, Mr. Darusman said...

Joint Statement by the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs, IOM, OCHA and UNHCR to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Kampala Convention
New York - Africa is marking today the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa. Also known as the Kampala Convention, this ground-breaking treaty has so far been ratified by 28 countries on the continent.

As the world’s first and only continent-wide legally binding instrument for the protection and assistance of internally displaced persons (IDPs), the Kampala Convention is a testament to the determination of African States to address the multiple challenges of IDPs. The treaty incorporates the basic elements of the 1998 UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and outlines the responsibilities of States and other actors.

Internal displacement remains a significant problem in countries across Africa, with more than 17.8 million people being displaced by conflict and violence. Women and children constitute the vast majority of those affected.

We fully recognize the role and contribution that the Convention has made in preventing displacement across Africa, providing effective responses to displacement crises and supporting solutions for displacement situations, whether triggered by armed conflicts, violence or the effects of climate change and disasters.

We also welcome and support the decision of the Assembly of the African Union to declare 2019 as the ‘Year of Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons: Towards Durable Solutions to Forced Displacement in Africa’. This commemorative decision is an important opportunity to take stock of progress in implementing the Convention and identify outstanding challenges.

Now is the time to fully translate the Kampala Convention into practice. We applaud all countries that have ratified the Convention and taken concrete steps to realize the spirit and letter of the treaty, including through developing relevant national laws and policies. We welcome the latest accession by the Republic of South Sudan to the Convention and call on all those that have not ratified and domesticated the Convention to do so without delay.

We also welcome the announcement earlier today of the United Nations Secretary-General to establish a High-level Panel on Internal Displacement to increase global attention on displaced persons and develop concrete recommendations to improve the response.

We furthermore call on member States of the African Union, international organizations and other partners to support the full and effective participation of both displaced and host communities in the implementation of the Convention. We also call on the international community to do more to strengthen its assistance and solidarity with countries and communities coping with internal displacement, including through a more collaborative and strategic approach and innovative financing mechanisms.
A Win for the Uighurs

Europe bestows its Sakharov prize on an imprisoned economist.

By The Editorial Board
Oct. 25, 2019 7:03 pm ET

This week a human-rights activist languishing in the Chinese gulag was awarded Europe’s Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought, named after the famous Soviet nuclear physicist-turned-dissident. China’s response tells you why the man deserved it. A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman accused the European Parliament of intervening in China’s internal affairs and celebrating “a terrorist.”

The man’s name is Ilham Tohti. By profession he is an economist. Today he is one of the more than a million Uighurs—an ethnic Muslim minority in Xinjiang Province—who have been rounded up and detained in China’s internment camps.

In 2014 Mr. Tohti was arrested and charged with “separatism.” In a statement he gave to Radio Free Asia to be released upon his arrest, he said the only things he ever asked for are “human rights, legal rights, autonomous regional rights, and equality.” The Uighur people, he said, also have a right to be treated with dignity, and not have their culture erased.

It can be tempting to dismiss these awards as empty symbolic gestures, but China doesn’t make that mistake. When the Nobel Committee in 2010 awarded its peace prize to imprisoned democracy activist Liu Xiaobo, it went bananas and took its displeasure out on trade with Norway.

President Xi Jinping and his fellow Communists appreciate that with this prize Europe is directing the world’s attention to China’s larger assault on the Uighur people. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has called this assault “reminiscent of the 1930s.” The U.S. government has begun to take a stronger line on behalf of the Uighurs, imposing sanctions on the Chinese officials who are responsible. Good to see Europe join in.

Sourcing

Seven Mining, Metals Companies Partner on Responsible Sourcing with World Economic Forum
News 25 Oct 2019

:: Leading mining and metals companies have joined forces to accelerate responsible sourcing of raw materials with the World Economic Forum.
:: The Mining and Metals Blockchain Initiative will explore the building of a blockchain platform to address transparency issues, the track and tracing of materials, the reporting of carbon emissions or to increase efficiency.
:: Antofagasta Minerals, Eurasian Resources Group Sàrl, Glencore, Klöckner & Co, Minsur SA, Tata Steel Limited, Anglo American/De Beers (Tracr), are founding members.
Geneva, Switzerland, 25 October 2019 – Seven leading mining and metals companies have partnered with the World Economic Forum to experiment, design and deploy blockchain solutions that will accelerate responsible sourcing and sustainability practices.

The Mining and Metals Blockchain Initiative will pool resources and cost, increase speed-to-market and improve industry-wide trust that cannot be achieved by acting individually. It aims to be a neutral enabler for the industry, addressing the lack of standardization and improving efficiency. The intention is to send out a signal of inclusivity and collaboration across the industry. The group will look to develop joint proof-of-concepts for an inclusive blockchain platform. Over time, this could help the industry collectively increase transparency, efficiency or improve reporting of carbon emissions.

In many cases, blockchain projects to support responsible sourcing have been bilateral. The result has been a fractured system that leaves behind parts of the ecosystem and lacks interoperability. This new initiative is owned and driven by the industry, for the industry. Members will examine issues related to governance, develop case studies and establish a working group.

Key areas of collaboration and development could include carbon emissions tracking and supply chain transparency. They will work to use blockchain technology to increase trust between upstream and downstream partners, to address the lack of industry standardization and to track provenance, chain of custody and production methods.

“Material value chains are undergoing profound change and disruption”, said Jörgen Sandström, Head of the Mining and Metals Industry, World Economic Forum. “The industry needs to respond to the increasing demands of minerals and materials while responding to increasing demands by consumers, shareholders and regulators for a higher degree of sustainability and traceability of the products.”

The World Economic Forum has offered its platform and expertise to help industry leaders better understand the impact and potential of blockchain technology. It will provide guidance on governance issues related to the delivery of a neutral industry platform and the expansion of members.

Heritage Stewardship – Forests

New $90 Million Fund to Address Global Climate Change through Catalytic Capital
October 23, 2019

Terra Silva to accelerate climate-smart practices in tropical forests worldwide

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation today announced the launch of Terra Silva, a $90 million impact investing collaborative designed to respond to the challenges of global climate change. Terra Silva will make investments focused on the conservation, restoration, and sustainable management of critical tropical forests worldwide.

“Forests currently provide the only proven carbon-negative solution at scale,” said Susan Phinney Silver, Mission Investing Director at the Packard Foundation. “Given the urgency of climate change, we are committed to using mission investments in new ways to amplify and accelerate efforts like Terra Silva to reduce greenhouse gases as fast as possible.”
Terra Silva is launching at a pivotal time for sustainable forestry and related agriculture practices in the market. It will focus on three targets: accelerating reforestation, conservation, and afforestation in tropical forest regions; creating more environmentally and socially sustainable forest management practices at scale within critical tropical forests; and improving the sustainability of emerging climate-smart forestry and agriculture practices. In these ways, Terra Silva will mobilize private financing to conserve and restore tropical forests, promote biodiversity, and support thriving communities in and around critical tropical forests worldwide.

The ultimate goal of Terra Silva is to significantly expand opportunities for commercial investment in sustainable forestry and agriculture by pioneering new investment models, accelerating their adoption, and helping build market infrastructure for climate-smart forestry. More information can be found here.

Terra Silva will incorporate catalytic capital – investment capital that is patient, risk-tolerant, concessionary, and flexible in order to unlock impact and additional investment that would not otherwise be possible – in the form of an investment vehicle financed by the Packard Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, and another mission-driven investor...

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Development Research

The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2019
14 October 2019
The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2019 to
:: Abhijit Banerjee, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA
:: Esther Duflo, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA
:: Michael Kremer, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA
“for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty”

Their research is helping us fight poverty
The research conducted by this year’s Laureates has considerably improved our ability to fight global poverty. In just two decades, their new experiment-based approach has transformed development economics, which is now a flourishing field of research.

Despite recent dramatic improvements, one of humanity’s most urgent issues is the reduction of global poverty, in all its forms. More than 700 million people still subsist on extremely low incomes. Every year, around five million children under the age of five still die of diseases that could often have been prevented or cured with inexpensive treatments. Half of the world’s children still leave school without basic literacy and numeracy skills.

This year’s Laureates have introduced a new approach to obtaining reliable answers about the best ways to fight global poverty. In brief, it involves dividing this issue into smaller, more manageable, questions – for example, the most effective interventions for improving educational outcomes or child health. They have shown that these smaller, more precise, questions are often best answered via carefully designed experiments among the people who are most affected.
In the mid-1990s, Michael Kremer and his colleagues demonstrated how powerful this approach can be, using field experiments to test a range of interventions that could improve school results in western Kenya.

Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo, often with Michael Kremer, soon performed similar studies of other issues and in other countries. Their experimental research methods now entirely dominate development economics.

The Laureates’ research findings – and those of the researchers following in their footsteps – have dramatically improved our ability to fight poverty in practice. As a direct result of one of their studies, more than five million Indian children have benefitted from effective programmes of remedial tutoring in schools. Another example is the heavy subsidies for preventive healthcare that have been introduced in many countries.

These are just two examples of how this new research has already helped to alleviate global poverty. It also has great potential to further improve the lives of the worst-off people around the world.

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The Lancet
October 26, 2019
Editorial

Where next for randomised controlled trials in global health?
The 2019 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences was awarded to three economists—Esther Duflo, Abhijit Bannerjee, and Michael Kremer—for their experiment-based research to mitigate global poverty. The award was notable for several reasons. Esther Duflo was only the second woman to win the prize since it began in 1969, and the youngest ever winner. Previous prizes were awarded largely for contributions to theory—for example, by observing and interpreting the behaviour of markets. But this year, the Sveriges Riksbank committee’s recognition of the randomised controlled trial (RCT) elevates a method long used in medicine, but much less so in human development.

Although based in the USA, the three laureates have worked with some of the poorest people to understand their lives and the constraints that keep them poor. They made important discoveries. Those living in poverty often spend their meagre disposable income on activities to relieve tedium or bring small pleasures. In India, they found that people spent their budgets on religious festivals. In Nicaragua, it was owning a radio or television. The laureates concluded that simply providing money to the poor to alleviate poverty was not enough because there are too many competing expenditures. They decided to break down the problems into smaller manageable questions and use empirical data to examine which interventions work and which do not, and what motivates people to make the choices they make. They used RCTs to assess the causal effects of an intervention.

Together, their work has made important contributions to health care, education, agriculture, and gender issues. Understanding how demand for de-worming medicines to treat parasitic infections in Kenya is affected by price provided the case for why governments should subsidise health care. In India, vaccination uptake increased by improving service quality and providing families with small incentives. The laureates have used their findings to develop new anti-poverty programmes and influence policy. Despite their success in producing evidence for social change, many notable economists and social scientists have criticised RCTs on philosophical, epistemological, political, and
methodological grounds. Of course, other study designs and approaches, such as more qualitative analyses, aid our understanding of health and development too, but the RCT remains the best means of discovering whether any proposed intervention may work.

While development economics has drawn lessons from medicine, what can medicine learn from this experimentalist turn in economics? The laureates have shown that RCTs can be done in some of the most challenging human circumstances. Importantly, the design of interventions must be based on a detailed understanding of context. Too often, a policy shown to work in one setting is transplanted to another, with scant regard for whether the situation is at all similar. This scenario is especially true for health policy, in which a community of highly paid international consultants travel business class from country to country peddling their favourite idea.

A good example of where these lessons have been learnt is the HOPE-4 trial, published last month in The Lancet. This cluster RCT of hypertension management in Malaysia and Colombia achieved impressive results. The intervention had multiple components—task shifting, peer support, free medicines, and simplified guidelines. But what was particularly important was that the intervention in each country was designed following a detailed study of the lived experience of patients and after interrogation of policy makers. This knowledge was integrated with systematic reviews of experiences elsewhere. Why would someone be expected to take a tablet for high blood pressure for life when they feel perfectly well? Only by answering this question and others might interventions be successful.

RCTs in global health must evolve to become more meaningful. Too often, trials are severely restricted, with little ability to plan for changes across the study (adaptive) and being ready for unforeseen decision making (simulation modelling) at a huge cost and effort. An upcoming Lancet Global Health Series on improving efficiency in global health clinical trials aimed both at researchers and funding bodies will focus on innovative designs and avoiding research waste.

The lesson from this year’s Nobel Prizes is that one size does not fit all. In conceiving and doing rigorous experiments to find out what really works, we need to listen to the voices of the poor and design interventions that respond to their beliefs, needs, and expectations.

Global Health – SDGs/Agenda 2030

Global Health Progress launched to drive cross-sectoral collaborations in support of the Sustainable Development Goals
25 October 2019
Geneva, 25th October 2019 – To drive new and existing collaborations to support the SDGs, with a particular focus on SDG 17: Partnership for The Goals, the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations (IFPMA) has launched Global Health Progress. This knowledge hub collates industry efforts – from individual company programs to initiatives between multiple IFPMA member companies – to highlight contributions to the SDGs, visualize efforts, and enhance opportunities for further collaboration. Global Health Progress also shares information and best practices to support continual learning, drawing on complementary expertise to expand the reach and impact of programs.
2020 marks the 10-year countdown until the SDG deadline. The global goals were launched five years ago as the blueprint for dignity, peace and prosperity for people and our planet. Since their launch, countries have made progress towards achieving the goals. However, complex health and wellbeing issues remain – from poverty and inequality to conflict and climate change. Further, many countries are now faced with a double burden of disease – as they continue to tackle infectious disease challenges, they also battle with an increasing prevalence of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) – which present new issues in implementing effective and sustainable solutions for health. The innovative biopharmaceutical industry recognizes the need for new approaches to reach the 2030 deadline.

Global Health Progress highlights over 200 collaborations which use innovative approaches to tackle global health challenges. The collaborations are helping to bring different actors together – governments, academia, multilateral organizations, other private sector companies, local NGOs and more – to catalyze cross-sector initiatives to tackle health related challenges, as well as address gender equality and education issues. A range of program strategies are being used – including capacity building, community awareness and health service delivery – to address systemic health issues and lay foundations to sustain program gains. In consultation with local actors, IFPMA member companies are fostering local ownership and designing programs according to specific health needs and existing health system infrastructure. The collaborations are transforming traditional partnership approaches by working with a growing number of other business sectors to develop integrated solutions, including partnerships with generic manufacturers, telecommunication and insurance companies, and financial institutions.

IFPMA’s Director General, Thomas Cueni, discussed the value of innovative approaches to collaboration to address global health challenges “If we are to overcome today’s most pressing global health challenges, we need some fresh, out-of-the-box thinking and innovative alliances that bring diverse sectors together to unlock greater value for organizations involved and greater impact for the beneficiaries on the ground. Our industry is committed to sharing knowledge and Global Health Progress is one way in which we are helping to drive new collaborations to strengthen healthcare systems. Effective partnerships will help our innovations to grow, reaching more patients worldwide.”

Humanitarian Response – Fiscal Resources

Press release
Lack of funding leaves millions of children in conflict and disaster zones at risk
$4 billion humanitarian appeal nearly 50 per cent unfunded heading into final quarter of 2019
22/10/2019
NEW YORK, 22 October 2019 – Millions of children living in areas affected by conflict and disaster are at risk because of substantial shortages in funding for lifesaving humanitarian programmes, UNICEF said today.

To date, UNICEF has only received 54 per cent of the US$4.16 billion needed to meet the basic health, education, nutrition and protection needs of 41 million children in 59 countries this year. Heading into the final quarter of 2019, the funding gap stands at 46 per cent.
“Millions of vulnerable children around the world are suffering the grievous consequences of increasingly complex humanitarian crises,” said UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore. “Without additional resources, these children will not go to school, be vaccinated, receive adequate nutrition, or be protected from violence and abuse. While we continue to appeal for an end to conflicts and better readiness to emergencies, we need additional donor support to help us meet children’s most basic needs.”

Emergencies with the largest funding gaps include Pakistan (83 per cent), Cameroon (80 per cent), Burkina Faso (76 per cent) and Venezuela (73 per cent). Large-scale emergencies in Syria and neighboring countries, Yemen, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Bangladesh also remain significantly underfunded.

If these funding gaps persist through the end of the year, the consequences for children will be dire:

:: In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, US$ 61 million is urgently required to provide essential services for communities in areas that have long suffered from humanitarian and security crises, and at the same time to create an environment conducive to an effective Ebola response.

:: In Ethiopia, UNICEF needs more than US$43 million to provide children and families affected by drought and displacement with access to safe water, hygiene and sanitation.

:: In Haiti, UNICEF requires nearly US$ 2 million to provide nutritional support to over 19,000 children in need of urgent nutrition assistance and US$ 2 million to support family reunification and care services for unaccompanied and separated children.

:: In Libya, without US$ 540,000 in urgent funding, UNICEF will be unable to provide mine risk education for 50,000 children.

:: In northeast Nigeria, nearly US$ 7 million in funding is urgently needed to sustain lifesaving nutrition programmes, including US$ 3.5 million to prevent a break in the supply pipeline of ready-to-use-therapeutic food for the treatment of severe acute malnutrition in children.

:: In South Sudan, UNICEF child protection programmes are only 20 per cent funded while water, sanitation and hygiene programmes are 26 per cent funded.

:: In Sudan, UNICEF needs US$ 12 million to continue lifesaving treatment for more than 61,000 children under five suffering from severe acute malnutrition.

:: In Syria, where the funding gap is at US$ 30 million, 2.1 million children could miss out on critical formal and non-formal education activities.

:: In Syria’s neighbouring countries (Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt), home to 2.5 million Syrian refugees, a funding gap of US$ 249 million means that 460,000 children could also miss out on education activities.

:: In Venezuela, UNICEF requires at least US$ 6 million to help 60,000 children enroll and stay in school, through the provision of school feeding programmes. UNICEF also needs at least US$ 3 million to help vaccinate nearly 400,000 children against preventable diseases over the next three months.
In West and Central Africa, UNICEF humanitarian assistance to support education for children in countries affected by emergencies are 72 per cent unfunded.

“During my time on the ground in countries under crisis – countries like DRC, Mozambique, South Sudan, Syria and Yemen – I’ve seen firsthand the power of humanitarian funding to change the lives of vulnerable children for the better,” said Fore. “With increased support, together we can reach even more of the children who need us most.”

Emergencies

Ebola – DRC+
Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Ebola Outbreak in DRC 64: 22 October 2019
1. Situation update
In the past week, from 14 to 20 October, 21 new confirmed Ebola virus disease (EVD) cases were reported from five health zones in two affected provinces in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The incidence of new confirmed EVD cases remains substantial in parts of North Kivu and Ituri provinces – in particular in the Biakato Mine Health Area, Mandima Health, with the majority (76%) of newly confirmed cases linked to this health area...In the 21 days from 30 September to 20 October, the number of affected health areas has decreased, with 20 health areas and nine health zones reporting new cases...

POLIO
Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 23 October 2019
:: Wild poliovirus type 3 (WPV3) has been declared as globally eradicated. At an event held on World Polio Day 2019, Professor David Salisbury, chair of the independent Global Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication (GCC), presented the official certificate of WPV3 eradication to WHO Director General Dr Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

Summary of new viruses this week:
:: Afghanistan— two WPV1 cases and six positive environmental samples;
:: Pakistan— four WPV1 cases and six WPV1-positive environmental samples;
:: Nigeria— two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples.
:: Chad— one cVDPV2 case;
:: Benin— one cVDPV2 case;
:: the Democratic Republic of the Congo— one cVDPV2 case;
:: Ghana— one cVDPV2 case and three cVDPV2 positive environmental samples;
:: Ethiopia— one cVDPV2 case:
:: Togo— one cVDPV2 case:
Two out of three wild poliovirus strains eradicated
Global eradication of wild poliovirus type 3 declared on World Polio Day
24 October 2019 – In a historic announcement on World Polio Day, an independent commission of experts concluded that wild poliovirus type 3 (WPV3) has been eradicated worldwide. Following the eradication of smallpox and wild poliovirus type 2, this news represents a historic achievement for humanity.

“The achievement of polio eradication will be a milestone for global health. Commitment from partners and countries, coupled with innovation, means of the three wild polio serotypes, only type one remains,” said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization and Chair of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) Polio Oversight Board “We remain fully committed to ensuring that all necessary resources are made available to eradicate all poliovirus strains. We urge all our other stakeholders and partners to also stay the course until final success is achieved,” he added.

There are three individual and immunologically-distinct wild poliovirus strains: wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1), wild poliovirus type 2 (WPV2) and wild poliovirus type 3 (WPV3).

Symptomatically, all three strains are identical, in that they cause irreversible paralysis or even death. But there are genetic and virologic differences which make these three strains three separate viruses that must each be eradicated individually.

WPV3 is the second strain of the poliovirus to be wiped out, following the certification of the eradication of WPV2 in 2015. The last case of WPV3 was detected in northern Nigeria in 2012. Since then, the strength and reach of the eradication programme’s global surveillance system has been critical to verify that this strain is truly gone. Investments in skilled workers, innovative tools and a global network of laboratories have helped determine that no WPV3 exists anywhere in the world, apart from specimens locked in secure containment.

At a celebration event at the headquarters of the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, Professor David Salisbury, chair of the independent Global Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication, presented the official certificate of WPV3 eradication to Dr Adhanom Ghebreyesus. “Wild poliovirus type 3 is globally eradicated,” said Professor Salisbury [chair of the independent Global Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication]. “This this is a significant achievement that should reinvigorate the eradication process and provides motivation for the final step – the eradication of wild poliovirus type 1. This virus remains in circulation in just two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. We cannot stop our efforts now: we must eradicate all remaining strains of all polioviruses. We do have good news from Africa: no wild poliovirus type 1 has been detected anywhere on the continent since 2016 in the face of ever improving surveillance. Although the region is affected by circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses, which must urgently be stopped, it does appear as if the continent is free of all wild polioviruses, a tremendous achievement.”...
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 26 Oct 2019]

**Democratic Republic of the Congo**
:: Ebola Outbreak in DRC 64: 22 October 2019
[See Ebola above for detail]

**Yemen**
:: Thalassemia patients have renewed hope through support provided by the Emergency Health and Nutrition Project (EHNP) 23 October 2019 (Yemen)

Mozambique floods - No new digest announcements identified
Nigeria - No new digest announcements identified
Somalia - No new digest announcements identified
South Sudan - No new digest announcements identified
Syrian Arab Republic - No new digest announcements identified

**WHO Grade 2 Emergencies** [to 26 Oct 2019]

**Afghanistan**
:: Dedication: 17 years, 15 years, 13 years, 11 years... meet the people who live to eradicate polio in Afghanistan 24 October 2019

**Iraq**
:: WHO intensifies support to vulnerable communities in Ba‘aj by strengthening the delivery of primary health care services
  21 October 2019 – The World Health Organization (WHO) has intensified its health support to vulnerable communities in areas of return in Ninewa governorate delivering more than 140 000 health interventions to people in and around Ba‘aj town since January 2019...

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
Libya - No new digest announcements identified
Malawi floods - No new digest announcements identified
Measles in Europe - No new digest announcements identified
MERS-CoV - No new digest announcements identified
Myanmar - No new digest announcements identified
occupied Palestinian territory  - No new digest announcements identified
Niger  - No new digest announcements identified
Sudan  - No new digest announcements identified
Ukraine  - No new digest announcements identified
Zimbabwe  - No new digest announcements identified

WHO Grade 1 Emergencies  [to 26 Oct 2019]
Kenya
:: Kenya takes vital step against cervical cancer and introduces HPV vaccine into routi...
18 October 2019
   With President Uhuru Kenyatta leading the way, Kenya today joins an increasing number of African
countries taking a vital step against a common cause of death among women – in the country and the
region – by introducing the human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine against cervical cancer into its routine
immunization schedule...

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

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 | Flash Update #9, Humanitarian impact of the military operation in north-eastern Syria, 21 -
24 October 2019

Yemen  - No new digest announcements identified

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
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 26 Oct 2019]
Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements
25 October 2019
GA/SHC/4275
Estimated 17 Million Children Displaced by Violence, Special Rapporteur Tells Third Committee as Delegates Tackle Modern Slavery, Exploitation
Special Rapporteurs presented reports on human trafficking, internal displacement and modern slavery, with one warning that some 17 million children have been displaced by conflict and violence, as the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) continued its interactive dialogues today.

24 October 2019
SC/13994
Turkey’s Military Operation Has Displaced Thousands of Civilians, Worsened Syria’s Dire Humanitarian Crisis, Top Official Warns Security Council
The recent escalation of hostilities in north-east Syria — following a Turkish military operation launched on 9 October — has exacerbated the safety and well-being of the area’s 3 million residents, a top United Nations humanitarian official warned the Security Council today, adding that nearly 180,000 people have fled that border region in just two weeks.

23 October 2019
SG/SM/19825
Secretary-General Forms High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement to Address Millions of Persons Internally Displaced by Violence, Natural Disasters
23 October 2019
GA/SHC/4273
Third Committee Experts Warn against Flouting International Norms, as Delegates Consider Human Rights in Iran, Somalia, Palestinian Territories
Special Rapporteurs presenting country-specific reports warned of Governments wilfully flouting international norms on such issues as the detention of children and the holding of credible elections, as the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) continued its interactive dialogues on human rights today.

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 26 Oct 2019]
Top News
Press briefing note on Protests and unrest around the world
Press briefing note on Bolivia

Press briefing note on Iraq

Press briefing note on Chile

Press briefing note on Guinea

Council News
UN Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar calls on UN Member States to remain vigilant in the face of the continued threat of genocide
23/10/2019

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/CRCIndex.aspx
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Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 26 Oct 2019]
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SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 26 Oct 2019]
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Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 26 Oct 2019]
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Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health  [to 26 Oct 2019]  
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Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights  [to 26 Oct 2019]  
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Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples  [to 26 Oct 2019]  
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Republic of Congo: Positive legal recognition for indigenous peoples needs concrete action, UN expert finds  
25 October 2019  
End of mission statement by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, Victoria Tauli-Corpuz on her visit to the Republic of Congo  
24 October 2019

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants  
Latest News  
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Severe flooding affects hundreds of thousands, humanitarian community responding to immediate needs  
24 October 2019  
Handover of UN House in Abuja Reaffirms the United Nations’ Commitment to Nigeria  
22 October 2019  
Northeast Syria – As half a million people gradually regain access to safe water – the number of displaced people nears 180,000 [EN/AR]
UNICEF and partners provide vaccination against polio and measles for nearly 232,000 children in Syria and Iraq, many affected by violence in northeast Syria

UNICEF update on the humanitarian situation for children in north east Syria

Lack of funding leaves millions of children in conflict and disaster zones at risk
A New Life and New Hopes for Resettled Refugees Arriving in Romania
2019-10-25 15:22
Bucharest – Forty-two refugees from Syria arrived safely in Bucharest, after leaving Amman, Jordan over the last two weeks as part of the Romanian refugee resettlement programme.

Ethical Recruitment Can Protect Rights of Nepali Migrant Workers
2019-10-25 14:35
Kathmandu – Nepali government officials, private sector stakeholders and civil society representatives meeting in Kathmandu today acknowledged that ethical recruitment practices can play a key role in protecting migrant workers’ rights and reducing the risk of people becoming...

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 82,978 in 2019; Deaths Reach 1,080
2019-10-25 14:32
Geneva – the International Organization for Migration (IOM) reports that 82,978 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea through 23 October, a 15 per cent decrease from the 97,765 arriving during the same period last year.

Joint Statement by the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs, IOM, OCHA and UNHCR to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Kampala Convention
2019-10-23 13:05
New York - Africa is marking today the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa.

Somalia’s 2.6m Internally Displaced Citizens in Need of Water, Shelter and Health
2019-10-22 16:40
Nairobi – Somalia has for almost three decades been in the throes of conflict; now add the most recent drought and the result is displacement and food shortages.

Voluntary medical male circumcision—4.1 million performed in 2018
21 October 2019
...About 11 million VMMCs have been performed in 15 priority countries in eastern and southern Africa since the beginning of 2016. In 2018 alone, about 4.1 million voluntary circumcisions were performed among males of all ages, a slight increase from the 4 million carried out in 2017.

Educational show on how to talk with teenagers about health and sexual relations
WHO expert panel on digital health meets for first time

WHO is convening global experts to help shape the Organization’s roadmap to advance the digital health ecosystem. The WHO Digital Health Technical Advisory Group met for the first time this week to discuss topics ranging from data governance, to ethical and equitable use of digital technologies, to helping communities benefit from proven and cost-effective digital health solutions.

“All governments are facing increasing demands to provide health services to their citizens, and many digital technologies offer solutions to help meet these needs,” said WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. “But countries require confidence in what works. The action plan agreed today focuses our efforts on helping the world benefit from digital health technologies and solutions while safeguarding the misuse of people’s data and protecting their health.”

The two-day meeting at WHO’s headquarters in Geneva led to an agreed action plan to focus the expert group’s activities and priorities over the next two years. Meeting focused on better defining WHO’s role in supporting global digital transformation. Topics included:

:: Developing a global framework for WHO to validate, implement and scale up digital health technology and solutions.
:: Recommendations for safe and ethical use of digital technologies to strengthen national health systems by improving quality and coverage of care, increasing access to health information.
:: Advice on advocacy and partnership models to accelerate use of digital health capabilities in countries to achieve better health outcomes.
:: Advice on emerging digital health technologies with global reach and impact, so no one is left behind.

Advisory group co-chair Steve Davis, president and chief executive officer of global health non-profit PATH, said the new plan provides direction to help WHO maximize the potential of the digital health landscape and chart future trends, tools and opportunities...

25 October 2019
News release
High rates of unintended pregnancies linked to gaps in family planning services: New WHO study

22 October 2019
WHO signs MoU with International Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association to promote access

Full access to medicines is hampered by a variety of factors. Two important barriers are high prices and regulatory issues such as long lag times in bringing medicines to market.
To address these issues, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General, and Jim Keon, Chair of the International Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association, today signed a memorandum of understanding.

The new agreement is an important step in WHO’s drive towards universal health coverage by underscoring the importance of generic and biosimilar medicines to increasing access to affordable, quality treatment.

WHO is an active supporter of expanding use of generic medicines: The vast majority of the products in the WHO Essential Medicines List are generic. WHO’s prequalification programme – which assesses the quality of priority medicines supplied by UN agencies and other organizations in low-income countries – has prioritized generic medicines as a way to treat more people with the funds available; around 70% of the medicines it prequalifies are generic. A recent independent study by McKinsey estimated WHO prequalification saves the world up to US$ 590 million every year. Every $1 invested in WHO Prequalification has a return in terms of savings of between $30-40.

WHO has also supported use of and access to generics through normative guidelines. Implementation of WHO guidance on interchangeability of generic medicines is further supported by the WHO List of International Comparators, which provides information on reference products for clinical trials into bioequivalence – i.e. whether two different products achieve the same results. Another tool is the WHO Biowaiver List which describes generic medicines that are eligible for a waiver from such studies.

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**WHO Regional Offices**

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

**WHO African Region AFRO**

:: New milestone towards a polio-free world, but there is no time to relax 24 October 2019
:: Communique on cross-border coordination, partnerships, and communication for Ebola v... 23 October 2019
:: Ten African countries endorse cross-border collaboration framework on Ebola outbreak... 21 October 2019

**WHO Region of the Americas PAHO**

:: Saint Lucia joins HEARTS initiative to improve prevention and control of hypertension (10/24/2019)
:: District of Columbia recognizes PAHO for including persons with developmental disabilities in the workplace (10/24/2019)
:: Ultra-processed foods gain ground among Latin American and Caribbean families (10/23/2019)
:: PAHO Director in Rio de Janeiro highlights achievements and challenges in vaccine production (10/22/2019)

[See Perspectives above for detail]

**WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO**

No new digest content identified.

**WHO European Region EURO**

:: World Polio Day marks a major milestone towards polio eradication 24-10-2019
:: Parliaments urged to help deliver universal health coverage by 2030 23-10-2019
:: Public health at the centre of a sustainable future 22-10-2019
New country profiles show changes in environmental health inequalities 21-10-2019
What can you do about flu? 21-10-2019

**WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO**
Thalassemia patients have renewed hope through support provided by EHN P
23 October 2019

**WHO Western Pacific Region**
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**World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)** [to 26 Oct 2019]
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**UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund [to 26 Oct 2019]
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**UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter.html
Selected Press Releases/Announcements
Despite dangers, majority of irregular migrants from Africa to Europe would still travel: UNDP report
Landmark study gives voice to irregular migrants, and reveals strong links between migration and development
Posted on October 21, 2019

**UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/
Latest News
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**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://unstats.un.org/unsd/default.htm
http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm
http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/
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**UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.unenvironment.org/
News
24 Oct 2019 Press release
Colombo Declaration calls for tackling global nitrogen challenge

Spearheaded by Sri Lanka, United Nations member states endorsed a proposed roadmap for action on nitrogen challenges called the Colombo Declaration on Sustainable Nitrogen Management Colombo, 24 October 2019

24 Oct 2019 Press release

New global commitment report reveals progress towards eliminating plastic pollution

Ellen MacArthur Foundation and UN Environment Programme publish first annual New Plastics Economy Global Commitment progress report Companies set out actions to eliminate problematic plastic packaging, and increase...

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.unisdr.org/archive
No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 26 Oct 2019]
Latest News
UN to launch biggest-ever global conversation on the world’s future to mark its 75th anniversary in 2020

24 October 2019, New York
To mark UN Day today, Secretary-General António Guterres has announced that next year’s commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations will feature a large and inclusive global conversation on the role of global cooperation in building the future we want.

Starting in January 2020, the United Nations will hold dialogues around the world and across borders, sectors and generations. The aim is to reach the global public; to listen to their hopes and fears; and to learn from their experiences.

The United Nations was founded in 1945 to support collective action to realize peace, development and human rights for all. The UN75 initiative seeks to spark dialogue and action on how we can build a better world despite the many challenges we face...

UNESCO [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://en.unesco.org/news
Latest News
UNESCO schools give hope to Syrian refugees in Lebanon

24 October 2019

UNESCO Heritage Emergency Fund supports Museum in Palu and Weavers in Lombok

23 October 2019

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.icomos.org/en/
Announcements
General Assembly
**ICOMOS GA2020 | Save the Date!**
From 1-10 October 2020, cultural heritage practitioners from around the world will converge in Sydney, Australia, for the 20th triennial General Assembly of ICOMOS.

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime  [to 26 Oct 2019]
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**UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://unhabitat.org/
*News and Stories*
**Designing for Universal Access of Public Transport in African Cities**
Tuesday 22 October, 2019

**UN-Habitat and partners launch climate action in Arab region report**
Monday 21 October, 2019

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization  [to 26 Oct 2019]
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**ILO** International Labour Organization  [to 26 Oct 2019]
**ILO100**
**Council of the EU welcomes the ILO Centenary Declaration for the Future of Work**
24 October 2019
- The Council calls on the EU Member States to pursue a human-centred approach to the future of work.

**ILO 100**
**A centenary celebration 100 metres below sea level**
22 October 2019
- Employment specialists from the International Labour Organization visit a mine in the Russian Federation to mark the Centenary of the organization and to promote decent work.

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.icao.int/
*Latest News and Highlights*
**Implementing ICAO and INTERPOL provisions key to immobilizing foreign terrorist fighters**
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IMO International Maritime Organization  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/Home.aspx

Latest Press Briefings

IMO fishing vessel treaty gets major boost at historic IMO-led Ministerial Conference
23/10/2019
 global regime to create much-needed safety standards for fishing vessels moves a significant step closer.

WMO World Meteorological Organization  [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://public.wmo.int/en/media/press-release

Press Release

WMO calls for protection of radio frequencies vital to weather forecasts
Publish Date: 24 October 2019

The World Meteorological Organization is calling on governments to protect radio frequencies allocated to Earth observation services which are vital for weather forecasts and long-term climate change monitoring. Decisions with major repercussions for Earth exploration, environmental monitoring and meteorological satellite operation will be made at the World Radiocommunication Conference from 28 October – 22 November 2019.

UPU Universal Postal Union  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://news.upu.int/no_cache/news/

News

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UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization  [to 26 Oct 2019]

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International Organization for Standardization (ISO)  [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.iso.org/news_archive/x/

News
By Clare Naden on 24 October 2019

ISO, IEC and ITU's committee for JPEG receives Emmy Award

The experts behind the standard for JPEG were recognized with an Engineering Emmy by the US Academy of Television Arts & Sciences at the 71st Engineering Emmy Awards last night.

By Clare Naden on 23 October 2019

New guidance for standards professionals just published

Standards touch all areas of our lives, so standards developers are needed from all sectors of society. New international guidance for the competences required of standards professionals has just been published to improve and harmonize the skills required and attract new talent into the standards community.
INSTO Observatories advancing tourism impact monitoring at destination level

Madrid, Spain, 23 October 2019 – The World Tourism Organization’s (UNWTO) International Network of Sustainable Tourism Observatories (INSTO) welcomed more than 100 experts to its global annual meeting in Madrid, gathering observatories from all around the world as well as other stakeholders from the public, private and academic field to discuss the latest experiences in monitoring tourism impacts at destination level through the application of traditional and non-traditional data sources.

WIPO

World Intellectual Property Organization [to 26 Oct 2019]

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

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CBD

Convention on Biological Diversity [to 26 Oct 2019]


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USADF

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

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USAID Announces $35 Million for the Water and Energy for Food Challenge

October 23, 2019
Press Release

Today at the Social Capital Markets conference (SOCAP19) in San Francisco, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Deputy Administrator Bonnie Glick announced $35 million for the Water and Energy for Food (“WE4F”) Challenge. This initiative will increase sustainable agricultural and food value-chains, food security, and climate resilience in developing countries and emerging markets - with a focus on the poor and women by investing in small enterprises that work in combinations of food, water, and energy.

USAID and the Inter-American Development Bank Launch $13.5 Million Innovation Challenge for Venezuelans Across Latin America and the Caribbean

October 21, 2019

Today, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) launched the BetterTogether, JuntosEsMejor, Challenge. With this new partnership, USAID and IDB will provide $13.5 million to crowdsource, fund, and scale innovative solutions that support Venezuelans inside the country, Venezuelans across Latin America and the Caribbean, and the communities hosting them.
DFID  [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development
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ECHO  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://europa.eu/rapid/search-result.htm?query=18&locale=en&page=1
Latest News
EU provides additional €2 million for refugees and migrants in Bosnia and Herzegovina
24/10/2019
With winter approaching and thousands of migrants and refugees in Bosnia and Herzegovina living outside of adequate facilities, the European Commission has today announced an additional €2 million in humanitarian aid. This brings EU humanitarian...

Libya receives €2 million in EU humanitarian assistance
21/10/2019
As many continue to suffer from the ongoing conflict in Libya, the European Commission has announced today €2 million in additional humanitarian aid to help those most in need. The assistance will cover emergency healthcare services, food,...

African Union  [to 26 Oct 2019]
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ASEAN  Association of Southeast Asian Nations  [to 26 Oct 2019]
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European Commission  [to 26 Oct 2019]
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Press Releases
Bosnia and Herzegovina: additional €2 million in humanitarian aid for refugees and migrants
European Commission - Press release Brussels, 24 October 2019 With winter approaching and thousands of migrants and refugees in Bosnia and Herzegovina living outside of adequate facilities, the European Commission has today announced an additional €2 million in humanitarian aid.

Libya: €2 million in humanitarian assistance to cover basic needs
21/10/2019 - As many continue to suffer from the ongoing conflict in Libya, the European Commission has announced today €2 million in additional humanitarian aid to help those most in need. The assistance will cover emergency health care services, food, livelihood support and protection services.

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 21 October 2019
As many continue to suffer from the ongoing conflict in Libya, the European Commission has announced today €2 million in additional humanitarian aid to help those most in need.

OECD  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.oecd.org/
25-October-2019
Training for staff in early childhood education and care must promote practices that foster children’s learning, development and well-being
Countries need to ensure that the early childhood education and care (ECEC) workforce is prepared for the demands of working with young children in order to give a strong start to all children.

Organization of American States (OAS)  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.oas.org/en/
Press Releases
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Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.oic-oci.org/
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Secretary-General Affirms OIC Keen Interest on Cooperation in Providing Solutions to Water Challenges
The Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Dr. Yousef A. Al-Othaimeen, stressed that water security has become a prerequisite for achieving sustainability and for ensuring health and prosperity of the OIC Member States. ...
22/10/2019

Group of 77  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.g77.org/
Latest Statements and Speeches
Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr. Saed Katkhuda, Senior Adviser, Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, on agenda item 142: United Nations common system, at the Fifth Committee during the main part of the seventy-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly (New York, 25 October 2019)

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by H.E Mr. Riyad Mansour, Minister, State of Palestine, at the XVIII Summit of the Heads of States or Government of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) (Baku, Azerbaijan, 25 October 2019)
Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr. Majed Bamya, First Counsellor at the Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, in the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly under agenda item 78 "United Nations programme of assistance in the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law" (New York, 25 October 2019)

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr. Abdullah Abushawesh, Counsellor, Mission of the State of Palestine to the UN, on agenda item 60: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources, at the Second Committee of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly (New York, 22 October 2019)

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr. Abdullah Abushawesh, Counsellor, Mission of the State of Palestine to the UN, on agenda item 64: New Partnership for Africa's Development: Progress in implementation and international support, and agenda item 13: 2001-2010: Decade to roll back Malaria in Developing Countries, particularly in Africa, at the plenary of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly (New York, 22 October 2019)

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Press Releases
23 Oct 2019 –
New global roadmap of action to guide the future of mobility

With growing urbanization, increasing world trade and new technologies, the global mobility system is stressed. More than 1 billion people, or one-third of the global rural population, lacks access to all-weather roads and transport services—a major barrier to social and economic advancement. The GRA will help tackle this urgency by taking a holistic approach of sustainability and offering concrete policy solutions countries can adapt and adopt to achieve sustainable mobility. As a tool, the GRA helps countries identify gaps, crucial steps, and appropriate policies to ensure that transport contributes to attain the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 and improve the sustainability of their transport system.

According to the GRA, globally, one billion more people would be connected to education, health and jobs if we close the transport access gap in rural areas; improvements in border administration, transport and communication infrastructure could increase global GDP by up to US$2.6 trillion; and an additional 1.6 billion people would breathe cleaner air if transport pollution was halved...

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.wcoomd.org/
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WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm
21 October 2019
DDG Wolff: I am fundamentally optimistic about future of multilateral trading system
Speaking at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington DC on 21 October, Deputy Director-General Alan Wolff said it is vitally important that the value of the multilateral trading system in terms of its impact on the daily lives of people be better understood. “For the individual worker, farmer or company, it must be understood that the WTO is about fairness.” He added: “Having a multilateral trading system is in the fundamental interests of all countries and it will not only endure but be improved.”

IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 26 Oct 2019]
Press releases
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International Court of Justice [to 26 Oct 2019]
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International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 26 Oct 2019]
Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity
https://www.icc-cpi.int/
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World Bank [to 26 Oct 2019]
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Governments Worldwide Launched 294 Reforms Over the Past Year to Make Doing Business Easier
Doing Business 2020: Four of ten most improved countries from the Middle East, North Africa
WASHINGTON, Oct 24, 2019—Governments of 115 economies around the world launched 294 reforms over the past...
Date: October 24, 2019 Type: Press Release

New Global Roadmap of Action to Guide the Future of Mobility
WASHINGTON, October 23, 2019—The Sustainable Mobility for All (SuM4All) initiative launched today the Global Roadmap of Action toward Sustainable Mobility (GRA), a tool to guide country decision-makers...

With growing urbanization, increasing world trade and new technologies, the global mobility system is stressed. More than 1 billion people, or one-third of the global rural population, lacks access to all-weather roads and transport services—a major barrier to social and economic advancement. The GRA will help tackle this urgency by taking a holistic approach of sustainability and offering concrete policy solutions countries can adapt and adopt to achieve sustainable mobility. As a tool, the GRA helps countries identify gaps, crucial steps, and appropriate policies to ensure that transport contributes to
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Date: October 23, 2019 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 26 Oct 2019]  
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October 22, 2019

**Prolonged Uncertainty Weighs on Asia’s Economy**

The IMF’s latest economic assessment for Asia and the Pacific highlights rising downside risks to growth in the context of a synchronized global slowdown. Growth in Asia softened in the first half of 2019, driven by a pronounced decline in fixed investment and exports. Consumption largely held up, helped by supportive policies across the region.

African Development Bank Group [to 26 Oct 2019]  
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Asian Development Bank [to 26 Oct 2019]  
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Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 26 Oct 2019]  
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IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 26 Oct 2019]  
https://www.ifad.org/web/latest/news  
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**New project launched to help Chadian farmers adapt to climate change and boost the agriculture sector**
:: 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.**

**Islamic Development Bank** [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.isdb.org/
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**Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger** [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org
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**Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA)** [to 26 Oct 2019]
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**Amref Health Africa** [to 26 Oct 2019]
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**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://aravind.org/
No new digest content identified.

**BRAC** [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.brac.net/#news
Latest
Financial inclusion
Taking on tech: 3 stages that every NGO needs to know
October 23, 2019
by Jannatul Tazreen and Zarif Enam and Nishat Tasnim
From managing mobile tablets for loan collections to responding to floods through Facebook’s disaster map, BRAC has delved into a technological shift from a long time ago. The question still remains: How can technology be further embedded into the ecosystem?

CARE International  [to 26 Oct 2019]
Press Releases
**Women in Desperate Need of Assistance in North-East Syria and Iraq**
24th Oct 2019  Many
Women and children in North-East Syria and Iraq are in urgent need of assistance

Clubhouse International  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.clubhouse-intl.org/news.html
News
No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council  [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.drc.dk/news
NEWS
No new digest content identified.

ECPAT  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.ecpat.net/news
News & Updates
No new digest content identified.

Fountain House  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.fountainhouse.org/
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion  [nee Handicap International]  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.handicap-international.us/press_releases
Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports
No new digest content identified.

Heifer International  [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.heifer.org/
Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports
No new digest content identified.
**ICRC** [to 26 Oct 2019]
*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*
**Operational update on the Central African Republic: Situation still worrying for thousands of displaced people fleeing violence in Birao**
Bangui (ICRC) – Since 1 September, ongoing fighting between armed groups has forced large numbers of people in Birao, in the north-east of the Central African Republic, to flee their homes.
23-10-2019 | *News release*

**EWIPA: ICRC Statement on the use of Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas**
OPEN SESSION OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS AGAINST USE OF EXPLOSIVE WEAPONS IN POPULATED AREAS
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Statement Delivered by Judith Kiconco, Humanitarian Affairs Adviser
22-10-2019 | *Statement*

**IFRC** [to 26 Oct 2019]
*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*
**Asia Pacific**
**Philippines: Red Cross triples polio vaccination target**
The Philippine Red Cross is more than tripling the number of children it aims to vaccinate in a door-to-door polio vaccination campaign, the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) said today.
25 October 2019

**International Medical Corps (IMC)** [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/stories-and-news/
*Media highlights*
**Press Release**
**As mortars hit civilian camp in Yemen, the IRC is shocked by the ongoing callous disregard for civilian life**
October 23, 2019
IRCT [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://irct.org/

News 25 Oct 2019

**Chile: IRCT condemns human rights breaches in Santiago**
IRCT is profoundly concerned about reliable reports of torture, ill-treatment and denial of basic human rights in connection with the protests in Santiago.

News 21 Oct 2019

**Empowering Rehabilitation Centres and Survivors of Torture**
IRCT celebrates the end of the second phase of the Global Anti-Torture Evidence (GATE) Project

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.islamic-relief.org/

South Sudan

**Giving birth in South Sudan can be a matter of life and death**
Published: 24 October, 2019

Global

**Volunteers unite to help vulnerable children through Islamic Relief’s ‘super’ Charity Week 2019**
Published: 21 October, 2019

Landsea [to 26 Oct 2019]

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.medecinsdumonde.org/
No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.mercycorps.org/press-room/releases

Press releases

**Nigeria: Mercy Corps is Extremely Concerned about Ongoing Closures in Northeast Nigeria**

ABUJA, Nigeria — Today marks one month since Mercy Corps’ offices in Yobe and Borno states were closed by the Nigerian military. Our team remains extremely concerned about the significant and dire humanitarian consequences resulting from these closures. Yobe and Borno states are home to more than 2.6 million people and Mercy Corps, together with other humanitarian organizations, provide much needed assistance to communities affected by conflict.

**South Sudan: Statement in Response to the Bipartisan Resolution in Support of South Sudan’s Peace Process and Transition to Democratic Rule**
Mercy Corps welcomes the introduction of a bipartisan Senate Resolution (S. Res. 371) by U.S. Senators Chris Coons (D-DE), Johnny Isakson (R-GA), Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Todd Young (R-IN) in support of South Sudan’s peace process and efforts to transition to democratic rule.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.msf.org/
Latest [Selected Announcements]
Nigeria
Northeast Nigeria: Now is not the time to question lifesaving as...
Statement 25 Oct 2019
...Serious medical needs remain widespread in northeast Nigeria, while essential items and clean drinking water are scarce; in the first half of 2019 alone, our teams admitted more than 15,000 patients on an emergency basis, treated over 8,000 patients for malaria, ensured 2,446 safe deliveries and vaccinated 9,117 people against measles...

Syria
Multiple casualties from shelling on village in northwestern Syria
Statement 25 Oct 2019

South Sudan
“The only way to move around the hospital now is by boat”
Voices from the Field 25 Oct 2019

South Sudan
People stranded, cut off from care in severe flooding in South Sudan
Press Release 21 Oct 2019

Iraq
MSF providing medical care in Iraq to people fleeing northeast Syria
Statement 21 Oct 2019

Mexico
Migration policies that kill
Interview 18 Oct 2019

Operation Smile  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.operationsmile.org/press-office
Program Schedule
Here’s what we’re doing worldwide to make a difference in the lives of children who deserve every opportunity for safe surgical care.

Oxfam [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.oxfam.org/en/
Selected News/Announcements
World Bank accountability body launches investigation into IFC investment in Bridge International Academies
25 October 2019
The World Bank’s Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO) announced today that it will launch a formal investigation into investments made by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) in for-profit multinational school chain Bridge International Academies.

Oxfam slams shameful European Parliament vote against search and rescue
24 October 2019

Green Climate Fund short-changed by rich polluting countries
24 October 2019
Rich polluting countries such as Australia, Canada, the Netherlands and the US are short-changing poor countries by billions of dollars that they need to cut emissions and adapt to the climate crisis, says Oxfam. The two-day pledging conference to the Green Climate Fund begins in Paris today.

Despite proposed spending increase, EU fails its own development aid targets in 2020 budget, Oxfam says
23 October 2019

15 million Yemenis see water supplies cut amid fuel crisis
22 October 2019
15 million people in Yemen have had their water supplies severely cut, putting them at risk of deadly diseases like cholera because of a fuel crisis, analysis by aid agencies, including Oxfa

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.nrc.no/
Latest news from NRC
Iraq | 22. Oct 2019
Fleeing for safety before ceasefire ends
Increasing numbers of refugees from North East Syria are fleeing for safety in the Kurdish region of Iraq, afraid of what comes next in their home towns as the ceasefire brokered by the US is about to end.

Syria | 22. Oct 2019
Ready to support Syrian refugees in Iraq
The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has started an emergency response to support Syrian refugees crossing the border into northern Iraq.

Africa/Somalia | 22. Oct 2019
Conflict and drought displace 300,000 in Somalia so far this year
Over 300,000 people have been displaced due to drought and conflict in Somalia so far this year. The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) said insecurity is making it virtually impossible for humanitarians to provide aid in rural areas and is resulting in vulnerable people moving to overcrowded camps in urban areas for assistance.

DR Congo | 21. Oct 2019
Dialogue key to tackling armed conflict in DRC
After decades of conflict and short-lived peace agreements in the eastern region of Ituri (DR Congo), an innovative stabilisation strategy provides new hope for lasting peace. NORDEM expert, Ingebjørg Finnbakk, plays a key role in its implementation.

Pact [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.pactworld.org/
Latest News
No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.pih.org/blog
News
Oct 21, 2019
Quadruplets Born at University Hospital Amidst Haiti Unrest
In late September, University Hospital staff helped a mother deliver healthy babies following a harrowing journey through barricades at the height of unrest in Haiti.

PATH [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.path.org/media-center/
Selected Announcements
No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://plan-international.org/about-plan/resources/media-centre
No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.savethechildren.net/news
25 October 2019 - Somalia
Somalia: Tens of thousands of flood-hit families in Hiraan urgently need humanitarian aid

22 October 2019 - Syria
After two weeks of violence, civilians and aid workers must be allowed free movement in North East Syria

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.sos-childrensvillages.org/news
Bolivia
Becoming a family man
October 25 2019 - Single father Secundino struggled to care for his six children after the death of his wife. A chance encounter made all the difference for the shoemaker and his family.
Pakistan

**A royal visit times two**

October 23 2019 - “The community at the SOS Village is built around family - and the best possible family you could imagine - where everyone comes together to nurture, love and protect the children in their care,” the Duchess wrote after visiting the SOS Children's Village in Lahore.

**Tostan** [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.tostan.org

No new digest content identified.

**Women for Women International** [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.womenforwomen.org/
October 24, 2019
The ‘Ceasefire’ in Syria is Over, but the Suffering Never Stopped
Press Release

**World Vision** [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://wvi.org/
Newsroom
No new digest content identified.

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**Electronic Frontiers Foundation**
https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press_release

Press Release | October 23, 2019
**Hearing Thursday: EFF Urges Appeals Court to Curb Police Access to ALPR Databases**

San Francisco – On Thursday, Oct. 23, the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) will urge the California Court of Appeal to reverse a lower court and hold that law enforcement use of data gathered from automated license plate reader (ALPR) systems is a search that requires a warrant. ALPRs are computer-controlled...

Press Release | October 22, 2019
**EFF and Partners Urge U.S. Lawmakers to Support New DoH Protocol for a More Secure Internet**

San Francisco—The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) today called on Congress to support implementation of an Internet protocol that encrypts web traffic, a critical tool that will lead to dramatic improvements in user privacy and help impede the ability of governments to track and censor people.EFF, joined by Consumer Reports and...

Press Release | October 22, 2019
**EFF to Amazon and Shaq: Stop Pushing Police Partnerships with Doorbell Camera Company**

Chicago – The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) is urging Amazon, along with basketball legend Shaquille O'Neal, to cancel an event promoting Ring home-surveillance cameras at a police chiefs’
conference in Chicago later this month. EFF and many other civil liberties and privacy organizations are growing increasingly concerned about privacy-invasive partnerships...

**Freedom House** [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://freedomhouse.org/news
News

**China Media Bulletin**

**China Media Bulletin:** "Key individual” police databases, Tiktok censorship, NBA backlash (No. 139)
October 23, 2019

In this issue: Details on police databases used to track “key individuals” like petitioners and religious believers, increased pressure on foreign and Chinese companies—from the NBA to Blizzard to Tiktok to Apple—to aid government censorship, further press freedom declines in Hong Kong, and how mobile app backdoors, “super cameras” and facial scans are enhancing Chinese government surveillance capabilities.

**Press Releases**

**Azerbaijan: Government Must Respect Freedom of Peaceful Assembly**
October 22, 2019
The use of excessive force against peaceful protests in Azerbaijan must end.

**Human Rights Watch** [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.hrw.org/
Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements
October 27, 2019

**Iraq: Protesters Killed by Teargas Canisters**
Iraqi security forces fired tear gas canisters into crowds, killing at least eight protesters, during demonstrations in Baghdad on October 25, 2019.

Europe/Central Asia

October 24, 2019 Report

**Turkey: Syrians Being Deported to Danger**
Asia

October 24, 2019 News Release

**Thailand: Peaceful Critics Prosecuted**
United States

October 25, 2019 Dispatches

**A Leader for Our Times**
Nicole Austin-Hillery
Executive Director, US Program

**Transparency International** [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.transparency.org/news/pressreleases
25 Oct 2019  
**Condemnation of murder of Brazilian anti-corruption activist**  
- Transparency International condemns the murder of the Brazilian anti-corruption activist Marcelo Miguel D’Elia, director of UNIDO- União para o Desenvolvimento de Dourado (Union for the Development of Dourado), an NGO located in the city of Dourado, in the state of Sao Paulo. We extend our deepest ...

24 Oct 2019  
**Immediate and urgent anti-corruption measures needed in Lebanon**  
- The Lebanese Transparency Association - No Corruption (LTA), the national chapter of Transparency International, today expressed its deep disappointment with the response of the Lebanese executive and legislative branches to the demands of protesters who have taken to streets across the country for ...

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 26 Oct 2019]  
https://childfundalliance.org/  
News/ Statements  
*No new digest content identified.*

**CONCORD** [to 26 Oct 2019]  
http://concordeurope.org/news-and-events/  
*Latest News and Events*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**The Elders** [to 26 Oct 2019]  
http://theelders.org/news-media  
*Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements*  
*Press Release*  
**The Elders call for open access to Kashmir to assess humanitarian and rights situation**  
25 Oct 2019  
- The Elders today expressed grave concern at the recent killings by militants and security forces in Indian-administered Kashmir and urged both India and Pakistan to act with restraint and responsibility to defuse tensions.

*Videos*  
**Together, we can shape a better future for us all**  
24 Oct 2019  
- At a time of populism & isolationism, when polarised politics & self-interest have the upper hand, The Elders believe in an alternative approach.

**Evidence Aid** [to 26 Oct 2019]  
http://www.evidenceaid.org/  
October 22, 2019
Artemether injection for treating people with severe malaria
Claire Allen
Read the full review here

Artemether may not be more effective than quinine at preventing deaths from severe malaria in children. However, in adults artemether is probably more effective than quinine at preventing deaths. Injection of artesunate is recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) for treating adults and children that have severe malaria as studies have shown that it results in fewer deaths compared to quinine treatment.

Artemether is an alternative artemisinin-based medicine but is only available as a pre-mixed oil-based solution for intramuscular injection. Artemether is now widely available and is used in many African countries, although it is not specifically recommended by the WHO. The aim of this review was to examine the effects of treating people that have severe malaria with artemether injected intramuscularly compared to treatment with other antimalarial medicines given intramuscularly or intravenously.

The authors examined the available research that evaluated the effects of treating people that have severe malaria with artemether injected intramuscularly compared to treatment with other antimalarial medicines given intramuscularly or intravenously.

Gavi [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.gavi.org/
Latest news

Gavi celebrates global eradication of wild poliovirus type 3
Certification officially announced at World Polio Day event in Geneva

Geneva, 24 October 2019 – Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance has welcomed the announcement today by an independent commission of experts that wild poliovirus type 3 (WPV3) has been eradicated worldwide. The official announcement was made at a World Polio Day event organised by WHO in Geneva.

WPV3 is the second of three strains of wild poliovirus to have been certified eradicated. Wild poliovirus type 2 (WPV2) was confirmed eradicated in 2015 and wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) remains in circulation in areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

“This announcement represents a tremendous victory in the fight against polio.” said Dr Seth Berkley, CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. “It is a testament to decades of effort by hundreds of thousands of vaccinators and health care workers as well as WHO and its partners – and it is a reminder of the real strides we can make with focused commitment and collaboration. Harnessing this momentum and remaining vigilant will be critical as we continue to work towards a polio-free world.”...

Global Fund [to 26 Oct 2019]
News & Stories
Updates

24 October 2019

... Charged with evaluating funding requests for strategic focus, technical soundness and potential for impact, the Technical Review Panel reviewed each of the 225 applications in 2017-2019. At the request of the Strategy Committee of the Global Fund Board, the Technical Review Panel reflected upon these funding requests, identifying key trends, lessons learned, and recommendations for each of the diseases and for resilient and sustainable systems for health.
The panel’s recommendations include:
:: Improving the setting of priorities
:: Increasing the focus on prevention and reducing incidence
:: Strengthening cross-cutting programming in resilient and sustainable systems for health
:: Strengthening community systems
:: Increasing attention to sustainability and transition

The Technical Review Panel advises that their recommendations be considered as countries develop their funding requests for 2020-2022:


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News

World Bank and Global Fund Deepen Partnership with Co-Financing Agreement
22 October 2019

WASHINGTON – The World Bank and the Global Fund have signed a co-financing framework agreement to accelerate efforts by countries to end HIV, tuberculosis and malaria and build sustainable systems for health.

The framework agreement outlines a new approach for joint financing of investment-type operations between the two organizations, as well as results-based financing.

In recent years, the Global Fund and the World Bank have signed multiple innovative finance agreements, such as a loan buy-down for a program to fight tuberculosis in India, a performance-based funding project in the Democratic Republic of Congo and a Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Indonesia and Sri Lanka. The framework agreement is expected to reduce transaction costs and lays the foundation for a deeper partnership with the aim of increasing impact.

“Partnership is in the Global Fund’s DNA, and our work with partners such as the World Bank will accelerate the fight to end the epidemics,” said Peter Sands, Executive Director of the Global Fund.

“Innovative financing mechanisms can play a significant role in improving the effectiveness of our investments and in pursuing new financial opportunities to increase impact.”

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://prizecoalition.charity.org/
10/22/2019 + Blog
Welcome Cohort Four! HelpAge USA, Jerrold Keilson

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://icvanetwork.org/
Latest resources, events, content
UNHCR NGO Annual Consultations 2019 Rapporteur Report
October, 2019

Unpacking Localization
October, 2019

InterAction [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.interaction.org/
UN Day Reminds Us that While Imperfect, the UN Plays a Critical Role in our World
Adam Fivenson
Oct 24, 2019

3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.3ieimpact.org/
Latest News, Publications
No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://chsalliance.org/
New website no longer posts press releases or announcements.

Development Initiatives [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://devinit.org/news/
New
No new digest content identified.

Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.alnap.org/
No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.dec.org.uk/media-centre
LATEST PRESS RELEASES
No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 26 Oct 2019]
No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 26 Oct 2019]
News
No new digest content identified.
**International Humanitarian Studies Association** [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://ihsa.info/
No new digest content identified.

**INEE – an international network for education in emergencies** [to 26 Oct 2019]
News
No new digest content identified.

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://phap.org/
Association news
No new digest content identified.

**Sphere** [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.spherestandards.org/news-and-events/
News
**Dr Balwant Singh appointed as Sphere’s new Executive Director**
08 October 2019 | Sphere
The Sphere Executive Committee is delighted to announce that Dr Balwant Singh will start as Sphere’s new Executive Director on 15 October 2019. Dr Singh brings more than 25 years of leadership experience in philanthropy,...

**Start Network** [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://startnetwork.org/news-and-blogs
News and Blog
No new digest content identified.

**Brookings**
http://www.brookings.edu/
Accessed 26 Oct 2019
Latest Research
Report
**Philadelphia Playful Learning Landscapes**
Jenny Perlman Robinson
Thursday, October 24, 2019

**India**
**Acting East: India in the Indo-Pacific**
Dhruba Jaishankar
Thursday, October 24, 2019
How startups help cities measure their economic development frontier
Sifan Liu and Joseph Parilla
October 24, 2019

Trans-Atlantic Scorecard – October 2019
Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Market-based clean performance standards as building blocks for carbon pricing
Carolyn Fischer
Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Center for Global Development [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.cgdev.org/page/press-center
October 24, 2019
Ecological Fiscal Transfers and Subnational Budgets: Did Forest-Based Fiscal Devolution Lead Indian States to Increase Forestry Expenditure?
India’s ecological fiscal transfers provide Indian states with the incentive to increase their forestry budgets as an investment in increased future shares of central taxes. In this paper, we look at whether states are yet taking advantage of this opportunity.
Jonah Busch, Avani Kapur and Anit Mukherjee

Promoting New Kinds of Legal Labour Migration Pathways Between Europe and Africa
The arrival of a new leadership team in Brussels provides an opportunity for Europe to reinvigorate its role as a global development power and to build a true partnership with its continental neighbour, Africa. These tasks have never been more urgent. Read here for recommendations on migration.
Michael Clemens, Helen Dempster and Kate Gough

Can the US Development Finance Corporation Compete?
The new US International Development Finance Corporation (USDFC) will be considerably larger than its predecessor, and it will also be more focused on low and lower middle income countries. It will have new tools to deliver but face expanded competition.
Charles Kenny

Focusing on Fragility: The Future of US Assistance to Fragile States
Global development is increasingly intertwined with state fragility. It's time for donors to rethink how their engagement can better help countries address the underlying causes of fragility.
Sarah Rose

Automation and AI: Implications for African Development Prospects?
Now that computers are capable of taking the jobs that require brain as well as brawn, it may appear there is little left for humans to do. But there are reasons to doubt the pessimism. This note reviews some of the literature around AI, automation, jobs, and development prospects with a focus on potential implications for developing countries and in particular for Africa.

Charles Kenny

October 22, 2019

**Focusing on Fragility: The Future of US Assistance to Fragile States (brief)**

Global development is increasingly intertwined with state fragility. Poverty is becoming concentrated in fragile states, and conflict, violent extremism, and environmental stresses can emerge from and be exacerbated by fragility. As a result, many donors, including the United States, are reflecting on lessons of the past to rethink how they can better help fragile states address the underlying causes of fragility, build peace and stability, and cope with complex risks.

Sarah Rose

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**CSIS** [to 26 Oct 2019]

https://www.csis.org/

**Selected Reports**

**Report**

**Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Libya, and Yemen**

October 25, 2019 | Anthony H. Cordesman

By neglecting the local civil conditions that lead to and underly its “failed state” wars, the United States ignores necessary components in securing peace and stability.

**Report**

**U.S. Military Forces in FY 2020: SOF, Civilians, Contractors, and Nukes**

October 24, 2019 | Mark F. Cancian

Military forces consist not just of the services, but also special operations forces, civilians, contractors, and non-DOD agencies. In his final white paper in a series on U.S. forces, CSIS’s Mark Cancian analyzes recent changes to these other national security elements.

**Report**

"**Burden-sharing** and the 2 percent of GDP Solution: A Study in Military Absurdity"

October 23, 2019 | Anthony H. Cordesman

NATO’s call for each member country to spend 2 percent of its GDP and 20 percent of its defense expenditure on major new equipment risks facing the real problem of force planning with a non-solution.

**Report**

**Trust Your Eyes? Deepfakes Policy Brief**

October 23, 2019 | Arthur Nelson, James Andrew Lewis

Advances in artificial intelligence are making it possible to create fake video and audio that is nearly indistinguishable from reality. CSIS’s James Lewis and Arthur Nelson explain the implications of deepfakes technology, and how the United States can respond to its risks.

**Report**

**U.S. Military Forces in FY 2020: The Struggle to Align Forces with Strategy**

October 23, 2019 | Mark F. Cancian

Annually, CSIS senior adviser Mark Cancian publishes a series of papers on U.S. military forces—their composition, new initiatives, long-term trends, and challenges.
Dramatically reducing infections is essential to bringing the HIV pandemic under control, but it will require both ensuring innovative prevention technology reaches those who need it and the political and financial will to make prevention a global priority.

Report

**U.S. Military Forces in FY 2020: Air Force**
October 21, 2019 | Mark F. Cancian

Squeezed between the demands of great power conflict and day-to-day operations, the Air Force moves to a high-low mix of capabilities. In the fifth white paper in a series on U.S. forces, CSIS's Mark Cancian analyzes the Air Force's modernization and force structure plans.

**ODI** [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.odi.org/

**Selected Press Releases & Reports**

**Rethinking capacity and complementarity for a more local humanitarian action**
Research reports and studies | October 2019 | Veronique Barbelet

Reflecting on two years of research into capacity and complementarity between local and international actors to inform a more local humanitarian action.

**RoRI [Research on Research Institute]** [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://researchonresearch.org/

We're an open and independent new initiative providing data, analysis and intelligence on how to make research systems more strategic, open, diverse and inclusive.

**Urban Institute** [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.urban.org/publications

October 24, 2019

**Strong Cities, Strong Communities National Resource Network Program Evaluation**
Initially funded with $10 million from HUD, the NRN provided direct technical assistance (TA) through five organizations: Enterprise Community Partners (lead organization); Public Financial Management, Inc. (PFM); HR&A Advisors; the International City County Management Association (ICMA); and the NYU Robert F. Wagner School of Public Services. Generally, the quality of the TA delivered was high and well-received in the target

Brett Theodos, G. Thomas Kingsley, Eric Burnstein, Sara McTarnaghan, Christina Plerhoples Stacy, Ruth Gourevitch
October 24, 2019

**Improving Chronic Illness Management in Harlem**
Since 2012, City Health Works in Harlem, New York, has hired clinically supervised, neighborhood-based health coaches to support low-income patients manage chronic illnesses like diabetes and hypertension. Medication management is a major focus of this work. Here, we present the major reasons for medication issues, including those that required “escalations” to clinical supervisors. We also discuss the unique ways that community

Elaine Waxman, Megan Thompson, Laudan Y. Aron, Manmeet Kaur, Jamillah Hoy-Rosas, Elsa Haag

October 24, 2019
Research Report

Is There Potential for Public Plans to Reduce Premiums of Competing Insurers?

There is considerable interest in making a public option available in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) nongroup marketplaces. A public option could catalyze competition in less competitive markets, leading other marketplace insurers to lower their premiums. We analyze commercial insurers’ experiences competing in marketplaces with managed-care organizations, which, prior to ACA implementation, only offered coverage within public

Linda J. Blumberg, John Holahan, Erik Wengle, Caroline Elmendorf
October 22, 2019
Brief

Evaluation of HUD’s Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD): Final Report

Congress authorized the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) in 2012 to help address a large and growing backlog of capital needs in public housing projects. The program allows public housing authorities to convert their public housing to project-based Section 8 contracts. This report responds to Congress’s request to evaluate the impact of RAD “on the preservation and improvement of public housing, the amount of

Dennis Stout, Frankie Clogston, Alex Thackeray, Jennifer Stoloff, Brad Anthony, Christopher R. Hayes, Susan J. Popkin, Matthew Gerken
October 22, 2019
Research Report

Associations between Early Care and Education Teacher Characteristics and Observed Classroom Processes

Early care and education (ECE) teachers are paid strikingly low wages yet are increasingly expected to advance children’s learning by offering high-quality classroom environments. Teachers’ capacities to provide high-quality instruction should be affected by the stressors they encounter and the supports they receive. This study describes ECE teacher supports, experiences, and well-being in a sample of teachers serving 4-year-old children.

Anna D. Johnson, Anne Partika, Owen Schochet, Sherri Castle
October 21, 2019
Research Report

Dos Métodos: Two Classroom Language Models in Head Start

Dual language learners make up an increasing share of preschool students, but they often perform worse than monolingual students on assessments measuring school achievement. This study compares Head Start classrooms implementing either the dual language model or the English with home language support model. The author examines how the models affect gains in English or Spanish oral proficiency over a school year and how classroom

Carola Oliva-Olson
Professional Development Supports and Teacher Practice in Low-Income Pre-K Programs

Public investment in pre-K programs across the US has expanded over the past two decades, primarily to increase access to pre-K programs, especially among low-income children and children of color. However, program quality varies across states. One key question policymakers and practitioners have posed is how to create high-quality early childhood educational environments that promote successful outcomes for all preschool-aged children.

Michelle Maier, Anne Kou

World Economic Forum

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Moving First on AI Has Competitive Advantages and Risks, New Report Helps Navigate

:: 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

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners

No new digest content identified.
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 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.aecf.org/newsroom/
No new digest content identified.

**Clinton Foundation**  [to 26 Oct 2019]
Press Release  October 18, 2019
*The Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg featured in season finale of Clinton Foundation podcast*

**Co Impact**  [to 26 Oct 2019]
www.co-impact.io
Co-Impact is a global philanthropic collaborative for systems change focused on improving the lives of millions of people around the world.
No new digest content identified.

**Ford Foundation**  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.fordfoundation.org/
News 11 October 2019
*The Future of Philanthropy*
**Overview**
A bold vision for philanthropy in the 21st century is needed—one that moves giving from generosity to justice.

In philanthropy, there’s a spectrum of giving that exists: Generosity is focused on helping someone in need; justice is about solving the problems that created the need. A healthy society needs both, but we believe it’s time to dedicate more resources to the fight for justice.

This online resource and forum is dedicated to conversation about the future of philanthropy. It will grow to feature a myriad of insights from leaders, thinkers and visionaries from every field and sector thinking hard about the future of philanthropy, its role in society, and the part each of us should play to bring closer to justice.

These conversations are part of a larger movement to use philanthropy to build a fairer, more just world—a movement we hope you'll join.

**J. Paul Getty Trust**  [to 26 Oct 2019]
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Latest News
No new digest content identified.
GHIT Fund  [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.ghitfund.org/newsroom/press
No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation  [to 26 Oct 2019]
No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://hewlett.org/latest-updates/
   Latest Updates
   Q&A with Leticia Corona: Youth engagement in U.S. reproductive health, rights, and justice
   By  Leticia Corona
   October 26, 2019

Hewlett Foundation Reveals Top Ideas in Cyber Design Competition
   The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation today announced five top ideas in the international "Cybersecurity Visuals Challenge," which is focused on producing easily-understandable visuals to better illustrate the complexity and importance of today's cybersecurity challenges to broad audiences.  Five winning designers produced a portfolio of openly-licensed designs aimed at explaining the stakes involved in cybersecurity...
   October 24, 2019

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.hiltonfoundation.org/news
No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation  [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.ikeafoundation.org/
No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute  [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.hhmi.org/news
Oct 22 2019  Institute
HHMI Investigator Program Opens National Competition
   Summary
   HHMI will appoint approximately 20 new Investigators through a national open competition.

Kaiser Family Foundation  [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release
October 25, 2019 News Release

**U.S. Leads All Donors in First Comprehensive Assessment of Funding for Ebola Outbreak in DRC**

The first comprehensive summary of donor funding for the response to the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo estimates that at least $546 million was provided by donors from August 2018, when the outbreak started, through September 2019.

October 24, 2019 News Release

**Analysis Finds Record 3,148 Medicare Advantage Plans Will be Available in 2020**

A record 3,148 Medicare Advantage plans will be available across the country as alternatives to traditional Medicare, a new KFF analysis finds. That’s up 15% from last year’s 2,734 plans and results in a typical beneficiary having 28 plans available to them in their local market for the 2020 Medicare...

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**Kellogg Foundation** [to 26 Oct 2019]

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

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

**Aga Khan Foundation** [to 26 Oct 2019]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 26 Oct 2019]

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News;

**New $90 Million Fund to Address Global Climate Change through Catalytic Capital**

October 23, 2019 |

Packard Foundation and MacArthur today announced the launch of Terra Silva, a $90 million impact investing collaborative designed to respond to the challenges of global climate change. Terra Silva will make investments focused on the conservation, restoration, and sustainable management of critical tropical forests worldwide.

[See Week in Review above for detail]

**Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** [to 26 Oct 2019]

https://mellon.org/

News & Blog

**Elizabeth Alexander Honored at Harvard for Contributions to Black History, Culture**

October 22, 2019

Mellon Foundation President Elizabeth Alexander was awarded the W.E.B. Du Bois Medal alongside five others at Harvard University on October 22. The medal is Harvard’s highest honor in the field of African and African-American studies.
Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation  [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.moore.org/
Recent News
No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations  [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/newsroom
Press release  October 15, 2019
No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.packard.org/news/
News
New $90 Million Fund to Address Global Climate Change through Catalytic Capital
October 23, 2019
Terra Silva to accelerate climate-smart practices in tropical forests worldwide
The David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation today announced the launch of Terra Silva, a $90 million impact investing collaborative designed to respond to the challenges of global climate change. Terra Silva will make investments focused on the conservation, restoration, and sustainable management of critical tropical forests worldwide.
[See Week in Review above for detail]

Pew Charitable Trusts  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/about/news-room
Press Releases & Statements
October 22, 2019
The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage Announces 2019 Grants for Philadelphia Artists, Organizations
PHILADELPHIA (Oct. 21, 2019)—The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage announced 39 grants today in support of the Philadelphia region’s cultural organizations and artists. The 2019 awards total more than $8.4 million and provide funding for 12 Pew Fellowships and 27 project grants...

Rockefeller Foundation  [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/
The Latest
No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  [to 26 Oct 2019]
http://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/
Latest News and Highlights
No new digest content identified.
Science Philanthropy Alliance  [to 26 Oct 2019]
"...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 26 Oct 2019]
https://sloan.org/about/press
No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust  [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://wellcome.ac.uk/news
Opinion | 24 October 2019
Leaving academia: there are still opportunities to make a difference in research
Danil Mikhailov, Head of Wellcome Data Labs Wellcome
Leaving academia isn’t the same as leaving research, which is why we need to reimagine what a successful research career looks like.

Opinion | 22 October 2019
What accountability means to Wellcome
Mark Henderson, Director of Communications Wellcome
Phanthropic foundations aren't answerable to taxpayers, shareholders or politicians. So what is their social value? For the past 18 months, we have been thinking about Wellcome's social value – and what it means for our purpose and mission.

Candid  [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar]  [to 26 Oct 2019]
https://candid.org/about/press-room?fcref=pg
No new digest content identified.
:: 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
October 2019 Volume 47, Issue 10, p1161-1282
http://www.ajicjournal.org/current
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine
October 2019 Volume 57, Issue 4, p429-584
http://www.ajpmonline.org/current
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health
November 2019 109(11)
http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
Volume 101, Issue 4, Supplement_2019
http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/101/4
Impact, Innovation, and Inclusion of Civil Society Organizations in Polio Eradication: The Core Group Polio Project Story
Guest Editors: Henry Perry and Jon Andrus
Selected Articles
Community Engagement, Ownership, and Civil Society Organizations in Polio Eradication
Jon K. Andrus and Henry B. Perry
https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.19-0529
The CORE Group Polio Project: An Overview of Its History and Its Contributions to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative
Lee Losey, Ellyn Ogden, Filimona Bisrat, Roma Solomon, David Newberry, Ellen Coates, Dora Ward, Lisa Hilmi, Karen LeBan, Vanessa Burrowes and Henry B. Perry
https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.18-0916

Involvement of Civil Society in India’s Polio Eradication Program: Lessons Learned
Roma Solomon
https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.18-0931

Annals of Internal Medicine
15 October 2019 Vol: 171, Issue 8
http://annals.org/aim/issue
[New issue; No digest content identified]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology
Issue 371 - October 2019
https://antiquity.ac.uk/latest
[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation
http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/
(Accessed 26 Oct 2019)
Research
25 October 2019
When donor funding leaves: an interrupted time-series analysis of the impact of integrating direct HIV care and treatment into public health services in a region of Johannesburg
Authors: Naomi Lince-Deroche, Rahma Leuner, Gesine Meyer-Rath, Yogan Pillay and Lawrence Long

BMJ Global Health
October 2019 - Volume 4 - Suppl 9
https://gh.bmj.com/content/4/Suppl_9
[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research
http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmchealthservres/content
(Accessed 26 Oct 2019)
Research article
Review of Aboriginal child health services in remote Western Australia identifies challenges and informs solutions
Despite a national focus on closing the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal child health outcomes in Australia, there remain significant challenges, including provision of health services in very remote ...
Authors: Philippa J Dossetor, Kathryn Thorburn, June Oscar, Maureen Carter, James Fitzpatrick, Carol Bower, John Boulton, Emily Fitzpatrick, Jane Latimer, Elizabeth J Elliott and Alexandra LC Martiniuk
Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2019 19:758
Published on: 26 October 2019

Research article
The role of health and advocacy organisations in assisting female sex workers to gain access to health care in South Africa
Globally, female sex workers (FSWs) are considered a key population group due to the high HIV prevalence. Studies show that there are various factors in some contexts that render FSWs marginalised, which limit...
Authors: Nosipho Faith Makhakhe, Anna Meyer-Weitz, Helen Struthers and James McIntyre
Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2019 19:746
Published on: 24 October 2019

Research article
Patient and provider perspectives on how trust influences maternal vaccine acceptance among pregnant women in Kenya
Pregnant women and newborns are at high risk for infectious diseases. Altered immunity status during pregnancy and challenges fully vaccinating newborns contribute to this medical reality. Maternal immunization...
Authors: Stacy W. Nganga, Nancy A. Otieno, Maxwell Adero, Dominic Ouma, Sandra S. Chaves, Jennifer R. Verani, Marc-Alain Widdowson, Andrew Wilson, Irina Bergenfeld, Courtni Andrews, Vincent L. Fenimore, Ines Gonzalez-Casanova, Paula M. Frew, Saad B. Omer and Fauzia A. Malik
Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2019 19:747
Published on: 24 October 2019

Research article
Systematic review of the costs and effectiveness of interventions to increase infant vaccination coverage in low- and middle-income countries
Authors: Cristina Munk, Allison Portnoy, Christian Suharlim, Emma Clarke-Deelder, Logan Brenzel, Stephen C. Resch and Nicolas A. Menzies
Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2019 19:741
Published on: 22 October 2019

Conclusions
There is little quantitative evidence on the costs and cost-effectiveness of interventions for improving immunization coverage, despite this being a major objective for national immunization programs. Efforts to improve the level of costing evidence—such as by integrating cost analysis within implementation studies and trials of immunization scale up—could allow programs to better allocate resources for coverage improvement. Greater adoption of standardized cost reporting methods would also enable the synthesis and use of cost data.

BMC Infectious Diseases
http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content
BMC Medical Ethics
http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmedethics/content
(Accessed 26 Oct 2019)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine
http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/content
(Accessed 26 Oct 2019)
Commentary
Adaptive trials, efficiency, and ethics
Authors: Spencer Phillips Hey
Citation: BMC Medicine 2019 17:189
Published on: 22 October 2019

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth
http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content
(Accessed 26 Oct 2019)
Research article
Maternal health service utilisation of adolescent women in sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic scoping review
Sub-Saharan Africa has the highest rate of adolescent pregnancy in the world. While pregnancy during adolescence poses higher risks for the mother and the baby, the utilisation of maternity care to mitigate th...
Authors: Tensae Mekonnen, Tinashe Dune and Janette Perz
Citation: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2019 19:366
Published on: 21 October 2019

BMC Public Health
http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles
(Accessed 26 Oct 2019)
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BMC Research Notes
http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcresearchnotes/content
(Accessed 26 Oct 2019)
[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open
October 2019 - Volume 9 - 10
Conflict and Health
http://www.conflictandhealth.com/
[Accessed 26 Oct 2019]

Research
The governmental health policy-development process for Syrian refugees: an embedded qualitative case studies in Lebanon and Ontario
Authors: Ahmad Firas Khalid, John N. Lavis, Fadi El-Jardali and Meredith Vanstone
Citation: Conflict and Health 2019 13:48
Published on: 21 October 2019

Abstract
Background
The unprecedented amount of resources dedicated to humanitarian aid has led many stakeholders to demand the use of reliable evidence in humanitarian aid decisions to ensure that desired impacts are achieved at acceptable costs. However, little is known about the factors that influence the use of research evidence in the policy development in humanitarian crises. We examined how research evidence was used to inform two humanitarian policies made in response to the Syrian refugee crisis.

Methods
We identified two policies as rich potential case studies to examine the use of evidence in humanitarian aid policy decision-making: Lebanon’s 2016 Health Response Strategy and Ontario’s 2016 Phase 2: Health System Action Plan, Syrian Refugees. To study each, we used an embedded qualitative case
study methodology and recruited senior decision-makers, policy advisors, and healthcare providers who were involved with the development of each policy. We reviewed publicly available documents and media articles that spoke to the factors that influence the process. We used the analytic technique of explanation building to understand the factors that influence the use of research evidence in the policy-development process in crisis zones.

Results
We interviewed eight informants working in government and six in international agencies in Lebanon, and two informants working in healthcare provider organizations and two in non-governmental organizations in Ontario, for a total of 18 key informants. Based on our interviews and documentary analysis, we identified that there was limited use of research evidence and that four broad categories of factors helped to explain the policy-development process for Syrian refugees – development of health policies without significant chance for derailment from other government bodies (Lebanon) or opposition parties (Ontario) (i.e., facing no veto points), government’s engagement with key societal actors to inform the policy-development process, the values underpinning the process, and external factors significantly influencing the policy-development process.

Conclusions
This study suggests that use of research evidence in the policy-development process for Syrian refugees was subordinate to key political factors, resulting in limited influence of research evidence in the development of both the Lebanese and Ontarian policy.

Research
Ecodologies of care: mental health and psychosocial support for war-affected youth in the U.S.
Youth resetting to the U.S. from conflict-affected countries in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) face countless challenges. As they cope with their experiences of armed conflict and forced migration, these girls and boys must also adjust to the language and social norms of their new society, often encountering prejudice and discrimination along the way. Previous studies indicate that schools can play a central role in facilitating this adjustment while also promoting mental health and psychosocial wellbeing. This qualitative study aims to understand the lived experiences of MENA newcomers resettled in Austin, Texas and Harrisonburg, Virginia and to assess how schools, families, and communities support their mental and psychosocial wellbeing.
Authors: Cyril Bennouna, Maria Gandarilla Ocampo, Flora Cohen, Mashal Basir, Carine Allaf, Michael Wessells and Lindsay Stark
Citation: Conflict and Health 2019 13:47
Published on: 21 October 2019

Contemporary Clinical Trials
Volume 85  October 2019
https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/84/suppl/C
Special Interest Papers
Research article  Abstract only
Assessing readability and comprehension of informed consent materials for medical device research: A survey of informed consents from FDA’s Center for Devices and Radiological Health
Fabienne Santel, Isatu Bah, Katherine Kim, Ja-An Lin, ... Adaeze Teme
Article 105831
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
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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 6  Pages: 717-855  November 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
[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness
Volume 13 - Issue 4 - August 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 10 4 October 2019
https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current
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Emergency Medicine Journal
https://bmcemergmed.biomedcentral.com/articles
[Accessed 26 Oct 2019]
[Reviewed earlier]

Emerging Infectious Diseases
Volume 25, Number 10—October 2019
http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/
[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics
Volume 28 September 2019
[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 5 September–October 2019
https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/current
Engagement, Indirect Benefits, and Randomization
[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs
Summer 2019 (Issue 33.2) June 2019
[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health
Volume 29, Issue 5, October 2019
https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/29/5
Food Policy  Volume 75
Volume 88cccOctober 2019
[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security
Volume 11, Issue 5, October 2019
https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/11/5
[Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)
FMR 62  October 2019
https://www.fmreview.org/return/contents
Return: voluntary, safe, dignified and durable?
Voluntary return in safety and with dignity has long been a core tenet of the international refugee regime. In the 23 articles on 'Return' in this issue of FMR, authors explore various obstacles to achieving sustainable return, discuss the need to guard against premature or forced return, and debate the assumptions and perceptions that influence policy and practice. This issue also includes a mini-feature on ‘Towards understanding and addressing the root causes of displacement’.
[ 23 articles on special issue theme; 7 general articles]

Forum for Development Studies
Volume 46, 2019 - Issue 3
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Gates Open Research
https://gatesopenresearch.org/browse/articles
[Accessed 26 Oct 2019]
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Genome Medicine
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Geoheritage
Volume 11, Issue 3, September 2019
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Global Health Action
Volume 11, 2018 – Issue 1
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Volume 14, 2019  Issue 12
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Vol. 38, No. 10  October 2019
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[New issue; No digest content identified]

Health and Human Rights
Volume 21, Issue 1, June 2019

Special Section on Global Health Fieldwork Ethics and Human Rights
in collaboration with Agnes Scott College, the Task Force for Global Health, and Emory University Rollins School of Public Health
[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law
Volume 14 - Issue 4 - October 2019
https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue
[Reviewed earlier]
The impacts of decentralization on health system equity, efficiency and resilience: a realist synthesis of the evidence
Seye Abimbola, Leonard Baatiema, Maryam Bigdeli
Health Policy and Planning, Volume 34, Issue 8, October 2019, Pages 605–617, https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czz055

Health Research Policy and Systems
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Human Gene Therapy
Volume 30, Issue 10 / October 2019
https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/30/10
Special Issue: Genetic and Metabolic Disorders 27th Annual Congress of the ESGCT
[Reviewed earlier]

Human Rights Quarterly
Volume 41, Number 4, November 2019
https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/41088
https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/34/7
[Reviewed earlier]

Humanitarian Exchange Magazine
Number 75, May 2019
https://odihpn.org/magazine/making-humanitarian-action-work-for-women-and-girls/
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.

Infectious Agents and Cancer
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Volume 11, Issue 5, September 2019
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https://brill.com/abstract/journals/hrlr/8/1/hrlr.8.issue-1.xml
[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health
Vol 6, No 10 (2019) October 2019
https://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/55
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International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction
Volume 39  October 2019
[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Epidemiology
Volume 48, Issue 4, August 2019
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[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Heritage Studies
Volume 25, Issue 12  2019
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[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare
Volume 12 Issue 4
https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2056-4902/vol/12/iss/4
[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Infectious Diseases
October 2019 Volume 87, p1-196
https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712(19)X0016-8
[Reviewed earlier]

International Migration Review
Volume 53 Issue 3, September 2019
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[Reviewed earlier]

Intervention – Journal of Mental Health and Psychological Support in Conflict Affected Areas
January-June 2019 Volume 17 | Issue 1 Page Nos. 1-116
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[Reviewed earlier]

JAMA
October 22/29, 2019, Vol 322, No. 16, Pages 1527-1620
http://jama.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx
Viewpoint
**Pay-to-Participate Trials and Vulnerabilities in Research Ethics Oversight**

Holly Fernandez Lynch, JD, MBE; Steven Joffe, MD, MPH


This Viewpoint discusses ethical considerations surrounding randomized clinical trials (RCTs) funded by patients who pay to enroll in them, and gaps in IRB oversight that could allow the trials to be approved despite possible patient exploitation and questionable scientific quality and social value.

**Editorial**

**Cervical Cancer as a Global Concern - Contributions of the Dual Epidemics of HPV and HIV**

Carla J. Chibwesha, MD, MSc; Jeffrey S. A. Stringer, MD


Of the uterine cervix is among the most preventable human malignancies, yet it remains a leading cause of death among women worldwide, accounting for more than 300,000 deaths annually. Well on its way to elimination in the global north, cervical cancer mostly affects women living in low- or middle-income countries (LMICs), where limited access to vaccination, screening, and therapy have made it overwhelmingly a disease of women who are poor and lack access to health care. Nowhere is this more evident than in sub-Saharan Africa, where HIV is endemic and where cervical cancer has surpassed breast cancer as the most common and deadly cancer in women.

**JAMA Pediatrics**

October 2019, Vol 173, No. 10, Pages 903-1000

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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

October 2019 - Volume 17 - Issue 10

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October 2019 Volume 65, Issue 4, p433-570

https://www.jahonline.org/issue/S1054-139X(18)X0012-3

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Volume 44, Issue 5, October 2019

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Volume 39 Pages 1-314 (September–October 2019)


[Reviewed earlier]
The microeconomics of violent conflict
Philip Verwimp, Patricia Justino, Tilman Brück

Abstract
In our brief review, we take stock of the emergence, in the last decade, of the “microeconomics of violent conflict” as a new subfield of empirical development economics. We start by de-bunking common misperceptions about the microeconomics of conflict and identify several contributions to economic theory and, in particular, to empirics, methods and data. We also show how the subfield is enriched through cooperation with scholars working in related disciplines. We expect future work to contribute inter alia to the evidence base on peacebuilding interventions, the development of post-conflict institutions, the behavior of firms in conflict areas and the role of emotions in decision-making. We note a disconnect between the rapidly evolving academic subfield on the one hand and the relatively limited use of knowledge thus generated by humanitarian and development organisations and policy makers working in and on conflict-affected areas. We conclude by suggesting that teaching in economics and the discipline-specific JEL codes have not yet kept pace with this recent intellectual development.

Education is forbidden: The effect of the Boko Haram conflict on education in North-East Nigeria
Eleonora Bertoni, Michele Di Maio, Vasco Molini, Roberto Nisticò

Women’s political participation and intrahousehold empowerment: Evidence from the Egyptian Arab Spring
Olivier Bargain, Delphine Boutin, Hugues Champeaux
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**Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (JHCPU)**
Volume 30, Number 3, August 2019
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Content
The Undocumented Elderly: Coverage Gaps and Low Health Care Use
Aparna Balakrishnan, Neil Jordan
pp. 891-898
DOI: 10.1353/hpu.2019.0062
Abstract:
Near-elderly and elderly undocumented immigrants constitute a growing subpopulation in the U.S. with potentially high rates of preventable chronic conditions, but limited access to insurance coverage and low use of care. Associated impacts on health outcomes, safety-net resources, and health care costs are potentially significant. More research is needed to better understand the prevalence of avoidable conditions and the barriers to seeking care among the undocumented elderly.

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Volume 31, Issue 7 Pages: 521-686 October 2019  
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Research Articles  
Open Access  
**Rethinking research partnerships: Evidence and the politics of participation in research partnerships for international development**  
Jude Fransman, Kate Newman  
Pages: 523-544  
First Published: 06 June 2019  
**Abstract**  
This article responds to the drive for research partnerships between academics and practitioners, arguing that while potential benefits are clear, these are frequently not actualized resulting in partnerships that are ineffectual or worse, exacerbate damaging or inequitable assumptions and practices. In order to understand/improve partnerships, a systematic analysis of the interrelationship between what counts as evidence and dynamics of participation is proposed. Drawing on data from a seminar series and iterative analysis of seven case studies of partnerships between Higher Education Institutions and International Non-Governmental Organisations, the article concludes by suggesting substantial shifts in the theory and practice of partnerships.

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October 2019 - Volume 45 - 10  
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September/October 2019 - Volume 25 - Issue 5
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Journal of the Royal Society – Interface
2 October 2019 Volume 16 Issue 159
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Journal of Travel Medicine
Volume 26, Issue 7, 2019
Editorial
Where next for randomised controlled trials in global health?

The 2019 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences was awarded to three economists—Esther Duflo, Abhijit Bannerjee, and Michael Kremer—for their experiment-based research to mitigate global poverty. The award was notable for several reasons. Esther Duflo was only the second woman to win the prize since it began in 1969, and the youngest ever winner. Previous prizes were awarded largely for contributions to theory—for example, by observing and interpreting the behaviour of markets. But this year, the Sveriges Riksbank committee’s recognition of the randomised controlled trial (RCT) elevates a method long used in medicine, but much less so in human development... [See Week in Review above for full text]
My country’s government is squeezing research and pushing the rainforest to the brink.
Carlos A. Nobre
Pharmaceutics
Volume 11, Issue 10 (October 2019)
Open Access Editorial
Drug Delivery Technology Development in Canada
by Kishor M. Wasan and Ildiko Badea
Pharmaceutics 2019, 11(10), 541;
Abstract
Canada has a long and rich history of ground-breaking research in drug delivery within academic institutions, pharmaceutical industry and the biotechnology community. Drug delivery refers to approaches, formulations, technologies, and systems for transporting a pharmaceutical compound in the body as needed to safely achieve its desired therapeutic effect. It may involve rational site-targeting, or facilitating systemic pharmacokinetics; in any case, it is typically concerned with both quantity and duration of the presence of the drug in the body. Drug delivery is often approached through a drug's chemical formulation, medical devices or drug-device combination products. Drug delivery is a concept heavily integrated with dosage form development and selection of route of administration; the latter sometimes even being considered part of the definition. Drug delivery technologies modify drug release profile, absorption, distribution and elimination for the benefit of improving product efficacy and safety, as well as patient convenience and adherence. Over the past 30 years, numerous Canadian-based biotechnology companies have been formed stemming from the inventions conceived and developed within academic institutions. Many have led to the development of important drug delivery products that have enhanced the landscape of drug therapy in the treatment of
cancer to infectious diseases. This Special Issue serves to highlight the progress of drug delivery within Canada. We invited articles on all aspects of drug delivery sciences from pre-clinical formulation development to human clinical trials that bring to light the world-class research currently undertaken in Canada for this Special Issue.

Open Access Review

**Innovations in Pediatric Drug Formulations and Administration Technologies for Low Resource Settings**

by Stephen E. Gerrard, Jennifer Walsh, Niya Bowers, Smita Salunke and Susan Hershenson

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**Abstract**

Despite advances in regulations and initiatives to increase pediatric medicine development, there is still an unmet need for age-appropriate medicines for children. The availability of pediatric formulations is particularly lacking in resource poor areas, due to, for example, area-specific disease burden and financial constraints, as well as disconnected supply chains and fragmented healthcare systems. The paucity of authorized pediatric medicines often results in the manipulation and administration of products intended for adults, with an increased risk of mis-dosing and adverse reactions. This article provides an overview of the some of the key difficulties associated with the development of pediatric medicines in both high and low resource areas, and highlights shared and location specific challenges and opportunities. The utilization of dispersible oral dosage forms and suppositories for low and middle-income countries (LMICs) are described in addition to other platform technologies that may in the future offer opportunities for future pediatric medicine development for low resource settings.

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**Research Article**

**Provision of postpartum care to women giving birth in health facilities in sub-Saharan Africa: A cross-sectional study using Demographic and Health Survey data from 33 countries**

Lenka Benova, Onikepe Owolabi, Emma Radovich, Kerry L. M. Wong, David Macleod, Etienne V. Langlois, Oona M. R. Campbell

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**PLoS One**
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*Research Article*
**Quantifying international human mobility patterns using Facebook Network data**
Quantifying global international mobility patterns can improve migration governance. Despite decades of calls by the international community to improve international migration statistics, the availability of timely and disaggregated data about long-term and short-term migration at the global level is still very limited. In this study, we investigate the feasibility of using non-traditional data sources to fill existing gaps in migration statistics. To this end, we use anonymised and publicly available data provided by Facebook’s advertising platform.
Spyridon Spyrotos, Michele Vespe, Fabrizio Natale, Ingmar Weber, Emilio Zagheni, Marzia Rango
Research Article | published 24 Oct 2019 PLOS ONE
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**PNAS - Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America**
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*The exacerbation of Ebola outbreaks by conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo*
Chad R. Wells, Abhishek Pandey, Martial L. Ndeffo Mbah, Bernard-A. Gauzère, Denis Malvy, Burton H. Singer, and Alison P. Galvani
PNAS first published October 21, 2019. https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1913980116

**Significance**
There is limited understanding of what ramifications conflict events have on disease transmission and control in regions plagued by civil unrest and violence. Furthermore, the multifaceted nature of the conflict events during an epidemic is yet to be characterized. Using conflict data, ethnographic appraisal, and a mathematical model, we provide a descriptive timeline of the events during the ongoing Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. We quantified the unrest preceding a conflict event and its subsequent impact on control activities to demonstrate how conflict events are contributing to the persistence of the epidemic. Our model framework can be extended to other infectious diseases in areas that have experienced chronic conflict and violence.

**Abstract**
The interplay between civil unrest and disease transmission is not well understood. Violence targeting healthcare workers and Ebola treatment centers in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has been thwarting the case isolation, treatment, and vaccination efforts. The extent to which conflict impedes public health response and contributes to incidence has not previously been evaluated. We construct a timeline of conflict events throughout the course of the epidemic and provide an ethnographic appraisal of the local conditions that preceded and followed conflict events. Informed by temporal incidence and conflict data as well as the ethnographic evidence, we developed a model of
Ebola transmission and control to assess the impact of conflict on the epidemic in the eastern DRC from April 30, 2018, to June 23, 2019. We found that both the rapidity of case isolation and the population-level effectiveness of vaccination varied notably as a result of preceding unrest and subsequent impact of conflict events. Furthermore, conflict events were found to reverse an otherwise declining phase of the epidemic trajectory. Our model framework can be extended to other infectious diseases in the same and other regions of the world experiencing conflict and violence.

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Review articles
Beyond drugs: the evolution of genes involved in human response to medications
Silvia Fuselli
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Abstract
The genetic variation of our species reflects human demographic history and adaptation to diverse local environments. Part of this genetic variation affects individual responses to exogenous substances, such as food, pollutants and drugs, and plays an important role in drug efficacy and safety. This review provides a synthesis of the evolution of loci implicated in human pharmacological response and metabolism, interpreted within the theoretical framework of population genetics and molecular evolution. In particular, I review and discuss key evolutionary aspects of different pharmacogenes in humans and other species, such as the relationship between the type of substrates and rate of evolution; the selective pressure exerted by landscape variables or dietary habits; expected and observed patterns of rare genetic variation. Finally, I discuss how this knowledge can be translated directly or after the implementation of specific studies, into practical guidelines.

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Research article   Abstract only
Immigration and adolescent health: the case of a multicultural population
E. Méroc, N. Moreau, T. Lebacq, M. Dujeu, ... K. Castetbon
Pages 120-128
Highlights
Adolescents in the Brussels-Capital Region are predominantly immigrants. Immigrant adolescents were less likely to report several healthy behaviours and were more likely to present overweight. Overweight disparities appeared to be partially explained by socio-economic inequalities and cultural factors. No association was detected between immigration status and self-rated health/multiple recurrent symptoms. Health promotion interventions should consider both the cultural background of the teenagers and their socio-economic status.

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Reproductive Health
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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

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*Systematic review update*
**Evidence on food control in charitable food assistance programs: a systematic scoping review**
Food control is defined as a mandatory regulatory activity of enforcement aimed at ensuring that all foods during production, handling, storage, processing, and distribution are safe, wholesome, and fit for hu...
Authors: Sizwe Makhunga, Tivani Mashamba-Thompson, Mbuzeleti Hlongwa and Khumbulani Hlongwana
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*Editorial  No access*
**Brazil burning! What is the potential impact of the Amazon wildfires on vector-borne and zoonotic emerging diseases? – A statement from an international experts meeting**
D.Katterine Bonilla-Aldana, José Antonio Suárez, Carlos Franco-Paredes, Stalin Vilcarromero, ... Alfonso J. Rodríguez-Morales
Article 101474
Research article  Abstract only
**Bacterial respiratory carriage in French Hajj pilgrims and the effect of pneumococcal vaccine and other individual preventive measures: A prospective cohort survey**
Van-Thuan Hoang, Mohammed Meftah, Tran Duc Anh Ly, Tassadit Drali, ... Philippe Gautret
Article 101343

Research article  Abstract only
**Risk factors for acute childhood diarrhea: A cross-sectional study comparing refugee camps and host communities in Gambella Region, Ethiopia**
Getachew Kabew Mekonnen, Bezatu Mengistie Alemu, Worku Mulat, Geremew Sahilu, Helmut Kloos
Article 101385

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