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:: Week in Review

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

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Governance – Global Procurement

[World Bank Launches First Global Public Procurement Database to Promote Procurement Reform and Innovation](#)

WASHINGTON, March 18, 2020—The World Bank launched today an online database that convenes unique data on different countries' procurement laws, systems, and performances across the world.

The Global Public Procurement Database (GPPD) is a first-of-its-kind knowledge product that makes public procurement information from 218 countries and territories available to practitioners, government officials, academics, civil society organizations, private sector companies, and citizens. The GPPD is a one-stop-shop that aims to help improve transparency, accountability, and efficiency and to enable an environment conducive to global public procurement reform and the adoption of best practices.

"Having public procurement data from all over the world just one click away is a powerful source of information to enhance transparency and accountability in using public resources. The Global Public Procurement Database is a unique tool that can inform the design of better public procurement reforms needed to accelerate a country's social development and economic growth," said Vinay Sharma, Global Director, Governance Procurement, World Bank.

GPPD users will have the ability to search for country procurement information with an easy-to-use World Map Graphical User Interface and Advanced Search. Users can compare performance information across multiple countries and regions. All the data in the GPPD is publicly accessible, searchable, and downloadable. Users can also find a document library, which contains more detailed assessment reports, country procurement laws, and other information provided by the Public Procurement Agencies or authorized government representatives for each of the countries.

The team conducted an exhaustive research to collect data from the 218 countries and territories drawing on information from existing World Bank resources and public procurement agencies to capture their GPPD indicators...

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HIV Testing/Reproductive Health Services for Adolescents – Access/Consent/Assent

[Parental consent undermines the right to health of adolescents](#)

16 March 2020

Many countries have laws or policies that prevent adolescents from accessing essential health services without the consent of a parent or guardian. The original intention may have been to protect minors, but these stipulations often have the opposite effect and increase the risk of HIV and other health problems among adolescents.

A large proportion of countries across all regions restrict access to HIV testing and treatment for adolescents. In 2019, for instance, adolescents younger than 18 years needed explicit parental consent in 105 of 142 countries in order to take an HIV test. In 86 of 138 reporting countries, they needed such consent to access HIV treatment and care. These kinds of laws and policies also may complicate or hinder adolescent access to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), a highly effective prevention tool. Research in sub-Saharan Africa shows that in countries where the age of consent is 15 years or lower, adolescents are 74% more likely to have been tested for HIV in the past 12 months compared with countries where the age of consent is 16 years or higher—with girls especially benefiting from the easier access.

Country-level details on which countries have consent laws can be viewed on the UNAIDS [Laws and Policies Analytics](#) web page.

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COVID-19 : Children

Press release

[COVID-19: Children at heightened risk of abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence amidst intensifying containment measures](#)

Newly released technical guidance aims to help authorities strengthen protection measures for children during pandemic

NEW YORK, 20 March 2020 – Hundreds of millions of children around the world will likely face increasing threats to their safety and wellbeing – including mistreatment, gender-based violence, exploitation, social exclusion and separation from caregivers – because of actions taken to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. UNICEF is urging governments to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children amidst the intensifying socioeconomic fallout from the disease. The UN children’s agency, together with its partners at the Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action, has released a [set of guidance](#) to support authorities and organizations involved in the response.

In a matter of months, COVID-19 has upended the lives of children and families across the globe. School closures and movement restrictions are disrupting children's routines and support systems. They are also adding new stressors on caregivers who may have to forgo work.

Stigma related to COVID-19 has left some children more vulnerable to violence and psychosocial distress. At the same time, control measures that do not account for the gender-specific needs and vulnerabilities of women and girls may also increase their risk of sexual exploitation, abuse and child marriage. Recent anecdotal evidence from China, for instance, points to a significant rise in cases of domestic violence against women and girls.

“In many ways, the disease is now reaching children and families far beyond those it directly infects,” said Cornelius Williams, UNICEF Chief of Child Protection. “Schools are closing. Parents are struggling to care for their children and make ends meet. The protection risks for children are mounting. This guidance provides governments and protection authorities with an outline of practical measures that

can be taken to keep children safe during these uncertain times.”

Increased rates of abuse and exploitation of children have occurred during previous public health emergencies. School closures during the outbreak of Ebola virus disease in West Africa from 2014 to 2016, for example, contributed to spikes in child labor, neglect, sexual abuse and teenage pregnancies. In Sierra Leone, cases of teenage pregnancy more than doubled to 14,000 from before the outbreak.

As part of the guidance, the Alliance is recommending that governments and protection authorities take concrete steps to ensure protection of children is integral to all COVID-19 prevention and control measures, including:

- :: Train health, education and child services staff on COVID-19 related child protection risks, including on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse and how to safely report concerns;
- :: Train first responders on how to manage disclosure of gender-based violence ([GBV Pocket Guide](#)), and collaborate with healthcare services to support GBV survivors;
- Increase information sharing on referral and other support services available for children;
- :: Engage children, particularly adolescents, in assessing how COVID-19 affects them differently to inform programming and advocacy;
- :: Provide targeted support to interim care centres and families, including child-headed households and foster families, to emotionally support children and engage in appropriate self-care;
- :: Provide financial and material assistance to families whose income generating opportunities have been affected; and
- :: Put in place concrete measures to prevent child-family separation, and ensure support for children left alone without adequate care due to the hospitalization or death of a parent or caregiver;
- and
- :: Ensure the protection of all children is given the utmost consideration in disease control measures.

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COVID-19 : Refugees-Migrants

COVID-19 does not discriminate; nor should our response

Statement by the United Nations Network on Migration

20 March 2020 [Editor's text bolding]

As the world confronts the COVID-19 pandemic, the United Nations Network on Migration salutes the immense efforts to date to combat this crisis and urges that all – including migrants regardless of migratory status – are included in efforts to mitigate and roll back this illness's impact. To that end, migrants must be seen as both potential victims and as an integral part of any effective public health response. It is particularly important that all authorities make every effort to confront xenophobia, including where migrants and others are subject to discrimination or violence linked to the origin and spreading of the pandemic. COVID-19 does not discriminate, and nor should our response, if it is to succeed.

A comprehensive approach to this crisis has implications for national and local public health, housing, and economic policies. Migrants and people on the move face the same health threats from COVID-19 as host populations but may face particular vulnerabilities due to the circumstances of their journey and the poor living and working conditions in which they can find themselves. Migrants too often face needless obstacles in accessing health care. Inaccessibility of services; language and cultural barriers;

cost; a lack of migrant-inclusive health policies; legal, regulatory and practical barriers to health care all play a part in this, as does, in too many instances, prejudice. If a migrant fears deportation, family separation or detention, they may well be less willing to access health care or provide information on their health status.

Too often, millions – including migrants – are denied the right to an adequate standard of living, including housing, food, water and sanitation, and find little choice but to live in overcrowded, unhygienic conditions, with limited or no access to health services. This is a combination which increases communities' and migrants' vulnerability to disease, and massively hinders the ability of authorities to effectively put in place the early testing, diagnostics and care vital for effective comprehensive public health measures. It is crucial that government authorities at national and local levels take the measures necessary to protect the health of all those living in unsafe conditions and the most vulnerable regardless of status. Measures should include adequate prevention, testing, and treatment; continued and increased access to emergency shelters for homeless people without barriers related to immigration status; and suspensions of evictions.

While many countries have chosen to tighten controls at their borders in an effort to contain the spread of COVID-19, it is critical that such measures be implemented in a non-discriminatory manner, in line with international law, and prioritizing the protection of the most vulnerable. Enforcement policies and practices, including forced return and immigration detention, must be carried out in accordance with human rights obligations and may need to be adjusted to ensure they are compatible with effective public health strategies and maintain adequate conditions. In this regard, it is vital that any limitations on freedom of movement do not unduly affect human rights and the right to seek asylum, and that restrictions are applied in a proportionate and non-discriminatory way.

For our response to this pandemic to be effective, we must overcome the current barriers to adequate, affordable, truly universal, health coverage. The inclusion of all migrants and marginalized groups is necessary in all aspects of the response to COVID-19, whether we are looking at prevention, detection, or equitable access to treatment, care or containment measures, or safe conditions of work. Risk communication messages on how to protect everyone need to engage with all communities and be available in languages and media formats that are understandable and accessible by all.

Immigration detention centers are too often overcrowded and lack adequate healthcare and sanitation. In order to avoid a rapid spread of the virus, States should put in place the necessary measures to protect the health of migrants in these facilities and urgently establish non-custodial alternatives to detention as a measure to mitigate these risks.

Further, it is important that migrants are included in measures that are being introduced to mitigate the economic downturn caused by COVID-19. Migrants and their families are often part of marginalized and vulnerable groups that are already experiencing economic hardship as a result of containment measures. The impact of the closing down of activities due to the pandemic may particularly affect low-wage workers and those in the informal sector, including youth and women, who are often in precarious or temporary jobs and lack access to social protection, paid sick leave, or lost earnings support. Domestic workers may be more acutely affected by social distancing measures and isolation in employers' homes, and subject to discrimination.

Specific attention is needed for those workers many of whom are migrants, who continue ensuring indispensable services for people during the pandemic, such as those in the care economy and, the service industry and the gig economy, to ensure safeguards of their entitlements and fundamental rights at work. We welcome measures taken by Member States to extend working visas and other appropriate steps to alleviate constraints faced by migrant workers and their families due to the business closures, and to ensure the continuing protection of their international human rights, including their labour rights.

Only with an inclusive approach, truly leaving no-one behind, will we all be able to overcome this global crisis of unprecedented magnitude and proportions.

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[COVID-19 and refugee camps: the "perfect" storm](#)

A COVID-19 outbreak in refugee camps would have catastrophic consequences. Prof. Karl Blanchet shares his growing concerns and calls for the creation of an academic taskforce to help governments apply the latest evidence on COVID-19 and make decisions using evidence-based information.

[Karl Blanchet](#), CERAH Director; Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Geneva (UNIGE)

In February 2020, I was working in the refugee camps of Kakuma in Northern Kenya and Azrak, in Eastern Jordan. At that time, COVID-19 was still perceived as one of the many coronaviruses already known by the scientific community and was considered largely as a South East Asia outbreak. In March, just a month later, the [World Health Organisation has declared a pandemic](#). COVID-19 has reached more than 30 countries with 125,000 cases confirmed and 4,600 deaths (as recorded on 12 March 2020).

While scientists and doctors worldwide are still studying this novel virus, it is a fact that containment situations increase the risk and pace of transmission. Refugee camps and slums are exactly the type of overcrowded environment where the virus would spread very rapidly. In such settings, people live in close proximity and do not have the option to follow preventive guidelines recommending to maintain "social distancing". Additionally, hygienic conditions in formal and informal settlements are very poor, and too often people do not have access to clean water or soap, let alone protective masks and other sanitation products.

There are therefore serious concerns that refugee populations may be at very high risk, especially people already vulnerable and living in refugee camps such as in Jordan, Kenya, Cox's Bazar or refugee camps in Greece. Urgent humanitarian action is needed.

To add an extra layer of complexity to an already challenging scenario, many refugee camps are located in countries with health systems that will struggle to screen, test and contain the epidemic. In Greece, for example, I anticipate that authorities and their international partners will experience great challenges in case an outbreak happened in a refugee camp. In fact, [this may already be happening in Lesbos](#), where a case of COVID-19 on the island has been confirmed.

More importantly, I also have concerns that access for refugees to testing facilities and healthcare services will not be prioritized by governments. The latter will certainly give priority to host populations, especially in an environment of constrained resources. I am also worried that many governments, in particular the most populist ones, will exploit the situation to deter refugee populations or even force

them out, even though it is proven that the infection does not come from refugees. Unjustified and arbitrary quarantine measures vis-à-vis refugee populations may be witnessed in the next few days and weeks. This will raise important ethical and equity issues.

Beyond this more political and ethical considerations, there are also crucial practical problems that need to be rapidly addressed to protect refugee populations. The disease surveillance system currently in use in refugee camps does not include any respiratory infections. This will need to be quickly added to the current protocols. It is also important that all national and international staff working inside camps respect the correct procedures in order not to infect refugees, and of course need support to ensure they maintain their own health status to continue delivering care to those in need. It is urgent to make sure that refugee populations are given the possibility to protect themselves from any infection.

There is no doubt that COVID-19 will mobilise a lot of resources, which might mean rechanneling some of the resources from humanitarian crises. Join me in calling upon policymakers and donors to ensure that countries have enough funding and resources to make sure that these populations at risk receive appropriate protection and care. I also would like to advocate for the creation of an academic taskforce to help governments apply the latest evidence on COVID-19 and apply this science for their decisions.

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Opinion

[Forgetting "refugees" during COVID-19](#)

COVID-19 has brought to the surface social inequalities for which "refugees" and the less advantaged are not morally responsible.

Beirut Today

March 21, 2020

By [Thalia Arawi](#), Founding Director, Salim El-Hoss Bioethics and Professionalism Program- American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine and Medical Center

A few years back, I visited refugee camps in Sabra and Chatila, Mar Elias, and Ain el Helweh among others. I still recall climbing the stairs in one of the camps, looking at the people who were clustered there through no fault of their own.

The stench of sewage went straight through my nostrils and made its way to my lungs. Whether I felt dizzy because of my asthma or the mental shock at what I saw was unclear, but my forehead became cold as ice and I fainted for a few seconds.

I went to these camps because I wanted to start asking our medical students to visit these areas and foster an understanding of the social determinants of health and how the setting, environment, and living conditions play a role in healthcare. I also wanted them to help the very few doctors volunteering in these camps. Most importantly, I wanted them to see how those who are less fortunate than they live every day.

They are called refugees, a term I never made peace with –and perhaps never will. Nowadays, to add insult to injury, the term in people's eyes denotes people who are less worthy than they.

When it was time to visit a few patients in their homes at the camp, I had to go through a damp, cramped, and mostly-destroyed hallway that smelled of sewage. The stench made the distance feel longer than it actually was.

I was welcomed into a humble house consisting of one room and a few jagged mats on the floor. I was asked to sit and offered tea. The eight-year-old boy had an infection in his eye, one he got from work. The other seven children were also around, dressed in rugged clothes.

There was poverty beyond imagination, no money, no cleanliness, no education. Just a day-to-day mechanism of survival, made lighter (or not) by lots of love and affection.

With the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic, stores around Lebanon are now closed. People are also practicing social distancing and purchasing, if not hoarding, huge amounts of disinfectants, gloves, and face masks.

The Ministry of Health issued guidelines on how to face the pandemic. So did the World Health Organization and many other official organizations hoping to contain the disease. Military forces are doing their work to ensure these COVID-19 measures are taken. But where is all this in refugee camps?

In refugee camps, people live en masse in small houses, rooms or tents. Forty people live in the same so-called home. It is impossible to observe social distancing when streets are flooded with individuals who live in less than humane conditions.

In refugee camps, there is no hot water and no soap to wash hands "for 20 seconds." Attempting to buy a disinfectant might mean no food for one day or more. There are no hygiene kits that are distributed to a poverty stricken segment of society for free, no food and water delivered to their homes without cost to contain the virus from spreading, and definitely no electronic thermometer to check temperatures. There are no test kits.

"Refugees" are shunned to the margins of society and to the brims of life. The media proudly, and perhaps carefully, broadcast images and footage of empty streets in the country and yet are silent when it comes to refugee camps –as if shunning them away from the consciousness of the public would eliminate their existence altogether. Or worse: so-called refugee camps are totally disremembered. Whichever it is, the fact remains that a portion of humanity is forgotten in an apocalyptic Neverland they did not want to inhabit in the first place.

Unless authorities, the Ministry of Health, NGOs and others do their duty towards "refugees" and help them face the pandemic, the coronavirus will spread to the entire country with time. So, here comes a selfish bit of advice: Help them so as to help yourselves.

Some of us feel ashamed when we use disinfectants in abundance knowing that kids, elderly, young men and women, and pregnant wives somewhere in the Sabra neighborhood, Shatila camp, or Ain el Helweh have nothing to rely on and no one to resort to.

COVID-19 has brought to the surface social inequalities for which "refugees" and the less advantaged are not morally responsible. A social (and moral) catastrophe leading to grave health inequalities that decide who lives and who dies.

COVID-19 has revealed a unique ecology of sickness based on social determinants of health. If no measures are taken to counter this, we are heading towards a form of eugenics based on social endowments which are morally arbitrary.

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EMERGENCIES

Coronavirus [COVID-19]

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Editor's Note:

We certainly recognize the velocity of global developments in the COVID-19 pandemic. While we have concentrated the most current key reports just below, COVID-19 announcements, analysis and commentary will be found throughout this issue, in all sections.

Beyond the considerable continuing coverage in the global general media:

:: **Daily WHO situation reports** here: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>

:: **WHO Coronavirus disease (COVID-2019) daily press briefings** here: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/media-resources/press-briefings>

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[Situation report - 60](#) [WHO]

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

20 March 2020

[Excerpts]

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

Globally

234,073 confirmed (24 247)

9840 deaths (1061)

Western Pacific Region

93,349 confirmed (1016)

3405 deaths (28)

European Region

104,591 confirmed (17 506)

4899 deaths (816)

South-East Asia Region

918 confirmed (261)

31 deaths (8)

Eastern Mediterranean Region

20,759 confirmed (1254)

1312 deaths (151)

Region of the Americas

13,271 confirmed (4104)

178 deaths (57)

African Region

473 confirmed (106)

8 deaths (1)

WHO RISK ASSESSMENT

Global Level – Very High

HIGHLIGHTS

:: Six new countries/territories/areas (African Region [2], and Region of the Americas [2], and Western Pacific Region [2]) have reported cases of COVID-19.

:: To increase access to reliable information, WHO has partnered with WhatsApp and Facebook to launch a WHO Health Alert messaging service. This service will provide the latest news and information on COVID-19, including details on symptoms and how people can protect themselves. The Health Alert service is now available in English and will be introduced in other languages next week. To access it, send the word "hi" to the following number on WhatsApp: +41 798 931 892.

:: The first vaccine trial has begun just 60 days after the genetic sequence of the virus was shared by China. This is an incredible achievement. To ensure clear evidence of which treatments are most effective, WHO and its partners are organizing a large international study, called the Solidarity Trial, in many countries to compare different treatments.

:: WHO and Global Citizen launched #TogetherAtHome, a virtual, no-contact concert series to promote physical distancing and action for global health. Chris Martin, lead singer of Coldplay, kicked it off earlier this week with a performance from his home. More Solidarity Sessions are planned to promote health, show support for people who are staying at home to protect themselves and others from COVID-19, and encourage donations to the COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund.

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[NIH clinical trial of investigational vaccine for COVID-19 begins](#)

March 16, 2020 — *Study enrolling Seattle-based healthy adult volunteers.*

A Phase 1 clinical trial evaluating an investigational vaccine designed to protect against coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has begun at Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute (KPWHRI) in Seattle. The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health, is funding the trial. KPWHRI is part of NIAID's Infectious Diseases Clinical Research Consortium. The open-label trial will enroll 45 healthy adult volunteers ages 18 to 55 years over approximately 6 weeks. The first participant received the investigational vaccine today.

The study is evaluating different doses of the experimental vaccine for safety and its ability to induce an immune response in participants. This is the first of multiple steps in the clinical trial process for evaluating the potential benefit of the vaccine.

The vaccine is called mRNA-1273 and was developed by NIAID scientists and their collaborators at the biotechnology company Moderna, Inc., based in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) supported the manufacturing of the vaccine candidate for the Phase 1 clinical trial.

"Finding a safe and effective vaccine to prevent infection with SARS-CoV-2 is an urgent public health priority," said NIAID Director Anthony S. Fauci, M.D. "This Phase 1 study, launched in record speed, is an important first step toward achieving that goal."

...The investigational vaccine was developed using a genetic platform called mRNA (messenger RNA). The investigational vaccine directs the body's cells to express a virus protein that it is hoped will elicit a robust immune response. The mRNA-1273 vaccine has shown promise in animal models, and this is the first trial to examine it in humans...

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[ICC-WHO Joint Statement: An unprecedented private sector call to action to tackle COVID-19](#)

16 March 2020 *Statement*

In a coordinated effort to combat the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) have agreed to work closely to ensure the latest and most reliable information and tailored guidance reaches the global business community.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a global health and societal emergency that requires effective immediate action by governments, individuals and businesses. All businesses have a key role to play in minimising the likelihood of transmission and impact on society. Early, bold and effective action will reduce short-term risks to employees and long-term costs to businesses and the economy.

To aid this collective effort, ICC will regularly send updated advice to its network of over 45 million businesses so that businesses everywhere can take informed and effective action to protect their workers, customers and local communities and contribute to the production and distribution of essential supplies.

ICC will also contribute to enhancing information flows on the coronavirus outbreak by surveying its global private sector network to map the global business response. This will both encourage businesses to adopt appropriate precautionary approaches and generate new data and insights to support national and international government efforts.

As an immediate priority, businesses should be developing or updating, readying or implementing business continuity plans. Business continuity plans should aim to reduce transmission, including by: promoting understanding of the disease, its symptoms and appropriate behavior among employees; setting up a reporting system for any cases and contacts; preparing essentials; limiting travel and physical connectivity; and planning for measures such as teleworking when necessary.

Calls to Action

:: ICC strongly endorses WHO's call on national governments everywhere to adopt a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Reducing the further spread of COVID-19 and mitigating its impact should be a top priority for Heads of State and Government. Political action should be coordinated with actors in the private sector and civil society to maximize reach of messaging and effectiveness.

:: Governments should commit to making available all necessary resources to combat COVID-19 with the minimum of delay and to ensure that cross-border medical and other essential goods supply chains are able to function effectively and efficiently

:: ICC and the WHO encourage national chambers of commerce to work closely with UN country teams, including WHO country offices where they exist, and to designate mutual focal points to coordinate this collaboration.

:: ICC encourages its members to support their country's national response efforts and to contribute to the global response efforts coordinated by the WHO through <http://www.covid19responsefund.org>.

As the pandemic evolves, ICC Secretary General John W.H Denton AO and WHO Director General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus will continue to coordinate their efforts.

Essential information on the COVID-19 pandemic can be found on the WHO's [dedicated site](#).

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Emergencies

Ebola – DRC+

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Ebola Outbreak in DRC 84: 17 March 2020

[Excerpts]

Situation Update

There have been no new cases of Ebola virus disease (EVD) reported since 17 February 2020. On 3 March 2020, the only person confirmed to have EVD in the last 21 days (Figure 1) was discharged from an Ebola Treatment Centre after recovering and testing negative twice for the virus. On 9 March, the last 46 contacts finished their follow-up. These are important milestones in the outbreak. However, there is still a high risk of re-emergence of EVD, and a critical need to maintain response operations to rapidly detect and respond to any new cases, to prioritize ongoing support and health monitoring for survivors – as outlined in the WHO recommended criteria for declaring the end of the EVD outbreak...

...Conclusion

Given the long duration and large magnitude of the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, there is a high risk of re-emergence of the virus during the lead up to the declaration of the end of the outbreak, and for several months following that declaration. These risks are exacerbated by potential limitations (e.g. shortages funding, access to communities, competing health emergencies) imposed on the response. To mitigate the risk of re-emergence, it is critical to maintain surveillance and rapid response capacities, and to prioritize survivor care and the maintenance of cooperative

relationships with survivors' associations during and well beyond the 42 days lead up to the end of outbreak declaration.

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 18 March 2020

:: The COVID -19 pandemic response requires worldwide solidarity and an urgent global effort. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), with thousands of polio workers, and an extensive laboratory and surveillance network, has a moral imperative to ensure that these resources are used to support countries in their preparedness and response. *[See below]*

Summary of new viruses this week (AFP cases and ES positives):

- :: **Pakistan:** five WPV1 cases, three WPV1 positive environmental samples and 13 cVDPV2 cases
- :: **Angola:** one cVDPV2 case
- :: **Chad:** two cVDPV2 cases
- :: **Côte d'Ivoire:** one cVDPV2 case and one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
- :: **Malaysia:** one cVDPV1 case

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GPEI statement on COVID-19

A moral imperative to stand together

18/03/2020

The COVID -19 pandemic response requires worldwide solidarity and an urgent global effort. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), with thousands of polio workers, and an extensive laboratory and surveillance network, has a moral imperative to ensure that these resources are used to support countries in their preparedness and response.

In Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan, where polio personnel and assets have a significant footprint, workers from all GPEI partners are pitching in with COVID-19 surveillance, health worker training, contact tracing, risk communications and more. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a core GPEI partner, has deployed Stop Transmission of Polio programme (STOP) volunteers already working on polio eradication in 13 countries, to COVID-19 preparations and response.

We recognise that the COVID-19 emergency means that some aspects of polio eradication programme will be affected. GPEI is currently finalising operational guidelines and contingency plans for the polio eradication programme to determine what assets can be deployed to COVID-19 preparedness and response and to identify which critical activities must continue if polio eradication is not to lose ground. We will continue to communicate on plans as they evolve.

In solidarity with the most vulnerable, the polio programme will share its assets to ensure this new epidemic is defeated as quickly as possible. Our commitment to eradication is firm; our commitment to stand together against COVID-19 is now.

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WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 21 Mar 2020]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: Ebola Outbreak in DRC 84: 17 March 2020

[See Ebola above for detail]

Nigeria - *No new digest announcements identified*

Mozambique floods - *No new digest announcements identified*

Somalia - *No new digest announcements identified*

South Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Syrian Arab Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

Yemen - *No new digest announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 21 Mar 2020]

Iraq

:: WHO technical mission visits Iraq to step up COVID-19 detection and response activities

Baghdad, Iraq, 15 March 2020 – A high-level technical mission from the World Health Organization (WHO) concluded a visit to Iraq to support the Iraqi Ministry of Health response to COVID-19 prevention and containment measures.

Afghanistan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Angola - *No new digest announcements identified*

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

Burundi - *No new digest announcements identified*

Cameroon - *No new digest announcements identified*

Central African Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

Ethiopia - *No new digest announcements identified*

HIV in Pakistan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Iran - *No new digest announcements identified*

Libya - *No new digest announcements identified*

Malawi - *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*

Niger - *No new digest announcements identified*

occupied Palestinian territory - *No new digest announcements identified*

Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Ukraine - *No new digest announcements identified*

Zimbabwe - *No new digest announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 21 Mar 2020]

Chad - *No new digest announcements identified*

Djibouti - *No new digest announcements identified*

Kenya - *No new digest announcements identified*

Mali - *No new digest announcements identified*

Namibia - viral hepatitis - *No new digest announcements identified*

Tanzania - *No new digest announcements identified*

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UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies

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

Syrian Arab Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

Yemen - *No new digest announcements identified*

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

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

CYCLONE IDAI and Kenneth

14 Mar 2020

Mozambique: One year after Cyclone Idai, humanitarian assistance is still urgent

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

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:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch

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

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly

[to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

19 March 2020

DSG/SM/1396

[Stakeholders Must Be Ready for Post-Crisis Period, Deputy Secretary-General Tells Regional Forum, Urging Economic Response 'Every Bit as Large' as Potential Loss](#)

16 March 2020
SG/SM/20009

[Global Environment Being Degraded by Unsustainable Human Choices, Secretary-General Says in Observance Message, Warning of Accelerating Biodiversity Loss](#)

Following is UN Secretary-General António Guterres' message for the International Day of Forests, observed on 21 March

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 21 Mar 2020]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

Top News

[South Sudan: To achieve lasting peace, localized violence must end, says Bachelet](#)

["An immediate human rights response to counter the COVID-19 and the global recession ahead is an urgent priority," says UN expert](#)

[COVID-19: Governments must promote and protect access to and free flow of information during pandemic – International experts](#)

[COVID-19: Israel has 'legal duty' to ensure that Palestinians in OPT receive essential health services – UN expert](#)

["Housing, the front line defence against the COVID-19 outbreak," says UN expert](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Council News

[Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review Working Group May 2020 Session Postponed](#)

20/03/2020

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

SRSB/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Press Release

CAR: UN Official Welcomes New Legislation Criminalizing Child Recruitment

Tuesday, 17 March 2020

Afghanistan: UN Official Calls to Include Children's Rights, Needs in Peace Process

Monday, 16 March 2020

SRSB/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

United Arab Emirates: UN human rights experts call for urgent reforms of degrading conditions of detention

17 March 2020

COVID-19: States should not abuse emergency measures to suppress human rights – UN experts

16 March 2020

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

19 March 2020

[Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator for Syria condemns tragic killing of UNRWA staff member](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Press release

[World Poetry Day: Young people in war zones across the world share heart-wrenching poems calling for peace](#)

As the world battles COVID-19, peace in countries affected by conflict is critical, warns UNICEF
21/03/2020

Statement

[COVID-19 does not discriminate; nor should our response](#)

Statement by the United Nations Network on Migration

20/03/2020

Press release

[COVID-19: Children at heightened risk of abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence amidst intensifying containment measures](#)

Newly released technical guidance aims to help authorities strengthen protection measures for children during pandemic

NEW YORK, 20 March 2020 – Hundreds of millions of children around the world will likely face increasing threats to their safety and wellbeing – including mistreatment, gender-based violence, exploitation, social exclusion and separation from caregivers – because of actions taken to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. UNICEF is urging governments to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children amidst the intensifying socioeconomic fallout from the disease. The UN children’s agency, together with its partners at the Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action, has released a [set of guidance](#) to support authorities and organizations involved in the response.

In a matter of months, COVID-19 has upended the lives of children and families across the globe. School closures and movement restrictions are disrupting children's routines and support systems. They

are also adding new stressors on caregivers who may have to forgo work.

Stigma related to COVID-19 has left some children more vulnerable to violence and psychosocial distress. At the same time, control measures that do not account for the gender-specific needs and vulnerabilities of women and girls may also increase their risk of sexual exploitation, abuse and child marriage. Recent anecdotal evidence from China, for instance, points to a significant rise in cases of domestic violence against women and girls.

"In many ways, the disease is now reaching children and families far beyond those it directly infects," said Cornelius Williams, UNICEF Chief of Child Protection. "Schools are closing. Parents are struggling to care for their children and make ends meet. The protection risks for children are mounting. This guidance provides governments and protection authorities with an outline of practical measures that can be taken to keep children safe during these uncertain times."

Increased rates of abuse and exploitation of children have occurred during previous public health emergencies. School closures during the outbreak of Ebola virus disease in West Africa from 2014 to 2016, for example, contributed to spikes in child labor, neglect, sexual abuse and teenage pregnancies. In Sierra Leone, cases of teenage pregnancy more than doubled to 14,000 from before the outbreak.

As part of the guidance, the Alliance is recommending that governments and protection authorities take concrete steps to ensure protection of children is integral to all COVID-19 prevention and control measures, including:

- :: Train health, education and child services staff on COVID-19 related child protection risks, including on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse and how to safely report concerns;
- :: Train first responders on how to manage disclosure of gender-based violence ([GBV Pocket Guide](#)), and collaborate with healthcare services to support GBV survivors;
- Increase information sharing on referral and other support services available for children;
- :: Engage children, particularly adolescents, in assessing how COVID-19 affects them differently to inform programming and advocacy;
- :: Provide targeted support to interim care centres and families, including child-headed households and foster families, to emotionally support children and engage in appropriate self-care;
- :: Provide financial and material assistance to families whose income generating opportunities have been affected; and
- :: Put in place concrete measures to prevent child-family separation, and ensure support for children left alone without adequate care due to the hospitalization or death of a parent or caregiver;
- and
- :: Ensure the protection of all children is given the utmost consideration in disease control measures.

Statement

[Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore on the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

NEW YORK, 18 March 2020 – "One week since COVID-19 was declared a pandemic, the number of cases continues to soar around the world. Hundreds of millions of children are not in school. Parents and caregivers are working remotely whenever they can. Borders have been closed. Lives have been upended.

"These are uncharted waters for all of us. At UNICEF, we are fighting a new virus, debunking myths and battling misinformation, all while looking after the well-being of our staff and our own families.

“Our life-saving work to provide children with health, education, nutrition and protection has never been more critical. With millions of children uprooted, affected by wars, dying from preventable causes, out of school, or missing out on essential vaccines, the need for support has never been greater.

“UNICEF is working to help prevent the spread of the virus among communities in the affected countries. We are sharing accurate information on how to keep families safe, providing hygiene and medical kits to schools and health clinics, and mitigating the impact of the outbreak on children’s access to health, education and social services.

“Now more than ever, we count on our donors to continue supporting our mission for those with nothing and no one – despite these difficult times.

Press release

[One year after Cyclone Idai, 2.5 million people in Mozambique remain in need of humanitarian assistance](#)

UNICEF prepares for more frequent and ferocious disasters as a result of the climate crisis
17/03/2020

Press release

[Almost 5 million children born into war in Syria, 1 million born as refugees in neighbouring countries](#)

Over 9,000 children killed or injured in the conflict, according to verified data, with an average of one child killed every 10 hours since monitoring began

15/03/2020

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

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[Statement by Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, on the COVID-19 crisis](#)

19 March 2020

“With the world mobilizing to combat the spread of COVID-19, many countries are rightly adopting exceptional measures, limiting air travel and cross-border movements.

And for many people around the world, everyday life has come to a standstill, or is being transformed in ways that we had never envisaged.

But wars and persecution have not stopped – and today, across the globe, people are continuing to flee their homes in search of safety. I am increasingly worried by measures adopted by some countries that could block altogether the right to seek asylum.

All states must manage their borders in the context of this unique crisis as they see fit. But these measures should not result in closure of avenues to asylum, or of forcing people to return to situations of danger.

Solutions exist. If health risks are identified, screening arrangements can be put in place, together with testing, quarantine and other measures. These will enable authorities to manage the arrival of asylum seekers and refugees in a safe manner, while respecting international refugee protection standards designed to save lives.

In these challenging times, let us not forget those who are fleeing war and persecution. They need – we all need – solidarity and compassion now more than ever before.”

[IOM, UNHCR announce temporary suspension of resettlement travel for refugees](#)

17 March 2020

As countries drastically reduce entry into their territories owing to the COVID-19 global health crisis, and restrictions around international air travel are introduced, travel arrangements for resettling refugees are currently subject to severe disruptions. Some States have also placed a hold on resettlement arrivals given their public health situation, which impacts on their capacity to receive newly resettled refugees.

Refugee families are being directly impacted by these quickly evolving regulations in the course of their travel, with some experiencing extensive delays while others have been stranded or separated from family members.

In addition, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and IOM, the International Organization for Migration, are concerned that international travel could increase the exposure of refugees to the virus. As a result, IOM and UNHCR are taking steps to suspend resettlement departures for refugees. This is a temporary measure that will be in place only for as long as it remains essential.

[Humanitarian agencies seek US\\$290 million to support Burundian refugees](#)

16 March 2020

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

[COVID-19 Does Not Discriminate; Nor Should Our Response](#)

2020-03-20 13:30

Geneva - As the world confronts the COVID-19 pandemic, the United Nations Network on Migration salutes the immense efforts to date to combat this crisis and urges that all – including migrants regardless of their migratory status – are included in efforts to mitigate and roll..

[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 14,854 in 2020; Deaths Reach 219](#)

2020-03-20 11:40

Geneva – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) reports that 14,854 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea through mid-March 2020. That’s an increase of almost 50 per cent over the arrivals reported on three principle migratory routes crossing the...

[IOM Scales Up Plans for COVID-19 Readiness and Response, Appeals for USD 116.1 Million](#)

2020-03-19 17:14

Geneva – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is scaling-up its plans to address the mobility aspects of the global response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic with a new funding requirement of USD 116.1 million.

[IOM, UNHCR announce temporary suspension of resettlement travel for refugees](#)

2020-03-17 18:13

Geneva – As countries drastically reduce entry into their territories owing to the COVID-19 global health crisis, and restrictions around international air travel are introduced, travel arrangements for resettling refugees are currently subject to severe disruptions.

UNAIDS [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

20 March 2020

[Chains of solidarity and kindness during the COVID-19 outbreak](#)

16 March 2020

[Parental consent undermines the right to health of adolescents](#)

WHO & Regional Offices [to 21 Mar 2020]

16 March 2020 *Statement*

[ICC-WHO Joint Statement: An unprecedented private sector call to action to tackle COVID-19](#)

[See Milestones above for detail]

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: [Borno closes Lassa fever outbreak, briefs Media on COVID-19](#)

Maiduguri, 21 March, 2020 - Following concerted partners' response, led by the World Health Organization, the Commissioner for Health, Dr. Salihu Kwayabura has declared an end of Lassa fever outbreak in Borno State. The current outbreak, which was the second in almost five decades, was isolated from a 30-year old man from Garba Buzu settlement in Maiduguri Metropolitan Council on 23 January 2020.

:: [More than 600 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Africa](#) 19 March 2020

More than 600 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in 34 countries in Africa as of 19 March, compared with 147 cases one week ago. Although the region has seen a significant increase in confirmed cases recently, there are still fewer cases than in other parts of the world.

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: [Tuberculosis and COVID-19: What health workers and authorities need to know \(03/20/2020\)](#)

:: [PAHO Director to Health Ministers- "Reorganize health services to care for COVID-19 patients and save lives" \(03/18/2020\)](#)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: [WHO calls for urgent, aggressive actions to combat COVID-19, as cases soar in South-East Asia Region](#) 17 March 2020 News release

WHO European Region EURO

:: [World Water Day 2020 highlights the essential role of handwashing](#) 20-03-2020

:: [Global solidarity across countries and continents needed to fight COVID-19](#) 19-03-2020

:: [Moving towards a multisectoral approach to tackling antimicrobial resistance](#) 19-03-2020

:: [Every country needs to take boldest actions to stop COVID-19](#) 17-03-2020

:: [SCRC statement on COVID-19 situation in Europe](#) 13-03-2020

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: [Djibouti joins global action to prevent COVID-19 as first case is confirmed in the country](#)

Djibouti City, 18 March 2020 - The Ministry of Health of Djibouti has confirmed the country's first case of COVID-19. Health authorities reported the patient as a Spanish national who arrived on a military flight and was directly put in quarantine with no contact with the Djiboutian population. Other Spanish military passengers are being quarantined with support from the French...

:: [Statement by the Regional Director Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari on COVID-19 in the Eastern Mediterranean Region](#)

Press conference, 18 March 2020 Dear colleagues and friends, Thank you for joining us here again today for the latest updates on COVID-19, as well as updates on some the work that has been happening on a regional level to help countries manage this pandemic. In the past weeks since many of you were last here, there has been many developments in terms...

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 21 Mar 2020]

<https://www.oie.int/en/for-the-media/press-releases/2020/>

Press Releases

COVID-19 and veterinary activities designated as essential

OIE/WVA Joint Statement

In the framework of the COVID-19 pandemic, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the World Veterinary Association (WVA) jointly draw attention to the roles and responsibilities of the veterinary profession for public health. They highlight the specific veterinary activities which are key to ensure a continuum in food safety, disease prevention and emergency management.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

16 March 2020

Press Release

UNFPA sounds the alarm on dire situation facing women and girls in Syria, as conflict enters its 10th year

UNFPA expresses increasing concern about the women and girls trapped in the escalating humanitarian situation in Syria, especially in the north-west, as the conflict enters its 10th year.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

COVID-19: WHO, UNICEF and UNDP partner with WhatsApp to get real time health information to billions around the world

Posted on March 18, 2020

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

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

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

No new digest content identified.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases 18 March 2020

[Sendai Framework disaster loss data released to mark 5th anniversary](#)

GENEVA, 18 March 2020 – A UN effort to improve reporting on disaster losses by UN member States has been made public today to mark the 5th anniversary of the adoption of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction at a UN World Conference in Sendai

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

[COVID-19: UN 'remains open for business', determined to deliver for the people we serve, says UN chief](#)

15 March 2020, New York

In light of the continuing spread of the coronavirus, the UN has stepped up measures to safeguard staff and all those using its offices around the world, while at the same time ensuring that the critical work of the Organization continues to deliver on key mandates, and provide lifesaving support to those in need.

In an email to all UN staff as the weekend began, the Secretary-General António Guterres, emphasized that the Organization "remains open for business", but "our work will be done from different locations, using different technologies".

The UN chief outlined the need to "reduce our physical presence" at UN Headquarters, through implementing fulltime telecommuting, unless a staffer is needed within a UN office to carry out essential work. He said the reduced staffing level would be reappraised after three weeks...

UNESCO [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

[Half of world's student population not attending school: UNESCO launches global coalition to accelerate deployment of remote learning solutions](#)

News 03/19/2020

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Announcements

No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 21 Mar 2020]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News and Stories

[United Nations Tackles COVID-19 Threat on Multiple Fronts](#)

Saturday 21 March, 2020

[COVID-19: UN 'remains open for business', determined to deliver for the people we serve, says UN chief](#)

Tuesday 17 March, 2020

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Blog

[Precarious workers pushed to the edge by COVID-19](#)

20 March 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all workers in some way. Those on precarious contracts or in non-standard employment are even harder hit, as many have no access to sick pay, unemployment insurance or other critical protections.

COVID-19 pandemic

[Almost 25 million jobs could be lost worldwide as a result of COVID-19, says ILO](#)

18 March 2020

An initial assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on the global world of work says the effects will be far-reaching, pushing millions of people into unemployment, underemployment and working poverty, and proposes measures for a decisive, co-ordinated and immediate response.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News and Highlights

20/3/20

[ICAO, IMO, and UNWTO call for urgent actions to help the aviation and tourism sector withstand COVID-19 impacts](#)

18/3/20

[ICAO urges national governments to implement international standards supporting COVID-19 response effectiveness](#)

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest Press Briefings

[Tackling COVID-19 – a voyage together](#)

19/03/2020 IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim stresses vital need to maintain commerce by sea and protect seafarers' welfare in face of coronavirus shut down.

[IMO postpones further meetings due to COVID-19 \(updated\)](#)

18/03/2020 IMO has decided to postpone a number of meetings following the global coronavirus outbreak.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 21 Mar 2020]

http://news.upu.int/no_cache/news/

News

[Keeping the mail flowing: How the world's postal operators are confronting COVID-19](#)

20.03.2020

COVID-19 resembles a deadly firestorm that appears to have begun in Asia and rapidly fanned out leaving few nations untouched. Today, the center of gravity of COVID-19—declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) on ...

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

News

By Clare Naden on 17 March 2020

[Reducing the risk of errors in medical laboratories with updated International Standard](#)

Never before have reliability and accuracy been so important for medical laboratories. Robust risk management processes are the best defence against errors and false results. One of the world's most trusted guidance documents for risk management in medical laboratories has just been updated to help.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

News

All Regions WHO

[UNWTO Convenes Global Tourism Crisis Committee](#)

20 Mar 2020

The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) hosted a high-level virtual meeting yesterday, bringing together key UN agencies, the chairs of its Executive Council and Regional Commissions, and private sector leaders. Tourism is the economic sector that has been hardest hit by COVID-19 and all participants accepted an invitation from the UNWTO Secretary-General to become part of a Global Tourism Crisis Committee, formed as UNWTO prepares to launch a global guide for recovery. The UNWTO-led Committee will hold regular virtual meetings, reflecting the need for coordinated and efficient action by the private and public sectors, governments, international financing institutions, and the United Nations.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 21 Mar 2020]

<https://www.cbd.int/>

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements

[Statement by USAID Administrator Mark Green On a Second Funding Tranche of \\$62 Million in Assistance to Respond to the Pandemic of COVID-19](#)

March 18, 2020

The U.S. Government announced today the release of \$62 million from the Emergency Reserve Fund for Contagious Infectious-Disease Outbreaks (ERF) at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to address the pandemic of COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus now called SARS-CoV-2.

[Statement from Administrator Mark Green on the Designation of John Barsa as Acting USAID Administrator](#)

March 17, 2020

Congratulations to John Barsa on his designation by President Trump as Acting Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) upon my departure on April 10.

DFID [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

ECHO [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

[COVID-19: Commission creates first ever rescEU stockpile of medical equipment](#)

19/03/2020

Today, the European Commission has decided to create a strategic rescEU stockpile of medical equipment such as ventilators and protective masks to help EU countries in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. President Ursula von der Leyen said: "With...

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African Union [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

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

[The African Union & the European Union join forces for ensuring peace in Africa](#)

March 17, 2020

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Secretariat News

No new digest content identified.

European Commission [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest

Press release 20 March 2020

[Coronavirus: European standards for medical supplies made freely available to facilitate increase of production](#)

Upon the urgent request of the Commission, CEN and CENELEC, in collaboration with all their members, have agreed to immediately make available a number of European standards for certain medical devices and personal protective equipment.

Press release 19 March 2020

[State aid: Commission adopts Temporary Framework to enable Member States to further support the economy in the COVID-19 outbreak](#)

The European Commission has adopted a Temporary Framework to enable Member States to use the full flexibility foreseen under State aid rules to support the economy in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Statement 19 March 2020

[Statement by Executive Vice-President Dombrovskis and Commissioner Schmit on the employment and social impact of COVID-19](#)

Press release 19 March 2020

[COVID-19: Commission creates first ever rescEU stockpile of medical equipment](#)

Today, the European Commission has decided to create a strategic rescEU stockpile of medical equipment such as ventilators and protective masks to help EU countries in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Press release 17 March 2020

[COVID-19: Commission launches European team of scientific experts to strengthen EU coordination and medical response](#)

The European Commission launched today an advisory panel on COVID-19 composed of epidemiologists and virologists from different Member States to formulate EU guidelines on science-based and coordinated risk management measures.

Press release 16 March 2020

[Coronavirus: Commission offers financing to innovative vaccines company CureVac](#)

Today, the Commission offered up to €80 million of financial support to CureVac, a highly innovative vaccine developer from Tübingen, Germany, to scale up development and production of a vaccine against the Coronavirus in Europe.

OECD [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

21 March 2020

[OECD Secretary-General: coronavirus "war" demands joint action](#)

OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría called today for sweeping joint action by governments to defeat the health, economic, and social threats of the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. In calling on governments to better coordinate their efforts, Gurría announced that the OECD would channel its efforts into immediate support to policymakers combating the crisis, launching a new online policy hub immediately.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

[OAS General Assembly Re-elects Luis Almagro as Secretary General and Nestor Mendez as Assistant Secretary General](#)

March 20, 2020

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 21 Mar 2020]

<https://www.oic-oci.org/>
Selected Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

Group of 77 [to 21 Mar 2020]
<http://www.g77.org/>
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UNCTAD [to 21 Mar 2020]
<http://unctad.org/en/Pages/AllPressRelease.aspx>
[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives]
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 21 Mar 2020]
<http://www.wcoomd.org/>
Latest News
20 March 2020
[**The Global Customs community mobilizes efforts to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic**](#)

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 21 Mar 2020]
http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm
WTO News and Events
[**WTO DG welcomes G7 leaders' statement on COVID-19**](#)
17 March 2020

WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo today welcomed the co-ordinated statement by G7 leaders calling for closer cooperation to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and minimize its economic fallout.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 21 Mar 2020]
<https://www.ipu.org/news/press-releases>
Press releases
No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 21 Mar 2020]
<http://www.icj-cij.org/en/press-releases>
Latest Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 21 Mar 2020]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

Statement of the International Criminal Court concerning recent threats made against staff and their families

Statement 18 March 2020

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World Bank [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]

Wastewater A Resource that Can Pay Dividends for People, the Environment, and Economies, Says World Bank

WASHINGTON, March 19, 2020—The world's wastewater – 80 percent of which is released into the environment without adequate treatment – is a valuable resource from which clean water, energy, nutrients, and...

Date: March 19, 2020 Type: Press Release

World Bank Launches First Global Public Procurement Database to Promote Procurement Reform and Innovation

WASHINGTON, March 18, 2020—The World Bank launched today an online database that convenes unique data on different countries' procurement laws, systems, and performances across the world. The Global Public...

Date: March 18, 2020 Type: Press Release

[See Week in Review above for detail]

World Bank Group Increases COVID-19 Response to \$14 Billion To Help Sustain Economies, Protect Jobs

Focus on private sector and workers spearheaded by IFC to mitigate financial and economic impact of crisis WASHINGTON, March 17, 2020 — The World Bank and IFC's Boards of Directors approved today an increased...

Date: March 17, 2020 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

March 19, 2020

COVID-19 Pandemic and Latin America and the Caribbean: Time for Strong Policy Actions – IMF Blog

Key agricultural exports (coffee, sugar, banana) as well as trade flows through the ... Central banks should increase monitoring, develop contingency plans, and be ready to ...

March 19, 2020

Deputy Managing Director Tao Zhang's Keynote Address on Central Bank Digital Currency

African Development Bank Group [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

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

[African Development Bank announces bold measures to curb coronavirus](#)

18-Mar-2020 - The African Development Bank on Wednesday announced health and safety measures to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus in countries where it has a presence, including its headquarters in Abidjan. The measures include telecommuting, video conferencing in lieu of physical meetings, the suspension of visits to Bank buildings, and the cancelation of all travel, meetings, and conferences, until further notice.

Asian Development Bank [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-
21 Mar 2020

[ADB Approves \\$3 Million Grant to Support Indonesia's Fight Against COVID-19](#)

ADB today approved a \$3 million grant to support the Indonesian government's fight against the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

21 Mar 2020

[ADB Announces \\$6.5 Billion Initial Response to COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

ADB today announced a \$6.5 billion initial package to address the immediate needs of its developing member countries as they respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

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

News

No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

News

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[Mali and IFAD develop a new strategic programme to meet the challenge of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in the face of climate change](#)

Islamic Development Bank [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

News

[Second Statement on IsDB Group Emergency Response to the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Member Countries](#)

16 March 2020

...In order to support its member countries in this time of need, IsDB Group is setting-up a special 'Strategic Preparedness and Response Facility' of US\$730 million to mitigate the negative health and socio-economic impact of the COVID -19 pandemic. This will include US\$280 million from the Bank and Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development for sovereign projects and programs, US\$300 million from International Islamic Trade finance Corporation (ITFC) for trade finance and US\$150 million from ICIEC for insurance coverage...

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

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

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 21 Mar 2020]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

2020-03-19

[Covid-19 pandemic: the international NGO ALIMA warns of the seriousness of the situation in Africa and calls for the emergency deployment of staff, medicine and materials necessary for all humanitarian activities.](#)

Amref Health Africa [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

Press Releases

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

[COVID-19: Tuskys forges a partnership with Amref Health Africa in response to Coronavirus threat](#)

March 19, 2020

Aravind Eye Care System [to 21 Mar 2020]

<https://aravind.org/>

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest

Health

[Early childhood development for a future-proof society](#)

March 19, 2020

by [Syeda Nafisa Nawal](#)

Every child has the right to develop to their full potential, as per the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, yet 200 million children all over the world are unable to do that.

CARE International [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

[Short window for the international community and donors to respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic in the world's most vulnerable countries before it's too late, says aid organization CARE](#)

19th Mar 2020

Short window for the international community and donors to respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic in the world's most vulnerable countries before it's too late, says aid organization CARE

[CARE Prepares COVID-19 Response Working Closely With Vulnerable Communities](#)

16th Mar 2020

CARE is deeply concerned by the continuing global spread of the novel coronavirus and the resulting COVID-19 disease. CARE is committed to working closely with health officials in the countries and regions where the organization is operational to ensure the safety and security of CARE staff and programs.

Clubhouse International [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

NEWS

[Open Letter: "Children Remain Invisible"](#)

In view of recent developments at Greece's borders we would like to express our deep concern regarding the fact that among the newcomers, there are families with children, and (according to all indications) unaccompanied minors for whom we have no information.

16.03.20

[NGOs demand UN Security Council Resolution on Syria](#)

The NGO Forum and Syria INGO Regional Forum, representing 108 organisations operating in Syria, today call on the UN Security Council to draw on the March 5th ceasefire to underscore the urgency of the situation for 4 million civilians in northwest Syria and adopt a resolution to protect civilians and humanitarian workers and put an end to the conflict in Idlib and western Aleppo.
16.03.20

ECPAT [to 21 Mar 2020]
<http://www.ecpat.net/news>
News & Updates
No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 21 Mar 2020]
<http://www.fountainhouse.org/>
No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 21 Mar 2020]
<https://hi.org/en/index>
All news

[HI teams engaged in the fight against Covid-19](#)
19 March 2020

Although Europe is now the epicentre of the Coronavirus pandemic, the virus continues to spill across continents and countries, causing widespread disarray. The number of affected people increases daily. Given this unprecedented and dramatic situation, HI is taking special measures to protect its teams, maintain its operational capabilities and continue...

Heifer International [to 21 Mar 2020]
<https://www.heifer.org/>
Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports
No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 21 Mar 2020]
<http://www.helpage.org/newsroom/press-room/press-releases/>
Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports
No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 21 Mar 2020]
<https://www.icrc.org/en/whats-new>
Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[Syria: Humanitarian aid workers and property must be respected and protected](#)

The International Committee of the Red Cross expresses its deep concern over the intrusion by armed men into the office of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) branch in Idlib and the sub-branch in Ariha on 14 March, in the course of which SARC staff

15-03-2020 | Statement

IFRC [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

No new digest content identified.

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Media highlights

Press Release

[**IRC responds to US coronavirus policy shifts on US refugee resettlement program and asylum seekers**](#)

March 19, 2020

Press Release

[**International Rescue Committee mobilizes global response to combat spread of Coronavirus to world's most vulnerable**](#)

March 16, 2020

IRCT [to 21 Mar 2020]

<https://irct.org/>

News 18 Mar 2020

[**IRCT calls on Turkish court to reject unfounded allegations against Dr. Serdar Küni**](#)

News 16 Mar 2020

[**Women of the IRCT: Aida Alayarian**](#)

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Landsea [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

March 16, 2020

[With Extreme Weather On The Rise, We Are Failing To Adequately Prepare Communities](#)

Review of Cyclone Idai response shows gaps in building future resilience in the wake of disasters
London, UK (March 16...

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Burkina Faso

[Four questions on the unprecedented humanitarian emergency...](#)

Interview 20 Mar 2020

Coronavirus disease COVID-19

["Our priority is to protect hospital staff" where COVID-19 began in Italy](#)

Project Update 20 Mar 2020

Coronavirus disease COVID-19

[Vulnerable communities are bracing for impact of COVID-19](#)

Op-Ed 20 Mar 2020

Coronavirus disease COVID-19

[As COVID-19 continues to spread, MSF prepares for action in France](#)

Press Release 18 Mar 2020

Syria

[People in northwest Syria continue to struggle despite truce](#)

Project Update 17 Mar 2020

South Sudan

[Huge numbers of wounded and displaced as violence continues in J...](#)

Press Release 17 Mar 2020

Coronavirus disease COVID-19

[Help and solidarity needed in Europe to protect medical staff fr...](#)

Press Release 16 Mar 2020

Coronavirus disease COVID-19

[Challenges in supporting COVID-19 response](#)

Interview 16 Mar 2020

Operation Smile [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

[Program Schedule](#)

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

OXFAM [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Selected News/Announcements

[Four years into EU-Turkey deal, suffering has reached unimaginable levels](#)

17 March 2020

The European Union's latest row with Turkey will aggravate what is already Europe's worst humanitarian disaster, Oxfam and the Greek Council for Refugees (GCR) said on the fourth anniversary of the EU-Turkey deal.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest news from NRC

Press release

Global/Africa/America/Asia and Oceania/Middle East/Europe | 16. Mar 2020

[Coronavirus will decimate refugee communities if we don't act now](#)

Statement from Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council:

Global | 16. Mar 2020

[10 things you should know about coronavirus and refugees](#)

The world's response to the COVID-19 crisis must encompass everyone, including those forced to flee their homes.

Pact [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

News

Mar 20, 2020

[Q & A: How COPE is Raising Clean Water Awareness, Access on Navajo Nation](#)

A COPE program called Water is K'é, or Water is Kinship, is reminding residents to choose water over high-sugar beverages and helping families connect to traditional values. [Read More](#)

Mar 19, 2020

[Globe Op-Ed: Dr. Paul Farmer Urges "Merciful and Humane" COVID Responses](#)

PIH's co-founder and chief strategist emphasizes that care for COVID-19 patients also must include food, supplies, and safe shelter through "expert mercy." [Read More](#)

Mar 17, 2020

[Video: Dr. KJ Seung Explains Rapid Testing for Coronavirus](#)

Rapid tests are a key part of PIH's "unprecedented response" to COVID-19, amid challenges of testing in countries with minimal lab resources. [Read More](#)

Mar 16, 2020

[10 Mental Health Tips for Coronavirus Social Distancing](#)

PIH's cross-site mental health team provides a list of suggestions for how to maintain good mental and emotional health during social distancing practices as a result of response to COVID-19. [Read More](#)

PATH [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

News

18 March 2020 - *Global*

[Save the Children: Millions of refugee and displaced children in overcrowded camps as coronavirus spreads globally](#)

16 March 2020 - *Syria*

[Idlib, Syria: Two schools a day damaged or abandoned during escalation in fighting](#)

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

COVID-19 – March 19 2020

[Appeal to authorities, care professionals and social workers](#)

The rapid spread of the COVID-19 virus has led authorities to take necessary measures to ensure citizens' health and safety. SOS Children's Villages' staff is committed to take all possible steps to protect children and assist families in vulnerable situations and calls on authorities, care providers and communities to carefully monitor the situation, and act to guarantee every child's protection and care.

Tostan [to 21 Mar 2020]

<http://www.tostan.org>

News

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 21 Mar 2020]

<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 | March 19, 2020

[**Are Your Identification Photos in a Face Recognition Database?**](#)

San Francisco – A majority of Americans are in face recognition databases in use by the U.S. government. Are you one of them? The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) has launched a new quiz called “Who Has Your Face” to help you find out. “Your driver’s license picture and other ID...

Freedom House [to 21 Mar 2020]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

Latest Updates

[**Malawi: Authorities Launch Political Purges, Attacks on Rights Activists, Ahead of Planned Election Rerun opens in new tab**](#)

Press release

March 20, 2020

[**Spotlight on Freedom: Impact of Coronavirus on Basic Freedoms opens in new tab**](#)

Perspectives

March 19, 2020

[**The World Sees a Public Health Crisis. Beijing Sees a Political Threat. opens in new tab**](#)

Perspectives

March 19, 2020

Human Rights Watch [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

March 19, 2020

Respect Rights in COVID-19 Response

As governments are starting to scale-up their public health response, the threat posed by COVID-19 is reason to reaffirm, not abandon, everyone's rights. That means prioritizing science over politics, caring for those most at risk, avoiding censorship, limiting lockdowns, and building the public trust that is essential to an effective response.

[Read the Report](#)

Europe/Central Asia

March 20, 2020 *Dispatches*

Wider Steps Needed to Protect Prisoners' Health in Italy

[Fatima Burhan](#)

Research Assistant, Europe & Central Asia
Africa

March 20, 2020 *Dispatches*

Millions of Ethiopians Can't Get COVID-19 News

[Laetitia Bader](#)

Senior Researcher, Africa Division

Transparency International [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

20 Mar 2020

The G20 must put human rights and the public interest at the heart of its response to the COVID-19 pandemic

- We welcome the announcement of a G20 extraordinary virtual Summit on the COVID-19 pandemic and urge G20 leaders to guarantee access to information, civic space and media freedom and transparency around decision-making in their response.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 21 Mar 2020]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

News/ Statements

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 21 Mar 2020]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

Press release

[The Elders call for global resolve and solidarity in the fight against COVID-19](#)

18 Mar 2020

Evidence Aid [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest Content

20 March 2020:

[Press release: Despite imminent threat of closure, Evidence Aid staff pull out the stops on COVID 19 to be sure that practitioners and journalists really are being 'Guided by the Science'](#)

Gavi [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Stories

21 March 2020

[Gavi Board calls for bold engagement to respond to COVID-19](#)

Geneva, 21 March 2020 – With the COVID-19 pandemic already affecting 47 Gavi-supported countries, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance has already taken new steps to help strengthen the preparedness of health systems in lower-income countries with the full support of its Board.

Gavi will also be working closely with WHO, CEPI, World Bank, UNICEF and other partners to create the optimal conditions for the acceleration of priority candidate vaccines with a focus on access including assuring adequate scale up of production and delivery to be sure the vaccine gets to where it is needed to stem the pandemic.

“We have already seen the impact COVID-19 can have on health systems in wealthier countries; in countries with already fragile health systems it could be catastrophic,” said Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Chair of the Gavi Board during a meeting on Thursday. “As has become brutally clear in recent months, this disease doesn’t respect borders, which is why it will take a truly global response to defeat it. Gavi is making funding immediately available for lower-income countries to respond to the crisis. Routine immunisation against other deadly diseases like measles, yellow fever and diphtheria also must continue – we cannot have two global outbreaks on our hands.”...

Getty Conservation Institute [to 21 Mar 2020]

<https://www.getty.edu/research/>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

News & Stories

Funding Model

[Building High-Quality Grants](#)

20 March 2020

News

Global Fund Supports 11 Countries in Response to COVID-19

20 March 2020

GENEVA – The Global Fund announced today that 11 countries have so far used financial assistance from the Global Fund in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Working within its mandate to fight HIV, tuberculosis and malaria and to strengthen systems for health, the Global Fund issued new guidelines earlier this month to provide flexibility for countries to use up to 5% of approved grants to fight COVID-19 and to mitigate the potential consequences of the pandemic on existing programs to fight HIV, TB and malaria...

Sourcing & Management of Health Products

COVID-19 Procurement and Supply Update for Global Fund Principal Recipients

19 March 2020

Video

COVID-19 Pandemic: Statement from Executive Director Peter Sands

19 March 2020

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 21 Mar 2020]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources, events, content

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest Updates

Crises & Countries in Conflict

InterAction's Response to COVID-19

InterAction

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Crises & Countries in Conflict

InterAction Members' Response to COVID-19

InterAction

Mar 20, 2020

Crises & Countries in Conflict

Letter to Appropriators Regarding COVID-19

InterAction

Mar 20, 2020

Prevention of Sexual Abuse & Harassment

No Excuse for Abuse

Anna Jaffe

Mar 20, 2020

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Events

3ie London Evidence Week conference 2020

Evidence Week 23 April 2020 London, UK The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) is closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19 across the globe. Out of an abundance of caution and consideration for our staff, Board of Commissioners, members and the broader development community, we have taken the proactive decision to cancel 3ie's Evidence Week public conference scheduled for 23 April 2020 in London, UK. We regret any inconvenience caused.

CHS Alliance [to 21 Mar 2020]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Resource

COVID-19 Response Portal

This portal holds a vast collection of guidelines, tools, papers and lessons learnt from across and beyond the ALNAP Membership which are relevant to responding to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

CERAH – Geneva Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action [to 21 Mar 2020]

<https://cerahgeneve.ch/events/news/>

CERAH News

COVID-19 and refugee camps: the "perfect" storm

A COVID-19 outbreak in refugee camps would have catastrophic consequences. Prof. Karl Blanchet shares his growing concerns and calls for the creation of an academic taskforce to help governments apply the latest evidence on COVID-19 and make decisions using evidence-based information.

[Karl Blanchet](#), CERAH Director; Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Geneva (UNIGE)

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Projects

Studies and research

[Sharing the experiences of La Halte de Jour in assisting refugees in Paris](#)

March 2020 - June 2020

La Halte de Jour is a drop-in centre for refugees located in Porte de la Chapelle in Paris, which has been open since 31 May 2019 and is run by the Salvation Army. This experience sharing exercise aims to learn lessons from setting up the centre (preparation, coordination between different organisations, resources, main challenges, etc.), so that these can help in setting up similar centres in the future.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 21 Mar 2020]

<https://ihsa.info/>

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

News

[Coronavirus could cause 'carnage' among the world's refugees, aid groups say](#)

NBC News

20 March 2020

The coronavirus outbreak threatens to inflict "carnage" on refugees around the world who often live in cramped conditions, lack access to clean water and are in countries with failing or stretched medical systems, humanitarian aid groups say.

[Coronavirus and the Vulnerability of Internally Displaced People](#)

Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre

19 March 2020

All are vulnerable, but tens of millions of internally displaced people – often in crowded conditions and without access to water and sanitation, healthcare and government support – are especially so.

[Coronavirus school closures mean over ONE BILLION children and youth are now shut out of classrooms](#)

TheirWorld

18 March 2020

The pandemic has forced over 110 countries to shut down their education systems - on top of 258 million young people already not going to school in the long term.

More than 110 countries in every corner of the world have shut down schools and universities or are planning to close them to slow the spread of coronavirus.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 21 Mar 2020]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news

No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 21 Mar 2020]

<https://spherestandards.org/news/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

News and Blog

No new digest content identified.

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Brookings

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

Accessed 21 Mar 2020

Latest Research

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

[Stimulus steps the US should take to reduce regional economic damages from the COVID-19 recession](#)

Timothy J. Bartik, Brad Hershbein, Mark Muro, and Bryan A. Stuart

Friday, March 20, 2020

U.S. Economy

[Does the US tax code favor automation?](#)

Daron Acemoglu, Andrea Manera, and Pascual Restrepo

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Monetary Policy

[What's up with the Phillips Curve?](#)

Marco Del Negro, Michele Lenza, Giorgio E. Primiceri, and Andrea Tambalotti

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Labor Policy & Unemployment

[How tight is the US labor market?](#)

Katharine Abraham, John Haltiwanger, and Lea Rendell
Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Financial Institutions

When is growth at risk?

Mikkel Plagborg-Møller, Lucrezia Reichlin, Giovanni Ricco, and Thomas Hasenzagl
Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Center for Global Development [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Publications, News and Events

No new digest content identified.

CSIS [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Reports

Report

Under The Nuclear Shadow: Situational Awareness Technology and Crisis Decision making

March 18, 2020 | Rebecca Hersman, Reja Younis Information dominance has been essential to ensuring U.S. military effectiveness, sustaining the credibility and assurance of military alliances, and stabilizing or reducing the risks of miscalculation or collateral damage. But can there be too much of a good thing?

Report

Defining the Diamond: The Past, Present, and Future of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue

March 16, 2020 | Patrick Gerard Buchan, Benjamin Rimland The Alliances and American Leadership team conducted an informal survey of strategic elites among the nations of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue to identify a plausible path forward for the grouping.

ODI [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

Comment Available: the continued impact of COVID-19

Press release | 19 March 2020

With the escalation of the COVID-19 pandemic, ODI has a range of experts available to offer commentary on the wide-ranging implications of the virus.

Politically informed approaches to gender in fragile and conflict-affected settings: insights from an expert meeting

Working and discussion papers | March 2020 | Clare Castillejo, Pilar Domingo, Rachel George and Shannon O'Connell

A summary of key insights from an expert meeting about politically informed approaches to gender in fragile and conflict-affected settings.

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 21 Mar 2020]

<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.

News and Events

No new digest content identified.

Urban Institute [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Publications

[Hospital Readiness for COVID-19: Analysis of Bed Capacity and How it Varies across the Country](#)

Across the nation, concerns are mounting that the need for hospital beds will overwhelm national capacity as the COVID-19 outbreak expands, putting severe strains on the health care system and limiting patient access to necessary care. Using data from the 2018 American Hospital Association Annual Survey, we present estimates of the number of occupied versus unoccupied beds at the national, state, and county levels. We estimate

[Fredric Blavin](#), [Diane Arnos](#)

March 19, 2020

Brief

[An Analysis of Senator Sanders's Tax Proposals](#)

In this brief, we estimate the revenue and distributional effects of Senator Bernie Sanders's 2020 campaign tax proposals. We show the revenue and distributional implications of tax proposals excluding those related to his Medicare for All plan. We also report the revenue estimates (but not the distributional effects) of the tax proposals dedicated to finance his Medicare for All plan. We plan to analyze the combined

March 19, 2020

Brief

[A Guide to Community Strategies for Improving Emerging Adults' Safety and Well-Being](#)

Practitioners and policymakers are beginning to design justice responses specifically for emerging adults (a life stage occurring roughly from ages 18 to 26). But community-based approaches to help young people avoid involvement with the justice system in the first place, or help them succeed afterwards, are less common. In this guide, we describe community-based strategies for supporting emerging adults in their transition to

[Leah Sakala](#), [Leigh Courtney](#), [Andreea Matei](#), [Samantha Harvell](#)

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Research Report

[Estimates of the Implications of Public Option and Capped Provider Payment Rate Reforms](#)

Report: Estimating the Impact of a Public Option or Capping Provider Payment Rates Brief: Introducing a Public Option or Capped Provider Payment Rates into Private Insurance Markets In this report, Urban Institute researchers estimate the coverage and spending implications of various forms of a public health insurance option introduced as an alternative to private plans currently available to consumers. The public option would

[Linda J. Blumberg](#), [John Holahan](#), [Stacey McMorro](#), [Michael Simpson](#)

March 18, 2020
Research Report

The Potential and Limits of Black-owned Banks

This brief was updated on March 18, 2020. We updated figure 8 on page 10 to correct the name of a bank that we mislabeled on the previous map (Citizens Trust Bank) and to add it to the list of banks below. The updated map also consolidates the bank locations to include only headquarters. The previous map included indicators for all bank branches. To help policymakers and other stakeholders better understand the role and

[Michael Neal](#), [John Walsh](#)

March 17, 2020
Brief

The Wistar Institute [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Media

World Economic Forum Releases Framework to Help Business Identify ESG Factors for Long-Term Resilience

News 19 Mar 2020

- *ESG factors with financial impact on a company can change over time; identifying these factors before they arise is important for a company's long-term strength*
- *As proven by the unexpected impacts of COVID-19, companies already see the need to prepare for financially material business factors which can change rapidly*
- *New World Economic Forum analysis examines this process of "dynamic materiality", releasing framework to help companies consider how ESG factors may become financially material in the future*
- *Read the full [report here](#)*

Technology is transforming urban mobility – new guidelines help cities make the change

News 17 Mar 2020

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

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

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 21 Mar 2020]

<https://alleninstitute.org/what-we-do/frontiers-group/news-press/>
Press Release
No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 21 Mar 2020]
<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Media-Center/Press-Releases>
No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 21 Mar 2020]
<http://www.emcf.org/capital-aggregation/blue-meridian-partners/>
Blue Meridian Partners is a new capital aggregation collaboration that plans to invest at least \$1 billion in high-performance nonprofits that are poised to have truly national impact for economically disadvantaged children and youth.
No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 21 Mar 2020]
<http://www.aecf.org/newsroom/>
Newsroom
No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 21 Mar 2020]
<https://www.clintonfoundation.org/press-releases-and-statements>
Press Release
No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 21 Mar 2020]
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 21 Mar 2020]
<http://www.fordfoundation.org/>
News 20 March 2020

[NYC COVID-19 Response & Impact Fund Launched To Support New York City Nonprofit Organizations](#)

The Ford Foundation announces the launch of a \$75-million fund to support New York City nonprofits in the COVID-19 pandemic in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies, Estée Lauder Companies Charitable Foundation, Robin Hood and a number of other funders.

News 19 March 2020

[Top Foundations Pledge Flexible Funding to Grantees in Wake of COVID-19 Crisis](#)

More than 40 major foundations pledged their commitment to more flexible funding to help grantee partners meet emergency needs prompted by the COVID-19 crisis

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 21 Mar 2020]

<http://news.getty.edu/>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 21 Mar 2020]

<https://grameenfoundation.org/stories/press-releases>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Our News

[**A Message From Our President: Hilton Foundation's Response to COVID-19 March 13, 2020**](#)

IKEA Foundation [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Employment & Entrepreneurship

[**Times are changing: women entrepreneurs challenge social norms in Bangladesh**](#)

March 19, 2020

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

March 20, 2020 *News Release*

[Key Questions about the U.S. Military and the Domestic Coronavirus Response](#)

A new KFF brief answers key questions about potential U.S. military engagement in the domestic response to the novel coronavirus. With concerns that local response capabilities could become overwhelmed in the coming weeks, there have been increasing calls to have the U.S. military play a greater role in support of...

March 17, 2020 *News Release*

[Poll: Americans Most at Risk for Coronavirus Complications Are No More Likely than Others to Report Taking Precautions or Making Preparations in Response to Pandemic](#)

In the midst of a sweeping national health and economic crisis sparked by the novel coronavirus pandemic, a new KFF coronavirus poll finds two thirds of the public (67%) say they are taking precautions as a result, and large shares worry about its impact on their family's health and finances....

March 16, 2020 *News Release*

[New Analysis Finds Inpatient Coronavirus Treatment Costs Could Top \\$20K for Patients with Employer Coverage](#)

A new issue brief estimates potential coronavirus treatment costs to large employer health plans and their enrollees by looking at typical spending for hospital admissions for pneumonia. The analysis finds that, for pneumonia admissions with major complications and comorbidities, the average total cost is \$20,292. In comparison, the average cost...

Kellogg Foundation [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

17 March 2020

[Electricity expansion begins at Azito Power Station in Côte d'Ivoire](#)

MacArthur Foundation [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

March 20, 2020 / *Article*

[Our Response and Support for Grantees](#) [COVID-19]

[Endline Evaluation of Maternal Health and Quality of Care Strategy in India](#)

March 19, 2020

Evaluations

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 21 Mar 2020]

<https://mellon.org/>

Mellon News

[Mellon Foundation Joins Consortium Supporting Small and Mid-size Arts Organizations through \\$75-million NYC COVID-19 Response & Impact Fund](#)

New York, March 20, 2020--Bloomberg Philanthropies, Carnegie Corporation of New York, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, Ford Foundation, Kenneth C. Griffin Charitable Fund, Joan Ganz Cooney & Holly Peterson Fund, The JPB Foundation, The Estée Lauder Companies Charitable Foundation, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, The New York Community Trust, Jennifer and Jonathan Allan Soros, Jon Stryker and Slobodan Randjelović, Charles H. Revson Foundation, Robin Hood, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Laurie M Tisch Illumination Fund, UJA-Federation of New York, and Wells Fargo Foundation today announced the launch of the NYC COVID-19 Response & Impact Fund to support New York City-based social services and arts and cultural organizations that have been affected by the current coronavirus public health crisis. The new \$75 million fund will provide grants and interest-free loans to small and mid-size nonprofits to help them respond to emerging needs, cover losses associated with the disruption of their operations, and help them continue their critical work. The founding member foundations, companies, and individuals are building on their prior experience in local disaster recovery and funding, including 9/11 and Hurricane Sandy...

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 21 Mar 2020]

<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/newsroom>

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

News

[A Message to Our Mission Investing Partners on the Foundation's COVID-19 Response](#)

By Susan Phinney Silver March 20, 2020

[View News](#)

News

[A Message to Our Grantee Partners on the Foundation's COVID-19 Grantmaking Response](#)

By Craig Neyman

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases & Statements

Event

March 20, 2020

[Mitigation Matters: How Cities and States Along the Mississippi River Should Plan for Flooding](#)

March 19, 2020

[Susan K. Urahn Appointed Pew's New President and CEO](#)

WASHINGTON—The Pew Charitable Trusts today announced Susan K. Urahn as its new president and CEO, effective July 1. Urahn, who currently serves as the organization's executive vice president and chief program officer, will take the reins from longtime CEO Rebecca W. Rimel, who is retiring after overseeing the organization for 32 years...

Rockefeller Foundation [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

The Latest

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News and Highlights

[RWJF Statement on Proposed Changes to USDA's School Meal Nutrition Standards](#)

March 19, 2020

Statement submitted by Richard Besser, MD, on proposed changes to USDA's school meal nutrition standards.

[RWJF Comments on Proposed Rule Regarding Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing](#)

March 16, 2020

Comments submitted by Richard Besser, MD, on a proposed revision to the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule.

[RWJF Names Avenel Joseph as Vice President for Policy](#)

March 16, 2020

Avenel Joseph will lead the RWJF Policy unit, and as a key member of the Foundation's senior leadership team, will be responsible for guiding, motivating, and inspiring RWJF's commitment to policy and government engagement work.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 21 Mar 2020]

<http://www.sciencephilanthropyalliance.org/what-we-do/news/>

"...a group of organizations working together to increase philanthropic support for basic scientific research on a global basis..."

[How Philanthropists are Tackling COVID-19](#)

By Abby Schultz

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The Open Philanthropy Project granted US\$17.5 million last year to Sherlock Biosciences, a startup firm in Cambridge, Mass., that's developing quick, inexpensive tools for diagnosing viruses.

That funding, as well as an impact investment in Sherlock, is aiding the company's efforts to create the tools on two platforms—one that relies on the company's CRISPR, or gene-editing, technology, and a second that will use synthetic biology to create a paper-strip viral diagnostic test that could be used anywhere, from a doctor's office to a home in a developing country, says Rahul Dhanda, Sherlock's CEO...

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 21 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

[**A message to our grantees regarding the COVID-19 pandemic**](#)

Wellcome Trust [to 21 Mar 2020]

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

Opinion | 18 March 2020

[**Urgent investment needed for diagnostics, treatments and vaccines to end the COVID-19 pandemic**](#)

Alex Harris, Head of Global Policy Policy and Advocacy team, Wellcome

Now is not the time to make cautious investments: now is the time for courageous action to tackle coronavirus (COVID-19).

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 21 Mar 2020]

<https://candid.org/about/press-room?fcref=pg>

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 21 Mar 2020]

<https://www.cof.org/newsroom>

Newsroom

[**Top Foundations Pledge Flexible Funding to Grantees in Wake of COVID-19 Crisis**](#)

New York, March 19, 2020 — More than 40 major US-based and international foundations announced today to pledge their commitment to more flexible funding to help grantee partners meet emergency needs prompted by the COVID-19 crisis. Signatories include The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Seattle Foundation, and Robert Sterling Clark and Skillman Foundations among many other leaders around the country dedicated to advancing social change and supporting vulnerable populations...

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:: Journal Watch

The Sentinel will track key peer-reviewed journals which address a broad range of interests in human rights, humanitarian response, health and development. It is not intended to be exhaustive. We will add to those monitored below as we encounter relevant content and upon recommendation from readers. We selectively provide full text of abstracts and other content but note that successful access to some of the articles and other content may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher. Please suggest additional journals you feel warrant coverage.

American Journal of Infection Control

March 2020 Volume 48, Issue 3, p239-354

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

March 2020 Volume 58, Issue 3, p313-472

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

March 2020 110(33)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 102, Issue 3, March 2020

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/102/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

17 March 2020 Vol: 172, Issue 6

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology

Latest Issue: Issue 373 - February 2020

<https://antiquity.ac.uk/latest>

[Reviewed earlier]

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 281 April 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/281/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 21 Mar 2020)

[Costs and benefits of early response in the Ebola virus disease outbreak in Sierra Leone](#)

The 2014–2016 Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak in West Africa was the largest EVD outbreak recorded, which has triggered calls for investments that would facilitate an even earlier response. This study aims to estimate the costs and health effects of earlier interventions in Sierra Leone.

Authors: Klas Kellerborg, Werner Brouwer and Pieter van Baal

Content type: Research

16 March 2020

BMJ Global Health

March 2020 - Volume 5 - 3

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/5/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 21 Mar 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 21 Mar 2020)

[Influenza in the school-aged population in Mexico: burden of disease and cost-effectiveness of vaccination in children](#)

The current national influenza vaccination schedule in Mexico does not recommend vaccination in the school-aged population (5–11 years). Currently, there are limited data from middle-income countries analysing...

Authors: Jorge Abelardo Falcón-Lezama, Rodrigo Saucedo-Martínez, Miguel Betancourt-Cravioto, Myrna María Alfaro-Cortes, Roberto Isaac Bahena-González and Roberto Tapia-Conyer

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2020 20:240

Content type: Research article

Published on: 20 March 2020

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 21 Mar 2020)

[Clarifying how to deploy the public interest criterion in consent waivers for health data and tissue research](#)

Several jurisdictions, including Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and most recently Ireland, have a public interest or public good criterion for granting waivers of consent in biomedical research using secondary health data or tissue. However, the concept of the public interest is not well defined in this context, which creates difficulties for institutions, institutional review boards (IRBs) and regulators trying to implement the criterion.

Authors: G. Owen Schaefer, Graeme Laurie, Sumytra Menon, Alastair V. Campbell and Teck Chuan Voo

Content type: Debate

20 March 2020

[Dishonesty and research misconduct within the medical profession](#)

Authors: Habib Rahman and Stephen Anker

Content type: Review

18 March 2020

Abstract

While there has been much discussion of how the scientific establishment's culture can engender research misconduct and scientific irreproducibility, this has been discussed much less frequently with respect to the medical profession. Here the authors posit that a lack of self-criticism, an encouragement of novel scientific research generated by the recruitment policies of the UK Royal Training Colleges along with insufficient training in the sciences are core reasons as to why research misconduct and dishonesty prevail within the medical community. Furthermore, the UK General Medical Council's own data demonstrates a historic inattentiveness to the ease with which doctors can engage in research misconduct. Suggestions are made as to how these issues can be investigated and alternative incentives for career advancement are adumbrated.

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 21 Mar 2020)

[Coronavirus: the spread of misinformation](#)

Authors: Areeb Mian and Shujhat Khan

Citation: BMC Medicine 2020 18:89

Content type: Commentary

Published on: 18 March 2020

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 21 Mar 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 21 Mar 2020)

[Vaccination coverage with the pneumococcal and influenza vaccine among persons with chronic diseases in Shanghai, China, 2017](#)

Adults with chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease are more likely to develop complications from a number of vaccine-preventable diseases, including influenza and pneumonia. In thi...

Authors: Yuheng Wang, Minna Cheng, Siyuan Wang, Fei Wu, Qinghua Yan, Qiping Yang, Yanyun Li, Xiang Guo, Chen Fu, Yan Shi, Abram L. Wagner and Matthew L. Boulton

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:359

Content type: Research article

Published on: 19 March 2020

[The impact of the Adolescent Girls Empowerment Program \(AGEP\) on short and long term social, economic, education and fertility outcomes: a cluster randomized controlled trial in Zambia](#)

Adolescent girls in Zambia face risks and vulnerabilities that challenge their healthy development into young women: early marriage and childbearing, sexual and gender-based violence, unintended pregnancy and ...

Authors: Karen Austrian, Erica Soler-Hampejsek, Jere R. Behrman, Jean Digitale, Natalie Jackson Hachonda, Maximillian Bweupe and Paul C. Hewett

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:349

Content type: Research article

Published on: 17 March 2020

[Health status and use of medication and their association with migration related exposures among Syrian refugees in Lebanon and Norway: a cross-sectional study](#)

The health of forcibly displaced individuals changes along their migration path and estimates of disease burden are essential to develop health care policies and practices adequately corresponding to their hea...

Authors: Elisabeth Marie Strømme, Jasmin Haj-Younes, Wegdan Hasha, Lars T. Fadnes, Bernadette Kumar, Jannicke Iglund and Esperanza Diaz

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:341

Content type: Research article

Published on: 17 March 2020

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 21 Mar 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

March 2020 - Volume 10 - 3

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 98, Number 3, March 2020, 149-228

<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/98/3/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 46, Issue 2 Pages: 155-248 March 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal

Volume 101 March 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/101/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

February 2020 Volume 42, Issue 2, p237-378, e1-e32

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

Pilot Study

[Pilot and Feasibility Study on Elderly Support Services Using Communicative Robots and Monitoring Sensors Integrated With Cloud Robotics](#)

Kazuko Obayashi, Shigeru Masuyama

Published online: January 24, 2020

Clinical Trials

Volume 17 Issue 1, February 2020

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/17/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 21 Mar 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 90 March 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/90/suppl/C>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

The CRISPR Journal

Volume 3, Issue 1 / February 2020

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/3/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 8, Issue 1, March 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/8/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

April 2020 - Volume 33 - Issue 2

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Developing World Bioethics

Volume 20, Issue 1 Pages: 1-60 March 2020

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

ARTICLES

[Transnational policy migration, interdisciplinary policy transfer and decolonization: Tracing the patterns of research ethics regulation in Taiwan](#)

[Zhen-Rong Gan](#), [Mark Israel](#)

Pages: 5-15

First Published: 17 April 2019

COUNTRY REPORT

[Evolution of research ethics in a low resource setting: A case for Uganda](#)

[Joseph Ochieng](#), [Erisa Mwaka](#), [Betty Kwagala](#), [Nelson Sewankambo](#)

Pages: 50-60

First Published: 29 June 2018

Development in Practice

Volume 30, Issue 1, 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

Volume 38, Issue 2 Pages: 1-282 March 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 15, Issue 3, 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 14 - Issue 1 - February 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

Volume 44, Issue 2 Pages: 233-432 April 2020

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

Papers

[**Building safety in humanitarian programmes that support post-disaster shelter self-recovery: an evidence review**](#)

[Louise Harriss](#), [Charles Parrack](#), [Zoe Jordan](#)

Pages: 307-335

First Published: 25 July 2019

[**Evaluation of a population mobility, mortality, and birth surveillance system in South Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo**](#)

[Prudence Jarrett](#), [Frank J. Zdravec](#), [Jennifer O'Keefe](#), [Marius Nshombo](#), [Augustin Karume](#), [Les Roberts](#)

Pages: 390-407

First Published: 24 June 2019

EMBO Reports

Volume 21 Issue 3 4 March 2020

<https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Emergency Medicine Journal

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

[Accessed 21 Mar 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 26, Number 3—March 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Volume 30 March 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/30/suppl/C>

Research article Open access

[Quantifying the success of measles vaccination campaigns in the Rohingya refugee camps](#)

Taylor Chin, Caroline O. Buckee, Ayesha S. Mahmud

Article 100385

Abstract

In the wake of the Rohingya population's mass migration from Myanmar, one of the world's largest refugee settlements was constructed in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh to accommodate nearly 900,000 new refugees. Refugee populations are particularly vulnerable to infectious disease outbreaks due to many population and environmental factors. A large measles outbreak, with over 1700 cases, occurred among the Rohingya population between September and November 2017. Here, we estimate key epidemiological parameters and use a dynamic mathematical model of measles transmission to evaluate the effectiveness of the reactive vaccination campaigns in the refugee camps. We also estimate the potential for subsequent outbreaks under different vaccination coverage scenarios. Our modeling results highlight the success of the vaccination campaigns in rapidly curbing transmission and emphasize the public health importance of maintaining high levels of vaccination in this population, where high birth rates and historically low vaccination coverage rates create suitable conditions for future measles outbreaks.

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 148 - 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & Human Research

Volume 42, Issue 2 Pages: 1-33 March–April 2020

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/current>

Incidental Findings :: Data Sharing N-of-1 Trials :: Deception

Articles

[Research Participant Views regarding Qualitative Data Sharing](#)

We found no studies in the United States that explored research participants' perspectives about sharing their qualitative data. We present findings from interviews with 30 individuals who participated in sensitive qualitative studies to explore their understanding and concerns regarding qualitative data sharing. The vast majority supported sharing qualitative data so long as their data were deidentified and shared only among researchers. However, they raised concerns about confidentiality if the data were not adequately deidentified and about misuse by secondary users if data were shared beyond the research community.

[Jessica Mozersky](#), [Meredith Parsons](#), [Heidi Walsh](#), [Kari Baldwin](#), [Tristan McIntosh](#), [James M. DuBois](#)

Pages: 13-27

First Published: 19 March 2020

Ethics & International Affairs

Winter 2019 (33.4) | December 2019

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2019/winter-2019-33-4/>

[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 30, Issue 1, February 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/30/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy Volume 75

Volume 91 February 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/91/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 12, Issue 1, February 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/12/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 63 February 2020

<https://www.fmreview.org/cities>

Cities and towns

Cities and towns are on the frontline of receiving and welcoming people who have been displaced. In this issue of FMR, policymakers, practitioners, researchers, representatives of cities and international city-focused alliances, and displaced people themselves debate the challenges facing both the urban authorities and their partners, and the people who come to live there. The issue also includes two 'general' articles on other topics.

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 47, 2020 - Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Gates Open Research

<https://gatesopenresearch.org/browse/articles>

[Accessed 21 Mar 2020]

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Genome Medicine

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Vol. 7, No. 4 December 23, 2019
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[A qualitative exploration of the experiences of community health animation on malaria control in rural Malawi](#)

Malaria control tools are efficacious and effective in preventing the disease; however, the human behaviour aspect of the intervention strategies is weak due to heavy reliance on positive human health behaviour. The challenge lies in adoption of control interventions by the target population which, to an extent, may include access to prevention and treatment tools. We present a qualitative assessment of the use of the Health Animator (HA) model for Information, Education and Communication (IEC) to improve adoption and use of malaria control by promoting positive health behaviours.

Authors: Tumaini Malenga, Frances E. Griffiths, Marrit van den Berg, Henk van den Berg, Michèle van Vugt, Kamija Samuel Phiri, Lucinda Manda-Taylor and Eric Umar

Content type: Research
20 March 2020

[Uganda's experience in Ebola virus disease outbreak preparedness, 2018–2019](#)

Authors: Jane Ruth Aceng, Alex R. Ario, Allan N. Muruta, Issa Makumbi, Miriam Nanyunja, Innocent Komakech, Andrew N. Bakainaga, Ambrose O. Talisuna, Collins Mwesigye, Allan M. Mpairwe, Jayne B. Tusiime, William Z. Lali, Edson Katushabe, Felix Ocom, Mugagga Kaggwa, Bodo Bongomin...

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Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 76, January 2020

<https://odihpn.org/magazine/the-crisis-in-yemen/>

The Crisis in Yemen

by HPN

This edition of Humanitarian Exchange focuses on the crisis in Yemen. Since the war there began in 2014, thousands of civilians have been killed or injured and air strikes and ground operations have destroyed hospitals, schools and critical infrastructure. An estimated 80% of Yemenis need humanitarian assistance.

In the lead article, Laurie Lee highlights the critical role Yemenis and Yemeni organisations are playing in addressing the humanitarian challenges in the country, and how NGOs can better support them. Genevieve Gauthier and Marcus Skinner reinforce this point with reference to two local organisations, the Yemen Women's Union and Al Hikma. Warda Saleh, the founder of another Yemeni grassroots organisation, discusses the increased risk of gender-based violence facing women and girls, while Ibrahim Jalal and Sherine El Taraboulsi-McCarthy focus on internal displacement and the opportunities for a more effective humanitarian response. Reflecting on child protection programming in Yemen, Mohammed Alshamaa and Amanda Brydon conclude that multisectoral approaches with local authorities result in better and more sustainable outcomes. Padraic McCluskey and Jana Brandt consider the ethical dilemmas Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) faced in trying to balance quality and coverage in a mother and child hospital in Taiz. Lindsay Spainhour Baker and colleagues reflect on the challenges involved in gathering and analysing information on the humanitarian situation while Lamis Al-Iryani, Sikandra Kurdi and Sarah Palmer-Felgate discuss the findings from an evaluation of the Yemen Social Fund for Development (SFD) Cash for Nutrition programme. An article by Kristine Beckerle and Osamah Al-Fakih details Yemeni and international organisations' efforts to document and mitigate harm to civilians caught up in the conflict. The edition ends with a piece by Fanny Pettibon, Anica Heinlein and Dhabie Brown outlining CARE's advocacy on the arms trade.

Finally, readers will note that this edition is shorter than usual, largely because it was very difficult to persuade potential authors to write on the Yemen crisis. Many of the individuals and organisations we contacted were either too busy responding or were concerned that writing frankly about their work could negatively affect their operations. HPN has covered many similarly sensitive contexts in Humanitarian Exchange over the last 26 years, but this is the first time we have experienced such reluctance to engage. A worrying sign.

Infectious Agents and Cancer

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

[Accessed 21 Mar 2020]

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Infectious Diseases of Poverty

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

[Accessed 21 Mar 2020]

[Epidemiology, causes, clinical manifestation and diagnosis, prevention and control of coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) during the early outbreak period: a scoping review](#)

A scoping review was conducted following the methodological framework suggested by Arksey and O'Malley. In this scoping review, 65 research articles published before 31 January 2020 were analyzed and discussed to better understand the epidemiology, causes, clinical diagnosis, prevention and control of this virus. The research domains, dates of publication, journal language, authors' affiliations, and methodological characteristics were included in the analysis. All the findings and statements in this review regarding the outbreak are based on published information as listed in the references.

Authors: Sasmita Poudel Adhikari, Sha Meng, Yu-Ju Wu, Yu-Ping Mao, Rui-Xue Ye, Qing-Zhi Wang, Chang Sun, Sean Sylvia, Scott Rozelle, Hein Raat and Huan Zhou
Content type: Scoping Review
17 March 2020

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Vol 7, No 3 (2020) March 2020

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Volume 26, Issue 4 2020

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Volume 12 Issue 5

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March 2020 Volume 92, p1-272

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Volume 54 Issue 1, March 2020

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

July-December 2019 Volume 17 | Issue 2 Page Nos. 117-318

<http://www.interventionjournal.org/currentissue.asp?sabs=n>

Special issue on the mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of Rohingya refugees

[Reviewed earlier]

JAMA

March 17, 2020, Vol 323, No. 11, Pages 1021-1104

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Original Investigation

Caring for the Critically Ill Patient

[Clinical Characteristics of 138 Hospitalized Patients With 2019 Novel Coronavirus–Infected Pneumonia in Wuhan, China](#)

Dawei Wang, MD; Bo Hu, MD; Chang Hu, MD; et al.

free access has active quiz has multimedia has audio

JAMA. 2020;323(11):1061-1069. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.1585

This single-center case series describes the demographics, symptoms, laboratory and imaging findings, treatment, and clinical course of 138 patients hospitalized with 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)–infected pneumonia (NCIP) in Wuhan, China, highlighting presumed human-to-human hospital-associated transmission in many cases.

Audio Interview: COVID-19 Update From China

Editorial

[Editorial Concern—Possible Reporting of the Same Patients With COVID-19 in Different Reports](#)

Howard Bauchner, MD; Robert M. Golub, MD; Jody Zylke, MD

Research Letter

[Epidemiologic and Clinical Characteristics of Novel Coronavirus Infections Involving 13 Patients Outside Wuhan, China](#)

De Chang, MD, PhD; Minggui Lin, MD; Lai Wei, MD; et al.

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JAMA. 2020;323(11):1092-1093. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.1623

This case series uses patient hospital data to summarize the clinical presentation and laboratory and imaging findings of 13 patients with confirmed 2019-nCoV infection admitted to hospitals in Beijing in January 2020.

Editorial

Randomized Clinical Trials of Artificial Intelligence

Derek C. Angus, MD, MPH

JAMA. 2020;323(11):1043-1045. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.1039

As patient data are increasingly captured digitally, the opportunities to deploy artificial intelligence (AI), especially machine learning, are increasing rapidly. Machine learning is automated learning by computers using tools such as artificial neural networks to search data iteratively for optimal solutions.¹ Typical applications include searching for novel patterns (eg, latent cancer subtypes²), making a diagnosis or outcome prediction (eg, diabetic retinopathy³), and optimizing treatment decisions (eg, fluid and vasopressor titration for septic shock⁴). Although many express excitement regarding the promise of AI, others express concern about adverse consequences, such as loss of physician and patient autonomy or unintended bias, and still others claim that the entire endeavor is largely hype, with virtually no data that actual patient outcomes have improved.^{5,6}

JAMA Pediatrics

March 2020, Vol 174, No. 3, Pages 226-308

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March 2020 - Volume 18 - Issue 3

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SYSTEMATIC REVIEW PROTOCOLS

Cognitive outcomes of children who have experienced complex trauma: a systematic review protocol

Matte-Landry, Alexandra; Collin-Vézina, Delphine

JBI Evidence Synthesis. 18(3):543-552, March 2020.

Abstract

Objective:

The objective of this systematic review is to assess cognitive outcomes of children who have experienced complex trauma in comparison to children who have not, and to test the effect of potential moderating factors.

Introduction:

A relatively high proportion of children have experienced complex trauma, which can lead to negative consequences on various aspects of development, including cognitive functions. Studies and reviews have documented cognitive outcomes of children who have experienced complex trauma, but with conflicting results. Additionally, previous reviews only included few longitudinal studies. Thus, the short- and long-term effects of complex trauma on cognitive functions and the causal relationships between complex trauma and cognitive functions remain unclear; however, this information could help in the targeting of interventions.

Inclusion criteria:

This review will consider primary prospective longitudinal studies that have assessed cognitive functions in children who have experienced complex trauma compared to children not exposed to a traumatic event.

Methods:

The following databases will be searched for primary studies: APA PsycNET, PubMed Central, ERIC, CINAHL and Embase. Gray literature will also be searched. Study selection, assessment of methodological quality and data extraction will be conducted by two independent evaluators. Standard meta-analysis as well as a longitudinal meta-analysis will be performed, based on the general linear mixed model, to take into account previous cognitive functioning. Subgroup analysis and meta-regression analysis will be undertaken to explore potential sources of heterogeneity, and a funnel plot will be generated to visually explore reporting bias. The quality of evidence will be assessed using the GRADE approach.

Systematic review registration number: :
PROSPERO CRD42019121610.

Journal of Adolescent Health

March 2020 Volume 66, Issue 3, p265-378

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Ellen Selkie, Victoria Adkins, Ellie Masters, Anita Bajpai, Daniel Shumer
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Published online: November 2, 2019

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Vol. 67 (2020)

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2020 Volume 10 Issue 1

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Volume 143 March 2020

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Volume 15 Issue 1-2, February-April 2020

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March 2020 - Volume 74 - 3

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Volume 13, Issue 1 Pages: 1-88 February 2020

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Journal of Global Ethics

Volume 15, Issue 3, 2019

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Volume 6, Issue 1, 2020

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[Sex Trafficking Victims at Their Junction with the Healthcare Setting—A Mixed-Methods Inquiry](#)

[Arduizur Carli Richie-Zavaleta](#), [Augusta Villanueva](#), [Ana Martinez-Donate](#), [Renee M. Turchi](#), [Janna Ataiants](#) & [Shea M. Rhodes](#)

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Article

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[Charles Hounmenou](#)

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Published online: 05 Sep 2018

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[Human Trafficking Victim's Service Needs and Outcomes: An Analysis of Clinical Law Data](#)

[Michelle Munro-Kramer](#), [Dana Beck](#), [Kristen Choi](#), [Rebecca Singer](#), [Annemarie Gebhard](#) & [Bridgette Carr](#)

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Volume 22, Issue 2, April 2020

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Volume 32, Issue 2 Pages: 129-261 March 2020
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Volume 7, Issue 1 (2020)
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March 2020 Volume 218, p1-268, e1-e5
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Volume 27, Issue 2, March 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/jtm/issue/27/2>

Editorial

[Travellers give wings to novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#)

Mary E Wilson, MD, Lin H Chen, MD

J Travel Med, Volume 27, Issue 2, March 2020, taaa015, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jtm/taaa015>

A novel coronavirus, probably of bat origin, has caused an outbreak of severe respiratory infection in humans in Wuhan, China and has been dispersed globally by travelers. The WHO has declared the spread of the infection a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

Perspectives

[Isolation, quarantine, social distancing and community containment: pivotal role for old-style public health measures in the novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) outbreak](#)

A Wilder-Smith, MD, D O Freedman, MD

J Travel Med, Volume 27, Issue 2, March 2020, taaa020, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jtm/taaa020>

Public health measures were decisive in controlling the SARS epidemic in 2003. Isolation is the separation of ill persons from non-infected persons. Quarantine is movement restriction, often with fever surveillance, of contacts when it is not evident whether they have been infected but are not yet symptomatic or have not been infected. Community containment includes measures that range from increasing social distancing to community-wide quarantine. Whether these measures will be sufficient to control 2019-nCoV depends on addressing some unanswered questions.

Reviews

[Potential for global spread of a novel coronavirus from China](#)

Isaac I Bogoch, MD, Alexander Watts, PhD, Andrea Thomas-Bachli, PhD, Carmen Huber, MSA, Moritz U G Kraemer, DPhil ...

J Travel Med, Volume 27, Issue 2, March 2020, taaa011, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jtm/taaa011>

An epidemic of a novel coronavirus emerged from Wuhan, China, in late December 2019 and has since spread to several large Chinese cities. Should a scenario arise where this coronavirus spreads more broadly across China, we evaluate how patterns of international disease transmission could change.

The Lancet

Mar 21, 2020 Volume 395 Number 10228 p921-1010, e52-e53

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

Editorial

[COVID-19: protecting health-care workers](#)

The Lancet

[Ebola in DR Congo: getting the job done](#)

The Lancet

Comment

[Ethical implications of poor comparative effectiveness evidence: obligations in industry-research partnerships](#)

Ilina Singh, Huseyin Naci, Jennifer Miller, Arthur Caplan, Andrea Cipriani

[How will country-based mitigation measures influence the course of the COVID-19 epidemic?](#)

Roy M Anderson, Hans Heesterbeek, Don Klinkenberg, Déirdre Hollingsworth

[Offline: COVID-19—a reckoning](#)

Richard Horton

Series

Comparative Effectiveness 1

[Generating comparative evidence on new drugs and devices before approval](#)

Huseyin Naci, et al.

Comparative Effectiveness 2

[Generating comparative evidence on new drugs and devices after approval](#)

Andrea Cipriani, et al.

The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health

Apr 2020 Volume 4 Number 4 p251-340, e7-e9

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

Editorial

[Rare diseases: clinical progress but societal stalemate](#)

The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health

Comment

[Children left behind by parental migration in sub-Saharan Africa](#)

Kwabena Kusi-Mensah, Olayinka Omigbodun

For several decades, the focus on the health of the rapidly growing population of children in sub-Saharan Africa was on infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and malaria. The focus has now widened to include the effects of natural and manmade humanitarian disasters, extreme poverty, and sociocultural practices such as the Almajiri street children (ie, children from northern Nigeria who are sent away from home to study under the care of Muslim scholars, but who end up as street children begging and engaging in menial labour to earn a living) and child marriage, which prevent millions of children from going to school. With decreasing childhood mortality, there is a growing shift towards tackling non-communicable diseases such as child and adolescent mental disorders¹ However, a

potentially serious concern that has received little attention is parental migration and its effect on children who are left behind.

Lancet Digital Health

Mar 2020 Volume 2 Number 3 e102-e148

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

Editorial

[Child and adolescent health in the digital age](#)

The Lancet Digital Health

Comment

[3D technology and telemedicine in humanitarian settings](#)

Pierre Moreau, Samar Ismael, Hatim Masadeh, Esraa Al Katib, Laetitia Viaud, Clara Nordon, Safa Herfat

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Mar 2020 Volume 8 Number 3 e305 -e450

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Mar 2020 Volume 20 Number 3 p261-382, e27-e49

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Lancet Public Health

Mar 2020 Volume 5 Number 3 e127-e176

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Lancet Respiratory Medicine

Mar 2020 Volume 8 Number 3 p217-320, e8-e13

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Volume 24, Issue 3, March 2020

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Medical Decision Making (MDM)

Volume 40 Issue 2, February 2020

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A Multidisciplinary Journal of Population Health and Health Policy

Volume 98, Issue 1 Pages: 1-222 March 2020

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Volume 579 Issue 7799, 19 March 2020

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Editorial | 17 March 2020

[Coronavirus: three things all governments and their science advisers must do now](#)

Follow World Health Organization advice, end secrecy in decision-making and cooperate globally.

World View | 16 March 2020

[Don't rush to deploy COVID-19 vaccines and drugs without sufficient safety guarantees](#)

We must urgently develop measures to tackle the new coronavirus — but safety always comes first, says Shibo Jiang.

Shibo Jiang

Nature Biotechnology

Volume 38 Issue 3, March 2020

<https://www.nature.com/nbt/volumes/38/issues/3>

Uniform nanoparticle vaccines

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Nature Genetics

Volume 52 Issue 3, March 2020

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Nature Medicine

Volume 26 Issue 3, March 2020

<https://www.nature.com/nm/volumes/26/issues/3>

Editorial | 11 March 2020

[Patient trust must come at the top of researchers' priority list](#)

Secondary use of patient health data can be a boon for medical research and development, but only if researchers can cultivate patient trust in the system.

Comment | 28 January 2020

In emergencies, health research must go beyond public engagement toward a true partnership with those affected

An Ebola virus outbreak taking place in the complex political and social context of The Democratic Republic of the Congo has forced the research community to reflect on their approach to community engagement. Katharine Wright and Michael Parker, on behalf of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics Working Group on research in global health emergencies, say that those affected need to influence research choices from the very beginning and that the value of their knowledge must be recognized. Katharine Wright, Michael Parker[...] & Paulina Tindana

Nature Reviews Genetics

Volume 21 Issue 3, March 2020

<https://www.nature.com/nrg/volumes/21/issues/3>

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Volume 20 Issue 3, March 2020

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March 19, 2020 Vol. 382 No. 12

<http://www.nejm.org/toc/nejm/medical-journal>

Perspective

The Dishonesty of Informed Consent Rituals

Matt Bivens, M.D.

Out of respect for patient autonomy, we ritually inform patients of self-evident risks, even as we mock the very idea of informed consent by routinely prescribing combined medications that we must know will cost 10 times as much as the separate components.

Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly

Volume 49 Issue 2, April 2020

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Adrienne Epstein, Eran Bendavid, Denis Nash, Edwin D. Charlebois, Sheri D. Weiser

Research Article | published 19 Mar 2020 PLOS Medicine

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[Health profile of pediatric Special Immigrant Visa holders arriving from Iraq and Afghanistan to the United States, 2009–2017: A cross-sectional analysis](#)

Simone S. Wien, Gayathri S. Kumar, Oleg O. Bilukha, Walid Slim, Heather M. Burke, Emily S. Jentes

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[Nationally and regionally representative analysis of 1.65 million children aged under 5 years using a child-based human development index: A multi-country cross-sectional study](#)

Jan-Walter De Neve, Kenneth Harttgen, Stéphane Verguet

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PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases

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

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[Immunogenicity of a killed bivalent whole cell oral cholera vaccine in forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh](#)

Fahima Chowdhury, Taufiqur Rahman Bhuiyan, Afroza Akter, Md Saruar Bhuiyan, Ashraful Islam Khan,

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Abstract

After the large influx of Rohingya nationals (termed Forcibly Displaced Myanmar National; FDMN) from Rakhine State of Myanmar to Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh, it was apparent that outbreaks of cholera was very likely in this setting where people were living under adverse water and sanitation conditions. Large campaigns of oral cholera vaccine (OCV) were carried out as a preemptive measure to control cholera epidemics. The aim of the study was to evaluate the immune responses of healthy adults and children after administration of two doses of OCV at 14 days interval in FDMN population and compare with the response observed in Bangladeshi's vaccinated earlier. A cross-sectional immunogenicity study was conducted among FDMNs of three age cohort; in adults (18+years; n = 83), in older children (6–17 years; n = 63) and in younger children (1–5 years; n = 80). Capillary blood was collected at three time points to measure vibriocidal antibodies using either plasma or dried blood spot (DBS) specimens. There was a significant increase of responder frequency of vibriocidal antibody titer at day 14 in all groups for *Vibrio cholerae* O1 (Ogawa/Inaba: adults-64%/64%, older children-70%/89% and younger children-51%/75%). There was no overall difference of vibriocidal antibody titer between FDMN and Bangladeshi population at baseline ($p = 0.07$ – 0.08) and at day 14, day 28 in all age groups for both serotypes. The seroconversion rate and geometric mean titer (GMT) of either serotype were comparable using both plasma and DBS specimens. These results showed that OCV is capable of inducing robust immune responses in adults and children among the FDMN population which is comparable to that seen in Bangladeshi participants in different age groups or that reported from other cholera endemic countries. Our results also suggest that the displaced population were exposed to *V. cholerae* prior to seeking shelter in Bangladesh.

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[Crater detection from commercial satellite imagery to estimate unexploded ordnance in Cambodian agricultural land](#)

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[The recovery rate from severe acute malnutrition among under-five years of children remains low in sub-Saharan Africa. A systematic review and meta-analysis of observational studies](#)

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[Intelligent machines as social catalysts](#)

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Some people excel at facilitating communication between other people. They are social catalysts: they promote engagement within a team, keep the team on point, defuse hostility, make sure that everyone contributes to the best of their capacity, and generally ensure that the team performs better than the sum of its members. Social catalysts need to be subtly aware of social dynamics, mood changes, face-saving strategies, and unspoken rules of communication. Given these requirements, it would seem that being a social catalyst is a quintessentially human role. The research of Traeger et al. (1), however, opens perspectives about the possibility of having machines rather than people perform the role of social catalysts in human groups...

[A regional nuclear conflict would compromise global food security](#)

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[Transforming social norms to end FGM in the EU: an evaluation of the REPLACE Approach](#)

Despite numerous campaigns and interventions to end female genital mutilation (FGM), the practice persists across the world, including the European Union (EU). Previous interventions have focused mainly on awareness raising and legislation aimed at criminalizing the practice. Limited evidence exists on the effectiveness of interventions due in part to the lack of systematic evaluation of projects. This paper presents an evaluation of the REPLACE Approach, which is a new methodology for tackling FGM based on community-based behaviour change and intervention evaluation.

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Latest articles

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[Clinical trials of drug repositioning for COVID-19 treatment](#)

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Rosa and Santos

The World Health Organization (WHO) was informed in December 2019 about a coronavirus pneumonia outbreak in Wuhan, Hubei province (China). Subsequently, on March 12, 2020, 125,048

cases and 4,614 deaths were reported. Coronavirus is an enveloped RNA virus, from the genus Betacoronavirus, that is distributed in birds, humans, and other mammals. WHO has named the novel coronavirus disease as COVID-19. More than 80 clinical trials have been launched to test coronavirus treatment, including some drug repurposing or repositioning for COVID-19. Hence, we performed a search in March 2020 of the clinicaltrials.gov database. The eligibility criteria for the retrieved studies were: contain a clinicaltrials.gov base identifier number; describe the number of participants and the period for the study; describe the participants' clinical conditions; and utilize interventions with medicines already studied or approved for any other disease in patients infected with the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (2019-nCoV). It is essential to emphasize that this article only captured trials listed in the clinicaltrials.gov database. We identified 24 clinical trials, involving more than 20 medicines, such as human immunoglobulin, interferons, chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine, arbidol, remdesivir, favipiravir, lopinavir, ritonavir, oseltamivir, methylprednisolone, bevacizumab, and traditional Chinese medicines (TCM). Although drug repurposing has some limitations, repositioning clinical trials may represent an attractive strategy because they facilitate the discovery of new classes of medicines; they have lower costs and take less time to reach the market; and there are existing pharmaceutical supply chains for formulation and distribution.

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Perspectives

[Understanding and Preventing Attacks on Health Facilities During Armed Conflict in Syria](#)

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Conclusion: The results and review highlight the need for protection of health facilities from humanitarian violations as health care continues to be targeted as a strategy of war. The number of attacks has steadily remained constant throughout the years and nothing seems to be done in bringing perpetrators to justice for violations of International Humanitarian Law. The paper calls for more public attention to shed light on the atrocities being committed and further inquiries like the preliminary carried out by The Lancet – American University of Beirut.

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Policy Forum

[Time for NIH to lead on data sharing](#)

By Ida Sim, Michael Stebbins, Barbara E. Bierer, Atul J. Butte, Jeffrey Drazen, Victor Dzau, Adrian F. Hernandez, Harlan M. Krumholz, Bernard Lo, Bernard Munos, Eric Perakslis, Frank Rockhold, Joseph S. Ross, Sharon F. Terry, Keith R. Yamamoto, Deborah A. Zarin, Rebecca Li
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A draft policy is generally supportive but should start mandating data sharing

Summary

The U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH), the largest global funder of biomedical research, is in the midst of digesting public comments toward finalizing a data sharing policy. Although the draft policy is generally supportive of data sharing (1), it needs strengthening if we are to collectively achieve a long-standing vision of open science built on the principles of findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable (FAIR) (2) data sharing. Relying on investigators to voluntarily share data has not, thus far, led to widespread open science practices (3); thus, we suggest steps that NIH could take to lead on scientific data sharing, with an initial focus on clinical trial data sharing.

Research Articles

[Insights into human genetic variation and population history from 929 diverse genomes](#)

By Anders Bergström, Shane A. McCarthy, Ruoyun Hui, Mohamed A. Almarri, Qasim Ayub, Petr Danecek, Yuan Chen, Sabine Felkel, Pille Hallast, Jack Kamm, H  l  ne Blanch  , Jean-Fran  ois Deleuze, Howard Cann, Swapan Mallick, David Reich, Manjinder S. Sandhu, Pontus Skoglund, Aylwyn Scally, Yali Xue, Richard Durbin, Chris Tyler-Smith

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Genomes from diverse human populations record human genetic diversity and illuminate the history of our species.

Genomes from around the globe

Genomic sequencing of diverse human populations to understand overall genetic diversity has lagged behind in-depth examination of specific populations. To add to our understanding of human genetic diversity, Bergstr  m et al. generated whole-genome sequences surveying individuals in the Human Genome Diversity Project, which is a panel of global populations that has been instrumental in understanding the history of human populations. The authors' study adds data about African, Oceanian, and Amerindian populations and indicates that diversity tends to result from differences at the single-nucleotide level rather than copy number variation. An analysis of archaic sequences in modern populations identifies ancestral genetic variation in African populations that likely predates modern humans and has been lost in most non-African populations.

Science Translational Medicine

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Review

[Priorities for developing respiratory syncytial virus vaccines in different target populations](#)

By Simon B. Drysdale, Rachael S. Barr, Christine S. Rollier, Christopher A. Green, Andrew J. Pollard, Charles J. Sande

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About 38 candidate vaccines and monoclonal antibodies are in clinical development for treating respiratory syncytial virus in different populations.

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Explore the power of collaboration between social innovation leaders and the public sector, development impact bonds, the transformation of the global humanitarian relief system, the smart use of evidence in decision-making, and other topics in the Spring 2020 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review.

Systematic Reviews

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Torture Journal

2019 Volume 29 - No.3

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This issue of the Torture Journal takes its focus on measuring torture rehabilitation processes and results. Scientific contributions on this subject include a measurement of rehabilitation outcomes with an instrument designed at the Marjorie Kovler Center in Chicago; a validation study examining diagnoses of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Complex Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (CPTSD) in refugee and torture survivor populations; and a study of gender-based violence in Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala.

The issue also comprises an applied perspective on organizational development in torture rehabilitation programs and two letters to the editor addressing involvement of medical personnel in torture in Syria and a response to the concept of psychological torture.

Finally, Secretary-General of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims, Lisa Henry, and Chief Executive Officer of STARTTS Centre in Australia, Jorge Aroche, provide an open letter to the Torture Journal readers and a celebratory text of STARTTS' 30th anniversary respectively.

Trauma, Violence, & Abuse

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Vol. LV Nos. 3 & 4 2018 December 2018

<https://unchronicle.un.org/>

New Technologies: Where To?

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

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An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

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<http://whc.unesco.org/en/review/94/>

Current Issue

[New World Heritage sites 2019](#)

The 1972 World Heritage Convention is truly unique. It is the only legal instrument conceived to protect both cultural and natural heritage, based on the principle of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) – the value of a site that is irreplaceable and must be protected for the future.

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