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Nuclear Era

International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement urges all nations to end the nuclear era

Geneva, 31 July 2020 – Seventy-five years ago, on the morning of August 6, 1945, a B-29 warplane released a terrifying new weapon on Hiroshima.

The nuclear bomb wiped out the city, instantly killing an estimated 70,000 people and leaving tens of thousands more suffering horrific injuries. Three days later, on 9 August, a second nuclear bomb devastated the city of Nagasaki, immediately killing 39,000 people.

By 1950, an estimated 340,000 people had died because of the bombs’ effects, including from illnesses caused by exposure to ionizing radiation. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Japanese Red Cross Society witnessed the unimaginable suffering and devastation, as medical and humanitarian personnel attempted, in near-impossible conditions, to assist the dying and injured.

The 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki comes even as the risk of use of nuclear weapons has risen to levels not seen since the end of the Cold War. Military incidents involving nuclear states and their allies have increased in frequency, and nuclear-armed states have made explicit threats to use nuclear weapons.

Additionally, agreements to eliminate existing arsenals are being abandoned as new nuclear weapons are being developed, putting the world on the dangerous path of a new nuclear arms race. These developments add urgency to the international community’s efforts to prohibit and eliminate these unacceptable weapons. The indisputable evidence of their catastrophic impact makes it extremely doubtful that their use could ever comply with international humanitarian law.

“The horror of a nuclear detonation may feel like distant history. But today the risk of nuclear weapons being used again is high. Treaties to reduce nuclear arsenals and risks of proliferation are being abandoned, new types of nuclear weapons are being produced, and serious threats are being made. That’s an arms race, and it’s frightening. We must push all states to ban nuclear weapons and push nuclear weapons states to negotiate, in good faith, steps towards their elimination,” said Peter Maurer, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

“The international community would not be able to help all those in need after a nuclear blast. Widespread radiation sickness, a decline in food production, and the tremendous scale of destruction
and contamination would make any meaningful humanitarian response insufficient. No nation is prepared to deal with a nuclear confrontation,“ said Francesco Rocca, president of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

Proving the wide support for a nuclear-free world, 122 states in July 2017 adopted the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). The treaty will become legally binding for countries that ratify it after 50 do so; to date 40 have. The treaty prohibits the development, testing, production, stockpiling, stationing, transfer, use and threat of use of nuclear weapons. For nuclear-armed states that join the treaty, it provides for a time-bound framework for the verified elimination of their nuclear weapons program.

Mr Maurer and Mr Rocca commended the states that have already joined the TPNW and encouraged all others to follow suit, ensuring the events of 1945 never occur again. The two leaders said it was crucial that the TPNW becomes a new norm of international humanitarian law.

“Not since the end of the Cold War has it been more urgent to call attention to catastrophic consequences and fundamental inhumanity of nuclear weapons. We must signal in a clear and unambiguous manner that their use, under any circumstances, would be unacceptable in humanitarian, moral and legal terms,” said Mr Rocca.

There are over 14,000 nuclear bombs in the world, thousands of which are ready to be launched in an instant. The power of many of those warheads is tens of times greater than the weapons dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

“Weapons with catastrophic humanitarian consequences cannot credibly be viewed as instruments of security,” said Mr Maurer.

News
The Elders to mark Hiroshima and Nagasaki anniversary with peace crane commemoration
27 Jul 2020
The Elders are calling on world leaders, decision-makers and the public to pause for a moment of reflection and solidarity as the world marks the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6th and 9th August 2020.

Ethical Leadership

Featured Journal Content

The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health
Aug 2020 Volume 4 Number 8 p555-640, e26-e34
https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanchi/issue/current

Lancet Group Commission
Institutionalisation and deinstitutionalisation of children 2: policy and practice recommendations for global, national, and local actors
Philip S Goldman, et al

Summary
Worldwide, millions of children live in institutions, which runs counter to both the UN-recognised right of children to be raised in a family environment, and the findings of our accompanying systematic review of the physical, neurobiological, psychological, and mental health costs of institutionalisation and the benefits of deinstitutionalisation of child welfare systems. In this part of the Commission, international experts in reforming care for children identified evidence-based policy recommendations to promote family-based alternatives to institutionalisation. Family-based care refers to caregiving by extended family or foster, kafalah (the practice of guardianship of orphaned children in Islam), or adoptive family, preferably in close physical proximity to the biological family to facilitate the continued contact of children with important individuals in their life when this is in their best interest. 14 key recommendations are addressed to multinational agencies, national governments, local authorities, and institutions. These recommendations prioritise the role of families in the lives of children to prevent child separation and to strengthen families, to protect children without parental care by providing high-quality family-based alternatives, and to strengthen systems for the protection and care of separated children. Momentum for a shift from institutional to family-based care is growing internationally—our recommendations provide a template for further action and criteria against which progress can be assessed.

Viewpoint
The effects of social deprivation on adolescent development and mental health
Amy Orben, Livia Tomova, Sarah-Jayne Blakemore

Summary
Adolescence (the stage between 10 and 24 years) is a period of life characterised by heightened sensitivity to social stimuli and the increased need for peer interaction. The physical distancing measures mandated globally to contain the spread of COVID-19 are radically reducing adolescents' opportunities to engage in face-to-face social contact outside their household. In this interdisciplinary Viewpoint, we describe literature from a variety of domains that highlight how social deprivation in adolescence might have far-reaching consequences. Human studies have shown the importance of peer acceptance and peer influence in adolescence. Animal research has shown that social deprivation and isolation have unique effects on brain and behaviour in adolescence compared with other stages of life. However, the decrease in adolescent face-to-face contact might be less detrimental due to widespread access to digital forms of social interaction through technologies such as social media. The findings reviewed highlight how physical distancing might have a disproportionate effect on an age group for whom peer interaction is a vital aspect of development.

Comment
Institutionalisation and deinstitutionalisation of children: the Executive Summary from a Lancet Group Commission
Niall Boyce, Jane Godsland, Edmund Sonuga-Barke

Children in institutional settings
Anne Longfield
**Heritage Stewardship**

**UNESCO strengthens its database on national laws for the protection of cultural heritage**

27/07/2020

Since 2005 UNESCO has facilitated online access to its database on national legislation for the protection of cultural heritage—NATLAWS, an international, practical tool for combating the illicit traffic in cultural property. This database allows users, particularly lawyers and police, to search a nation’s laws and regulations by keywords, name, country, and year of publication, and contains crucial information such as contacts of national authorities responsible for the export of cultural goods or general information on the ministries responsible. It makes available legislation concerning movable and immovable cultural heritage as well as underwater and intangible cultural heritage among others, and also includes digitalized national legislation from UNESCO’s archives, transmitted by Member States since the 1950s.

In 2019 UNESCO began a project to update the NATLAWS database. This involved scanning all the existing documentation in high-definition, improving the quality of the documents and transforming its interface making it more accessible to users. A comprehensive index of cultural heritage laws has been created and an inventory of missing laws is now underway. This work was made possible thanks to financial support from Sweden and Switzerland.

The NATLAWS database currently includes 3022 laws, decrees and amendments, allowing users to easily access the title of the law, but also the content of the document. In addition to facilitating and broadening consultation of national cultural heritage laws, updating of the database also safeguards the institutional memory that these archives represent.

The NATLAWS database can be consulted by clicking [here](#).

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**Human Rights – Peaceful Assembly**

**UN Human Rights Committee publishes interpretation on the right of peaceful assembly**

GENEVA (29 July 2020) — The UN Human Rights Committee today published its interpretation on the right of peaceful assembly, defining the scope of assembly that applies to both physical meetings and virtual or online gatherings, and outlining governments’ obligations.

The UN Human Rights Committee, made up of 18 individual experts who monitor implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), has issued a comprehensive legal guidance, also known as ‘general comment’, on article 21 of ICCPR about fundamental right of peaceful assembly. The general comment was the first major international instrument that was also drafted online, since the experts were unable to meet in person due to the pandemic.

At a time when recent developments, including the COVID-19 pandemic, have created unprecedented challenges to the realisation of article 21, and worldwide protests in support of Black Lives Matter have underlined its importance, the general comment clarifies how the term “peaceful assembly” shall be
understood, and sets standards to assist the 173 countries which have ratified ICCPR to fulfil their obligations under the Covenant.

"It is a fundamental human right for individuals to join a peaceful assembly to express themselves, to celebrate, or to air grievances. Together with other rights related to political freedom, it constitutes the very foundation of a democratic society, in which changes can be pursued through discussion and persuasion, rather than use of force," said Christof Heyns, the member of the Committee who acted as Rapporteur for the drafting of the general comment.

“Everyone, including children, foreign nationals, women, migrant workers, asylum seekers and refugees, can exercise the right of peaceful assembly, which may take many forms: in public and in private spaces, outdoors, indoors and online,” he added.

The Committee also stated that governments have positive obligations under the Covenant to facilitate peaceful assemblies and to protect participants from potential abuse by other members of the public. Governments also have negative duties, such as not to prohibit, restrict, block or disrupt assemblies without compelling justification.

“Generalised references to public order or public safety, or an unspecified risk of potential violence are not solid grounds for governments to prohibit peaceful assemblies,” Heyns said. “Any restriction on participation in peaceful assemblies should be based on a differentiated or individualized assessment of the conduct of participants. Blanket restrictions on participation in peaceful assemblies are not appropriate,” he explained.

The general comment also provided guidance on a number of current issues, including the following: assembly participants have the right to wear masks or hoods to cover their face; governments should not collect personal data to harass or intimidate participants; and Governments also cannot block Internet networks or close down any website because of their roles in organising or soliciting a peaceful assembly.

It also stressed the right of journalists and human rights observers to monitor and document any assembly including violent and unlawful ones.

The full general comment is now available online.

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COBVIX-19 – Tourism

Tourism Restarts: 40% of Destinations Have Now Eased Travel Restrictions
UNWTO -World Tourism Organization 30 Jul 2020
The responsible restart of tourism is underway around the world as growing numbers of destinations ease COVID-19 related travel restrictions and adapt to the new reality. According to the latest analysis from the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), 40% of all destinations worldwide have now eased the restrictions they placed on international tourism in response to COVID-19.
The United Nations specialized agency for tourism has been monitoring global responses to the pandemic from the start of the crisis. This latest outlook, recorded on 19 July, is up from 22% of destinations that had eased restrictions on travel by 15 June and the 3% previously observed by 15 May. It confirms the trend of a slow but continuous adaptation and responsible restart of international tourism.

At the same time, however, of the 87 destinations that have now eased travel restrictions, just four have completely lifted all restrictions, while 83 have eased them while keeping some measures such as the partial closure of borders in place. This latest edition of the UNWTO Travel Restrictions Report in addition shows that 115 destinations (53% of all destinations worldwide) continue to keep their borders completely closed for tourism.

This way, global tourism can gain people’s trust and confidence, essential foundations as we work together to adapt to the new reality we now face.

Responsible restart is possible
UNWTO Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili said: “The restart of tourism can be undertaken responsibly and in a way that safeguards public health while also supporting businesses and livelihoods. As destinations continue to ease restrictions on travel, international cooperation is of paramount importance. This way, global tourism can gain people’s trust and confidence, essential foundations as we work together to adapt to the new reality we now face.”...

COVID-19 – Strategic Impacts, Second Order/Third Order Effects

Covid-19 Reshapes the Future
Covid-19 marks the beginning of an era of continuous, rapid change across seven global macrotrends. CSIS – Center for Strategic and International Studies Samuel Brannen

In an especially prescient piece about the future course of the public health challenge, CSIS’s J. Stephen Morrison and Anna Carroll observed, “Pandemics change history by transforming populations, states, societies, economies, norms, and governing structures.”

With the benefit of four months of study and reflection, this analysis is an attempt to think systematically about how Covid-19 has fundamentally changed major global trendlines out to 2050. This research was conducted through the analytic framework of the Seven Revolutions initiative, a macrotrends assessment that is continually updated with a 30-year time horizon...

Seven Macrotrends
Population
Resources
Technology
Information
Economics
Security
Governance
Refugees and COVID-19: achieving a comprehensive public health response
— Qais Alemi, Carl Stempel, Hafifa Siddiq & Eunice Kim
http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.20.271080

Millions of refugees worldwide are exposed to violence, family separation, culture loss and exile. The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) exposes these populations to a new threat, one that could prove to be more devastating than the events forcing them to flee their homelands.

Refugees are vulnerable to COVID-19, as they live in conditions that disproportionately increase their risk of contagion. For example, in densely populated refugee camps, social distancing is challenging and if basic sanitation is lacking, proper hand hygiene is close to impossible. Projections in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh, which hosts over 600,000 Rohingya refugees, suggest that a COVID-19 outbreak could exhaust medical resources and overwhelm camp hospitals within 58 days, which would lead to a rise in deaths from other infectious diseases, such as malaria. Although limited evidence exists on whether infectious diseases increase the risk of COVID-19, the World Health Organization anticipates that people who have both COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, such as tuberculosis, may have poorer treatment outcomes, especially if tuberculosis treatment is interrupted. This prediction is alarming, considering that tuberculosis and malaria are highly prevalent in refugee populations, as are noncommunicable diseases, such as type 2 diabetes, known to increase susceptibility to severe COVID-19. This situation is compounded by language barriers that refugees face in host communities and their limited access to health care for obtaining health information, testing and treatment, which some may even avoid out of fears of being deported.

The refugees’ fear of being isolated in quarantines and separated from their families, or even killed to slow the pandemic, can explain why aid workers in Rohingya camps report minimal testing among residents with COVID-19 symptoms. COVID-19-related stigmatization adds to this challenge. Fears of refugees in the general public may be compounded by COVID-19 fears, increasing discrimination against these groups. The social stigma associated with COVID-19 may encourage illness concealment, delay early detection and treatment, increase distrust in health authorities, lower the likelihood of compliance and prolong recovery. While empirical studies are needed to understand the extent and nature of stigma in refugees with COVID-19, news media reports from refugee-sending countries, such as Iraq, indicate that stigma is a major barrier to prevention and treatment.

Moreover, the COVID-19 pandemic has strained the finances of governments, nongovernmental organizations and humanitarian agencies that serve refugees. The economic crisis caused by efforts to contain the pandemic is worsening the refugees’ already precarious situation in informal labour markets. Without access to government support for unemployed citizens, many refugees rely on insufficient cash assistance from humanitarian agencies and many will not have jobs waiting for them when business reopens. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reports that a recent
survey in Jordan showed that only 35% of Syrian refugees said they had a secure job to return to after the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions. This economic hardship might interact with past trauma exposure to prolong and exacerbate mental health conditions in refugee populations. Mental health conditions may also become a barrier to accurate personal risk assessment and use or maintenance of COVID-19-related precautionary practices.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed systems of inequality but was met with delayed responses by public health authorities to address the needs of the most vulnerable. Humanitarian agencies serving refugees emphasize the importance of global support for the receiving countries so they can continue their efforts of solidarity, medical care and economic support. Hence, we strongly endorse The Lancet’s guiding principle of public health networks leaving no one behind during the COVID-19 pandemic, recommending epidemiologic risk assessments and the timely deployment of outbreak response teams within refugee camps, promoting health education in a culturally sensitive manner and ensuring health care access without refoulement for refugees.

As resources are constrained, agencies and professionals serving refugees should consider giving priority to screening vulnerable subgroups (that is, those with chronic health conditions) to manage comorbidities more effectively, encourage patients to reduce high-risk behaviour, provide treatment and reduce transmission rates. Moreover, professionals serving refugees in camps and in host communities should expect that stigma will influence preventive measures and treatment-seeking among refugees, and should therefore consider encouraging care providers and local leaders to dispel fears, misconceptions and the stigma associated with COVID-19. Lastly, overlooking mental health conditions, exacerbated by the socioeconomic hardship caused by this pandemic, will complicate refugees’ integration and increase the uncertainty they endure. Governments, public health professionals and organizations should act now to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in refugees whose vulnerabilities place them at great risk of mortality.

[Citation at title link]

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COVID-19 – Food Security/United States

*Reset the Table: Meeting the Moment to Transform the U.S. Food System*
Rockefeller Foundation  July 28. 2020 :: 25 pages

**Overview**
America faces a hunger and nutrition crisis unlike any this country has seen in generations. Today 14 million children are missing meals on a regular basis – a statistic that’s five times worse than before the Covid-19 pandemic. It’s even worse for Latino and Black families, which have seen rates of nutrition insecurity spike to 25% and 30%, respectively.

**Looking ahead**
Covid-19 has made clear that despite the innovation, entrepreneurship, and dedicated efforts of many players across the supply chain, the overall food system does not promote healthy people, a healthy planet, or an equitable economy. As noted, the deficiencies in the system existed—and were recognized by many—long before Covid-19. And they will remain afterward—with significant
implications for our national security, population health, economic prosperity, and our environment—unless we collectively choose to address them.

Working together, we have the opportunity and the obligation to transform the U.S. food system to make it more efficient, equitable, healthy, and resilient, both in good times and bad.

By shifting to a system that better integrates public, private, and philanthropic solutions, this country can better address its intractable and growing nutrition insecurity. By reinvigorating regional systems as part of a better-balanced nationwide food system, we can increase the system’s sustainability and resilience. And by eliminating racial disparities and delivering fair returns and benefits throughout the food supply chain, we can resolve the system’s fundamental inequity.

To make these shifts possible, the system needs to acquire and strengthen a set of capabilities that have not been activated systemwide:
[1] Apply true cost accounting to fully consider the direct and indirect costs of the food system;
[2] Maximize taxpayer value by making sure public purchasing generates public good;
[3] Invest in better coordinated emergency response plans;
[4] Modernize data and technology platforms;

While the opportunity to realize this vision has come to us under tragic circumstances, it has also inspired the kind of passion, commitment, and innovation that gives us hope the needed transformation can and will be accomplished.

To do so, stakeholders from across the food system and beyond must come together to drive transformational shifts in systems, policies, and practices. We must collectively meet the moment to address immediate need while laying the foundation for the systemic and structural design of a transformed food system.

As we move forward together to “reset the table” of this country’s food system, we must continue to learn from the innovative operational solutions being seen all across the country and incorporate those lessons in future policies and programs. We must also listen to and learn from the activism and protests against systemic racism triggered by the killing of George Floyd and apply this knowledge to the transformative work that lies ahead.

Over the coming months The Rockefeller Foundation will engage with leaders in the many intersecting fields the food system touches to strengthen efforts to address the challenges and pursue the opportunities described in this paper. We are grateful to—and inspired by—those in the field who are leading the way and others who are taking interest in improving our food system for the first time. We look forward to hearing your voice in the collaborative and sustained effort needed to reset the table and transform the U.S. food system to be what this country and its people need it to be.

Now is the moment.

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EMERGENCIES
Geneva, 31 July 2020 – A total of 92 low- and middle-income countries and economies will be able to access COVID-19 vaccines through Gavi’s COVAX Advance Market Commitment (AMC), the Gavi Board agreed yesterday. The Board also agreed that the Gavi secretariat will host and administer the COVAX Facility, the umbrella mechanism to which 78 countries have already submitted written expressions of interest.

“We are facing the most severe contraction of the economy since World War Two, and this crisis will have a terrible impact on the poorest and emerging economies,” said Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Chair of the Gavi Board. “These countries will have limited resources to access future COVID-19 vaccines: it is our duty to support them. Without this support the majority of the world’s population will continue to suffer from this disease even after we’ve developed a tool to tackle it. We now can stop this from happening.”

The 92 low- and middle-income countries and economies approved by the Gavi Board will be able to access vaccines through the COVAX AMC, which will also cover at least part of the cost. The COVAX AMC launched the 4th of June at the Global Vaccine Summit draws from the lessons of the successful Pneumococcal AMC. It forms part of the COVAX Facility, a mechanism designed to guarantee rapid, fair and equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines worldwide. COVAX will enable countries to have access to the world’s largest and most diverse COVID-19 vaccine portfolio. This means that, even if separate bilateral deals with vaccine manufacturers exist, through the Facility countries stand a far better chance of getting access to the vaccine or vaccines that prove to be most effective...
Editorial

The COVID-19 infodemic

The Lancet Infectious Diseases

“We're not just fighting a pandemic; we're fighting an infodemic,” said Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO's director-general, at the 2020 Munich Security Conference. Fake news, misinformation, and conspiracy theories have become prevalent in the age of social media and have skyrocketed since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. This situation is extremely concerning because it undermines trust in health institutions and programmes. On June 29, WHO formally began the conversation on the global effects and management of infodemics with its 1st Infodemiology Conference that convened international experts from diverse scientific and political backgrounds.

Immediate and widespread sharing of medical and other scientific information outside of expert circles before it has been thoroughly vetted (eg, preprints) can be dangerous, especially in a pandemic. A pandemic is a rapidly evolving setting, in which researchers and medical professionals are constantly learning and contributing to dynamic adjustments in government policy. Compounding this information vortex is the fact that governments rarely make policy decisions solely on the basis of empirical evidence; political interest is key, and the two are frequently at odds. Governments want to be perceived as being in control and are too quick to provide false reassurances, as Saad Omer, director of the Yale Institute for Global Health, pointed out in one of his Infodemiology Conference talks. Consequently, incoherent government messaging and reversals in recommendations on the basis of newly emerging evidence, for example on whether masks are protective against transmission, can be misconstrued as incompetence. Comparisons have been drawn between solid leadership based on clear communication, empathy, and alignment of science and politics, such as that shown by New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern or German Chancellor Angela Merkel, and shambolic, self-serving, and sometimes deliberately misleading reactions, such as those of US President Donald Trump or Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro. Such miscommunication is not helped by mass media, which are often guilty of favouring quick, sensationalist reporting rather than carefully worded scientific messages with a balanced interpretation. The outcome is erosion of public trust and a sense of helplessness, the perfect conditions for the spread of harmful misinformation that begins a vicious circle.

We and many other journals have found ourselves at the centre of the infodemic. Never before has the output of medical journals been subject to such scrutiny. From impartial communicators of peer-reviewed reports, our editorial identities are now conflated with the content that we publish because we are reaching experts and non-experts alike in an emotionally charged global environment. Although we have long worked with authors and media outlets to create factually correct, unbiased stories fit for public consumption, perhaps now is the time for a more proactive response. Journals (including this one) should consider actively countering misinformation about themselves and the work that they publish.
Misinformation confuses by diluting the pool of legitimate information. Conspiracy theories work because they provide the comfort of an explanation in times of uncertainty and anxiety. Their messaging revolves around core emotions and values and hijacks the mental cues that we use to decide whether the source is legitimate and thus trustworthy. The most pervasive and damaging of conspiracy theories incorporate grains of truth. But who benefits from this misinformation? Claire Wardle, co-founder and director of FirstDraft identifies three aspects: financial gain, political gain, and experimental manipulation. The anti-vaccination industry is a notable example of the first: a report from the Centre for Countering Digital Hate shows that wellness and nutritional supplement companies are major backers of, and directly profit from, anti-vaccination campaigns. Worse, anti-vaccination content reaches up to 58 million online followers and is deliberately retained by social media giants, creating a cumulative advertising revenue of US$1 billion. Unfortunately, as a UNICEF analysis of the so-called Peshawar incident of April 22, 2019, shows, hesitancy against one vaccine is quickly transposed onto all vaccines and is excruciatingly difficult to reverse. None of this bodes well for the acceptance of vaccination against COVID-19.

A state of affairs cannot continue where, for example, the very existence of the COVID-19 pandemic is denied. Immediate, coordinated action is needed from the global political, corporate, and scientific community to maintain the integrity and credibility of professional expertise and rebuild public trust.

Emergencies

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

Last *WHO Situation Report* published [23 June 2020](#)

Emergencies

**POLIO**
*Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*

**Polio this week as of 29 July 2020**
:: As of March 2020, the programme started a spotlight focus on women leaders that have contributed to the efforts of global polio eradication. The “Women Leaders in Polio Eradication” series aims to highlight women’s leadership and their roles across the polio programme, providing insight into their work and life.

:: *Eye on Eradication* is a new monthly publication produced by Global Polio Eradication Initiative’s Hub for Afghanistan and Pakistan. Each month, the publication will focus on a different topic related to our collective efforts to eradicate polio from the last two polio-endemic countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. [Take a look](#) at the first edition.
Summary of new WPV and cVDPV viruses this week (AFP cases and environmental samples):
:: **Afghanistan**: 10 cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
:: **Pakistan**: 12 WPV1 positive environmental samples, two cVDPV2 cases and five cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
:: **Ghana**: three cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
:: **Chad**: Four cVDPV2 cases
:: **Democratic Republic of the Congo** (DR Congo): two cVDPV2 cases
:: **Guinea**: eight cVDPV2 cases

### WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 1 Aug 2020]
Democratic Republic of the Congo - No new digest announcements identified
Mozambique floods - No new digest announcements identified
Nigeria - No new digest announcements identified
Somalia - No new digest announcements identified
South Sudan - No new digest announcements identified
Syrian Arab Republic - No new digest announcements identified
Yemen - No new digest announcements identified

### WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 1 Aug 2020]
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
Iran floods 2019 - No new digest announcements identified
Iraq - 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
HIV in Pakistan - No new digest announcements identified
Sao Tome and Principe Necrotizing Cellulitis (2017) - No new digest announcements identified
Sudan - No new digest announcements identified
Ukraine - No new digest announcements identified
Zimbabwe - No new digest announcements identified
WHO Grade 1 Emergencies  [to 1 Aug 2020]
Chad  - No new digest announcements identified
Djibouti – Page not responding at inquiry
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

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
:: Syrian Arab Republic: North East Syria: Al Hol camp (as of 26 July 2020)
:: Recent Developments in Northwest Syria - Situation Report No. 18 - As of 25 July 2020

Yemen - No new digest announcements identified

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

East Africa Locust Infestation
:: Desert Locust situation update - 29 July 2020

COVID-19

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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 1 Aug 2020]
Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

The crisis in Yemen has never been worse, United Nations experts told the Security Council today, as delegates — meeting in person for the second time in four months — addressed the unrelenting violence, uncontrolled spread of COVID-19 and efforts to both right the peace process and pull the economy from the brink of collapse.

Secretary-General Launches COVID-19 Policy Brief on Cities to Help Urban Areas Build Back Better, Address Inequalities

The members of the Security Council condemned in the strongest terms the murder of five aid workers in Borno State, Nigeria, on 22 July 2020. They expressed their deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the victims and to the Government of Nigeria.

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 1 Aug 2020]
Top News
Bachelet alarmed by threats against prominent Iranian NGO

Bachelet: Haiti ‘death squad’ leader must be served justice

UN Human Rights Committee publishes interpretation on the right of peaceful assembly
[See Week in Review above for detail]

Press briefing note on Kyrgyzstan

Press briefing note on Turkey

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 1 Aug 2020]
Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/CRCIndex.aspx
No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children  [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Children/Pages/ChildrenIndex.aspx
Latest News
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SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 1 Aug 2020]
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SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 1 Aug 2020]
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Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights  [to 1 Aug 2020]
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Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health  [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Health/Pages/SRRightHealthIndex.aspx
Latest News
Statement by the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to health on the adoption of front-of-package warning labelling to tackle NCDs
27 July 2020 - The global burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), including cardiovascular and chronic respiratory diseases, cancers, and diabetes, constitutes one of the major challenges of the twenty-first century that cause detrimental societal, economic and health effects. Common NCDs risk factors, including overweight and obesity, have reached concerning levels in much of the world and are becoming increasingly prevalent in developing countries.[1] Unhealthy diets have a direct impact on overweight and obesity and are key contributing factors to NCDs and to their related premature morbidity and mortality in all regions. Consequently, it is critical that States proactively and
comprehensively address the diet-related NCDs preventable risk factors and that they do it in line with the right-to-health framework.

**Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights** [to 1 Aug 2020]

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**Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples** [to 1 Aug 2020]

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

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**UN OCHA** [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.unocha.org/

*Selected Press Releases*
**UN emergency fund hit record annual pay-out to under-funded crises**

(New York, 27 July 2020): UN humanitarian chief Mark Lowcock has released US$100 million from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) to urgently boost humanitarian response in ten under-funded emergencies in Africa, the Middle East, southeast Asia and the Americas.

The funds will help front-line aid groups deliver life-saving assistance to extremely vulnerable people and support programmes that address needs exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Together with $125 million released earlier, the Underfunded Emergencies Window of the CERF has now allocated $225 million to support crisis response in 20 countries this year – the highest annual amount in the fund’s history, up from $200 million in 2019 which was itself a record.

The largest single allocation announced is $35 million for Yemen, the world’s worst humanitarian crisis. Mark Lowcock, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, said...

**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://centre.humdata.org/

*Blog*

*July 27, 2020*
**COVID-19 Map Explorer: 63 GHRP Locations**

**UNICEF** [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.unicef.org/media/press-releases
Selected Press releases/Announcements

Press release
07/30/2020
UNICEF and faith groups release new guidance on how to support communities in times of COVID-19
Guidance advises faith leaders and communities on how to practice faith safely, fight misinformation, and support children and vulnerable populations

Press release
07/29/2020
A third of the world’s children poisoned by lead, new groundbreaking analysis says
UNICEF and Pure Earth call for urgent action to abolish dangerous practices including the informal recycling of lead acid batteries

Statement
07/28/2020
Five children killed and nine injured in an attack on a village in West Darfur, Sudan
Statement from Mohammed Ould Bouasria, Acting UNICEF Representative in Sudan

Press release
07/27/2020
UNICEF: An additional 6.7 million children under 5 could suffer from wasting this year due to COVID-19
As part of its Reimagine campaign, UNICEF calls for accelerated action to prevent and treat malnutrition caused by pandemic as humanitarian community appeals for $2.4 billion to improve maternal and child nutrition

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 1 Aug 2020]

Selected Announcements
UNHCR warns of increased COVID-19-related trafficking risks for refugees, displaced and stateless
30 Jul 2020

Thousands of refugees and migrants suffer extreme rights abuses on journeys to Africa’s Mediterranean coast, new UNHCR/MMC report shows
29 Jul 2020

Landmines, improvised explosive devices pose deadly risks for displaced in Sahel and Lake Chad
28 Jul 2020

UNHCR urges investigation following deadly incident at Libya disembarkation point
28 Jul 2020

UNHCR saddened at death of former President of Tanzania Benjamin W. Mkapa
27 Jul 2020
**IOM / International Organization for Migration** [to 1 Aug 2020]

**Selected Announcements**

**Warning of COVID Effect as Trafficking Cases Rise in Ukraine**
2020-07-30 10:00

Kyiv – New figures released by IOM today show a sharp rise in the number of Ukrainians identified as victims of trafficking and assisted from January to June 2020. The total – 800 – represents a leap of 40 per cent compared to the first half of the previous year.

**UNAIDS** [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.unaids.org/en

**Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements**
30 July 2020

**Celebrating the life of Inviolata Mbwavi, Kenyan AIDS activist**

29 July 2020

**Guyana community organization serves sex workers on the edge during COVID-19**

28 July 2020

**#TogetherWeWin: inspiring examples of solidarity during the COVID-19 outbreak in eastern Europe and central Asia**

**Unitaid** [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://unitaid.org/

**Featured News**
28 July 2020

**Unitaid celebrates progress against hepatitis C through simpler medicines and tests**

Geneva – On the occasion of World Hepatitis Day, Unitaid celebrates the progress made in the fight against Hepatitis C in the past few years. Notably, thanks to quality medicines and tests that are simpler to administer, affordable and adapted to the needs of people in low- and middle-income countries.

Close to 400,000 people continue dying of Hepatitis C globally each year. Antiviral medicines can cure more than 95 percent of people with the infection, but access to diagnosis and treatment has typically been low. Less than a decade ago, Hepatitis C was difficult and expensive to treat even in high-income countries, and new medicines where out of reach for people in lower-income countries...

**WHO & Regional Offices** [to 1 Aug 2020]
1 August 2020  **News release**

**COVID-19 Emergency Committee highlights need for response efforts over long term**
[See Milestones above for detail]

1 August 2020  **Statement**
**Statement on the fourth meeting of the International Health Regulations (2005) Emergency Committee regarding the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19)**

[See Milestones above for detail]

31 July 2020  Statement

**World Breastfeeding Week 2020 Message**

27 July 2020  Statement

**WHO statement on heated tobacco products and the US FDA decision regarding IQOS**

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**WHO Regional Offices**

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

**WHO African Region AFRO**

::  Tackling COVID-19 fear and stigma  23 July 2020

Hesitancy to get tested, avoiding contact tracers or wariness of what the neighbours will say: the COVID-19 pandemic has triggered a variety of reactions among some Ouagadougou residents that have complicated timely response.

::  Striving to keep health worker infections at bay  23 July 2020

Accra – Evelyn Narki Dowauna bears a great responsibility at Ga East Municipal Hospital in the Ghanaian capital Accra, where, as in much of the world, the COVID-19 pandemic has raised the risks of health care work. Drawing on more than 10 years of nursing experience, the quality and safety manager ensures that measures to curb infection are strictly observed.

"We want to cause no harm to the patients while giving them care. We also want to ensure that our staff are safe in their working environment,” she says.

**WHO Region of the Americas PAHO**

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**WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO**

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**WHO European Region EURO**

::  Cooperation and coordination to improve maternal and infant health in the Russian Federation  31-07-2020

::  Russian experts to support COVID-19 laboratory capacity in Tajikistan  31-07-2020

**WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO**

::  Africa closes in on one million COVID-19 cases

  Brazzaville/Cairo, 30 July 2020 – COVID-19 infections in Africa will exceed one million cases in the coming days as the pandemic surges in several hotspot countries. In a little more than 3 weeks, the number of cases on the continent almost doubled to 889 457, with 18 806 deaths...

::  Statement by WHO's Regional Director on the need for continued vigilance during the COVID-19 pandemic  29 July 2020

::  Safe practices during Eid al-Adha in the context of COVID-19  28 July 2020

::  Member States must take action to ensure the safety and health of migrant and displaced populations, warn WHO and IOM
WHO Western Pacific Region
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World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 1 Aug 2020]
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UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 1 Aug 2020]
Press Releases
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UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter.html
Latest from News Centre
COVID-19: Cities in the frontline of response and recovery: calls for adequate investments at local level
COVID-19 shutdown measures have had economic impacts far beyond city boundaries as urban economies account for 80 per cent of global GDP. The response should tackle the inequalities and long-term...
Posted on July 28, 2020

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/
Publications
No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://unstats.un.org/unsd/default.htm
http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm
http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/
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UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.unenvironment.org/
News
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UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 1 Aug 2020]
UN DESA  United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs  [to 1 Aug 2020]  
News  
Coronavirus: Reshape the urban world to aid ‘ground zero’ pandemic cities  
28 July 2020, New York  
“Now is the moment to adapt to the reality of this and future pandemics”, Secretary-General António Guterres said in his recorded message launching the latest UN policy brief, “COVID-19 in an urban world”.  
“And now is our chance to recover better, by building more resilient, inclusive and sustainable cities”, he added.  
Even the scales  
Mr. Guterres highlighted deeply rooted inequalities in the poorest areas, citing strained health systems, inadequate water and other challenges that cities are facing in common, with 90 per cent of reported coronavirus cases concentrated in urban areas.  
However, the report reveals that urban density does not inevitably correlate with higher virus transmission, saying that vulnerabilities are largely a result of the choices made on how people live, work and travel, in and around them...
37 UN entities attended the consultation. Young UN and Young UNESCO representatives also attended to provide the youth perspective.

The objective of the meeting was to consult the UN system on the draft text of the normative instrument on the ethics of AI, prepared by the Ad Hoc Experts Group.

“The proposed Recommendation should become an ethical guiding compass to rebuild the rule of law for the digital world,” stressed Gabriela Ramos. She also explained that it is only a starting and framing point to address different concerns such as privacy and data protection, gender and racial biases, increased digital exposure by populations at risk, increase of disinformation and many others. To ensure the effective implementation of the recommendation, if adopted, capacity building and policy support will be needed to transform it into legal frameworks, for which UNESCO will play a lead role. All entities expressed their support and recognized the important work of UNESCO to develop this Recommendation and its relevance for the UN system, Member States and other actors.

Following the rich discussion on this item, the HLCP agreed that the collective comments from UN entities would be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Expert Group so that it can be taken into account when the Expert Group revises the first draft text of the Recommendation in September. The HLCP also discussed what UN entities can do individually and in collaboration to address ethical issues related to AI.

ITU also provided a brief update on the system-wide strategic approach and road map for supporting capacity development on AI, to which UNESCO and other UN agencies had provided their contribution.

**Outcome document: first version of a draft text of a recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence**
Corporate author: Ad Hoc Expert Group (AHEG) for the Preparation of a Draft text of a Recommendation the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence [6]
Document code: SHS/BIO/AHEG-AI/2020/4 REV
Collation: 19 pages
Language: English
Also available in: Français, Русский язык, Español, 汉语, العربية
Year of publication: 2020

**UNESCO strengthens its database on national laws for the protection of cultural heritage**
27/07/2020
[See Week in Review above for detail]

**International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)** [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.icomos.org/en/
Announcements
No new digest content identified.

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 1 Aug 2020]
Press Releases
29/07/2020 –
The 2019 UNODC monitoring report shows an increase in coca cultivation in Bolivia

29/07/2020 –
Message UNODC Executive Director on World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 30 July 2020

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://unhabitat.org/
News and Stories
No new digest content identified.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 1 Aug 2020]
No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 1 Aug 2020]
IDB-ILO Report
Zero emission economy will lead to 15 million new jobs by 2030 in Latin America and Caribbean.
29 July 2020
A study by the International Labour Organization and the Inter-American Development Bank highlights the impact on jobs if countries in Latin America and the Caribbean adopt zero emission policies.

News
ILO and RDPP launch a partnership to combat worst forms of child labour in Iraq
28 July 2020
The new partnership aims to tackle the worst forms of child labour amongst internally displaced persons, Syrian refugees and vulnerable host community members in Iraq.

Blog
A better normal must mean tackling workplace violence and harassment
27 July 2020
There are signs that work-related violence and harassment has increased during the COVID-19 crisis. A new ILO report looks at how the causes and manifestations can be addressed, something that will be essential if we are to create a ‘better normal’.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.icao.int/
Latest News and Highlights
ICAO implementation roadmap to provide important support and resources to help align national and regional COVID-19 response
Montréal, 27 July 2020 – ICAO began the global roll-out of a civil aviation recovery Global Implementation Roadmap (GIR) today, providing an important enabling framework for countries as they begin to apply the COVID-19 pandemic restart and recovery measures in the ICAO Council’s Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART) recommendations and annexed “Take-off” guidance document.

**IMO** International Maritime Organization  [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/Home.aspx
*Latest Press Briefings*
**Ship recycling in Bangladesh leaps forward with third phase of key project signed**
31/07/2020
Third phase of an IMO-implemented SENSREC project to enhance safe and environmentally sound ship recycling in Bangladesh has been given the go-ahead.

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://public.wmo.int/en/media/press-release
*Press Releases*
**Symposium considers role of weather, climate and environmental factors in COVID-19**
Publish Date: 28 July 2020
The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and international science partners are hosting a virtual global symposium from 4 to 6 August to review the relationship between weather, climate and environmental factors and the spread of COVID-19.

**UPU** Universal Postal Union  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.upu.int/en/News-Media/Press/Press-Releases
*Press Releases*
**UPU provides 1.2 million masks to LDCs**
7/31/2020 — Zambia is the first of 37 least developed countries (LDCs) to receive a shipment of protective masks through a joint project organized by the Universal Postal Union (UPU), the United Nations specialized agency for international postal cooperation, and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization  [to 1 Aug 2020]
*News*
*No new digest content identified.*

**International Organization for Standardization** (ISO)  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.iso.org/news_archive/x/
*News*
By Clare Naden on 30 July 2020
**International Standard for medical device testing updated**
Patient safety is a key focus in update of ISO 14155, the industry reference for good practice in clinical trials.
Clinical investigation of medical devices is naturally highly regulated, with numerous national and regional rules and requirements that must be adhered to by manufacturers and investigators, as well as other parties involved in clinical trials.

**ISO 14155**, *Clinical investigation of medical devices for human subjects – Good clinical practice*, helps manufacturers comply with the requirements for good clinical practice in the design, conduct and reporting of clinical investigations.

Widely used across the industry, ISO 14155 has been revised to align with recent regulatory changes and amendments to other relevant standards. It also features a host of additional details and information designed to help protect participants in clinical trials and medical device users and to achieve sound results.

The standard safeguards the rights, safety and well-being of trial participants and includes requirements for appropriate methodology that ensures the scientific credibility of clinical data. It defines the responsibilities of sponsors and investigators and explains the role of ethics committees, regulatory authorities, safety boards and other parties involved.

Danielle Giroud, Convenor of the ISO working group of experts who developed the standard, said patient safety is always a key focus.

“We have included significantly more guidance in areas such as risk-based monitoring, quality management, study design, auditing and ethics committees,” she said.

“This means greater detail about aspects such as informed consent, vulnerable populations, data protection and statistical considerations, all of which result in a safer clinical investigation with more solid evidence…

By Clare Naden on 28 July 2020

**Putting sustainability at the heart of the standards agenda**

A new ISO guide will help ensure climate change issues are addressed in every new standard.

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization  [to 1 Aug 2020]

https://www.unwto.org/news
News
All Regions  COVID-19
**Tourism Restarts: 40% of Destinations Have Now Eased Travel Restrictions**
30 Jul 2020
[See Week in Review above for detail]

All Regions  Barometer, COVID-19
**Impact of COVID-19 on Global Tourism Made Clear as UNWTO Counts the Cost of Standstill**
28 Jul 2020

All Regions  COVID-19
**Statement from Ibiza: COVID-19 Responses Must Not Undermine Solidarity and Confidence**
WIPO  World Intellectual Property Organization [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/
Press Releases
WIPO and CISAC Announce New Repertoire Data Agreement to Support Collective Management Organizations
The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC) today announced an important advancement in their cooperation, with a particular benefit for Collective Management Organizations (CMOs) representing creators in developing countries.
Jul 30, 2020  PR/2020/858

CBD  Convention on Biological Diversity [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.cbd.int/
Announcements
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USAID  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.usaid.gov/news-information
Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements
Acting USAID Administrator John Barsa on World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
July 30, 2020
Statement
July 30 is the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. The evil of modern slavery affects an estimated 25 million people around the world: adults and children subjected to sexual exploitation or bound in domestic servitude; children forced to support armed groups; and victims trapped in forced labor in sectors such as fishing, construction, and agriculture. On this day, at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), we honor the resilience of survivors of trafficking who are courageously rebuilding their lives; we reaffirm our commitment to prevent criminals from exploiting people for profit; and we invite all to join the challenge to help end modern slavery.

USAID Deputy Administrator Bonnie Glick Discusses Digital Development and 5G Telecommunications Technology in Virtual Roundtable With Donors
July 29, 2020
Readout
On July 29, 2020, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Deputy Administrator Bonnie Glick hosted a virtual roundtable with senior government officials from like-minded countries today to coordinate efforts to promote the deployment of secure, open, reliable 5G infrastructure for digital development in emerging economies.

Signing Of Memorandum Of Understanding Between USAID And The Department Of Foreign Affairs And Trade Of Australia
July 28, 2020
The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), represented by Acting Administrator John Barsa, and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia, represented by Secretary Frances Adamson, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. The signing of the MOU occurred on the margins of the 2020 Australia-United States Ministerial Consultations (AUSMIN) in Washington, D.C., which underscored the two countries' shared efforts to advance an open, inclusive, prosperous, and secure Indo-Pacific region, with an immediate focus on health security and economic recovery from the pandemic of COVID-19.

**U.S. Provides 88,000 Additional Mosquito Nets to Prevent Malaria in Laos**
July 27, 2020

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Continuing the United States’ longstanding support of the Lao health sector, U.S. Ambassador to Laos Dr. Peter M. Haymond presented 88,000 specially-treated mosquito nets funded by the United States to Vice Minister of Health Dr. Phouthone Muangpak at a ceremony in Vientiane on July 17. These mosquito nets, provided through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), will be distributed to Lao families in areas where the number of malaria cases remains particularly high.

**DFID** [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development

**Press Releases**

**Liverpool scientists receive UK aid to save lives from deadly diseases**

UK aid will help Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine research on preventing the spread of infectious diseases like tuberculosis

Updated: 29 July 2020

**ECHO** [to 1 Aug 2020]

**Latest News**

**Coronavirus global response: 45 EU Humanitarian Air Bridge flights deliver over 1,000 tonnes of medical aid**
29/07/2020

Following a new EU Humanitarian Air Bridge flight to South Sudan today carrying 41 tonnes of supplies, the Commission has now coordinated and financed the delivery of over 1,100 tons of medical equipment to critical areas in Africa, Asia and the...

**Coronavirus global response: EU sends assistance to Kenya, Bangladesh, Ecuador and El Salvador**
28/07/2020

The EU continues its global deliveries of medical supplies and personal protective equipment. Through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, in response to a request from Kenya, Slovakia has sent 20,000 protective face masks, 50,000 coronavirus test...

**Coronavirus global response: EU Humanitarian Air Bridge to Iraq and new funding**
27/07/2020
The latest in a series of EU Humanitarian Air Bridge flights with over 40 tons of medical and emergency supplies to reinforce the humanitarian response has arrived in Iraq. The flight is part of the ongoing Team Europe support to deliver assistance...

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**African Union** [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.au.int/
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**Mobility of African Health Workers comes under the Spotlight Post COVID-19**
July 30, 2020

**Africa CDC Receives COVID-19 test kits donation from Government of Germany**
July 29, 2020

**AU and Ministry of Commerce of China on the Project of the Africa CDC HQ**
July 27, 2020

**Demonstrate commitment to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment with actions**
July 26, 2020

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations  [to 1 Aug 2020]

**ASEAN discusses COVID-19 recovery with global experts**

JAKARTA, 30 July 2020 – The ASEAN Secretariat gathered a panel of global experts to share their views on the impact of and responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and discussed policy insights towards a post-pandemic recovery. The High-Level Dialogue on ASEAN Post-Pandemic Recovery was opened by Secretary-General of ASEAN Dato Lim Jock Hoi and moderated […]

**European Commission** [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://europa.eu/rapid/search-result.htm?query=18&locale=en&page=1

**Latest**

**Press release** 31 July 2020

**Coronavirus: Commission concludes talks to secure future coronavirus vaccine for Europeans**

The European Commission has concluded exploratory talks with a pharmaceutical company to purchase a potential vaccine against COVID-19. The envisaged contract with Sanofi-GSK would provide for an option for all EU Member States to purchase the vaccine.

**Press release** 29 July 2020

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Coronavirus global response: EU Humanitarian Air Bridge to Iraq and new funding
The latest in a series of EU Humanitarian Air Bridge flights with over 40 tons of medical and emergency supplies to reinforce the humanitarian response has arrived in Iraq.

OECD  [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.oecd.org/
News
South Africa: COVID-19 pandemic raises the urgency of structural reforms
South Africa responded swiftly to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the sharp drop in activity adds to long-standing challenges and raises the urgency of structural reforms, according to a new OECD report released today.
31-July-2020

Organization of American States (OAS)  [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.oas.org/en/
Press Releases
More than 1,000 People from 62 Countries Increased their Cybersecurity Capabilities during the Fifth Edition of the Cybersecurity Summer Boot Camp of the OAS and INCIBE
July 24, 2020

OAS and IDB present report on the state of cybersecurity in Latin America and the Caribbean
July 24, 2020

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.oic-oci.org/
Selected Press Releases
Al-Othaimeen: A series of Right Actions and Decisions Led to the Successful Conclusion of this Year’s Exceptional Hajj Season
...Al-Othaimeen stated that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has given a lesson in crisis and big crowd management as it organized the Hajj ritual under the novel coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19) without recording any COVID-19 infection among the pilgrims. He said that “the success realized was made possible with the guidance of Almighty Allah, thanks to a series of right actions and decisions taken by the Kingdom since the outbreak of the pandemic; first with the suspension of Umrah and visits to the Prophet’s Sacred Mosque and then with the decision to organize Hajj ritual in line with strict health precautions and to restrict this year’s Hajj to a limited number of pilgrims to enable holding this ritual in security and make sure that everyone is safe from any risks related to the Coronavirus pandemic”...
02/08/2020

OIC Appeals to Pilgrims to Observe Social Distancing in the Interest of Public Health
Al-Othaimeen Urges Youth to Drive Change in Science, Technology and Innovation and to Reject Intolerance and Extremism

Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Dr. Yousef A. Al-Othaimeen took part today 27/7/2020 in the virtual inaugural ceremony of Dhaka city of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh as the “OIC Youth Capital 2020”.

Group of 77  [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.g77.org/
Latest Statements and Speeches
No new digest content identified.

UNCTAD  [to 1 Aug 2020]
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World Customs Organization – WCO  [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.wcoomd.org/
Latest News
30 July 2020
The WCO issues its 2019 Illicit Trade Report
...This year, the analysis provided in this Report is based on data collected from 137 Member administrations and the report consists of six sections: Cultural Heritage; Drugs; Environment; IPR, Health and Safety; Revenue and Security...

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm
WTO News and Events
General Council agrees guidelines for final stage of DG selection
31 July 2020
The General Council agreed on 31 July on the steps to be taken in the final stage of the process for selecting a successor to departing Director-General Roberto Azevêdo. The Council also agreed to extend the tenures of the four sitting Deputy Directors-General — Yonov Fred Agah, Karl Brauner, Xiaozhun Yi and Alan Wolff — until a new Director-General has been selected.
News item

WTO issues 2020 edition of its flagship statistical publication
31 July 2020
The WTO issued today (31 July) the latest edition of its annual publication on international trade statistics, the “World Trade Statistical Review”.

WHO, WIPO, WTO launch updated study on access to medical technologies and innovation
29 July 2020
On 29 July, the Directors-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the WTO presented a new edition of the Trilateral Study on Access to Medical Technologies and Innovation. Building on the first edition launched in 2013, the publication seeks to strengthen the understanding of the interplay between the distinct policy domains of health, trade and intellectual property (IP), and how they affect innovation and access to medical technologies, such as medicines, vaccines and medical devices. The second edition provides an improved, evidence-based foundation for policy debate and informed decision-making at a critical time for global health.

IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 1 Aug 2020]
Press releases
No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 1 Aug 2020]
Latest Press Releases
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International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 1 Aug 2020]
Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity
https://www.icc-cpi.int/
News
Minerva Josefina Tavárez Mirabal elected member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims
Information 29 July 2020 Trust Fund for Victims

The Trust Fund for Victims Launches Ten New Assistance Projects in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Press Release 26 July 2020 Trust Fund for Victims
... Active already in DRC since 2008, these projects, focusing on the provinces of Ituri and North and South Kivus, represent a new programme cycle and a renewed energy and commitment to provide much needed support to victims and survivors of the most serious crimes committed on the territory of the DRC since 1 July 2002.

The ten new projects will be implemented in collaboration with both international and national service providers working in the DRC. They aim to run for a 5 year period, with annual extensions subject to performance and budget availability. The projects will work across a range of sectors; from providing medical support, to projects on psychological rehabilitation; from projects that work to
support socioeconomic activities to projects that aim to facilitate community peacebuilding. The programme expects to reach over 20,000 direct beneficiaries...

World Bank [to 1 Aug 2020]
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Social Protection Key to Protect One in Eight Households Affected by COVID-19 Income Losses
BRUSSELS, July 31, 2020 – European Union member states must continue to reinforce existing social protection and labor market support to shield the one in eight households that face extended income drops...
Date: July 31, 2020 Type: Press Release

Pivoting to Inclusion: Leveraging Lessons from the COVID-19 Crisis for Learners with Disabilities
The world is faced with a global education emergency of unprecedented scale. According to estimates by the World Bank, the COVID-19 pandemic, at its peak, caused more than 180 countries to mandate temporary...
Date: July 27, 2020 Type: Publication

IMF [to 1 Aug 2020]
News, Announcements
July 30, 2020
IMF Executive Board Approves New Central Bank Transparency Code

July 27, 2020
Corruption and COVID-19 – IMF Blog
Corruption, the abuse of public office for private gain, is about more than wasted money: it erodes the social contract and corrodes the government’s ability to help grow the economy in a way that benefits all citizens. Corruption was a problem before the crisis, but the COVID-19 pandemic has heightened the importance of stronger governance for three reasons...

African Development Bank Group [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.afdb.org/en
Press Releases
African Development Bank Regional Economic Outlook 2020: COVID-19 response and economic diversification crucial to growth recovery in Southern Africa, the most affected region
27-Jul-2020 - A higher level of preparedness is urgently needed to prevent and mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic in Southern Africa, including additional resources for testing and to reduce the impact on households and the economy, the African Development Bank said in its new Southern Africa Regional
Economic Outlook. In the worst-case scenario, growth in Southern Africa would fall to -6.6% in 2020 before recovering to 2.2% in 2021.

Asian Development Bank  [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.adb.org/news/releases
[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-

29 Jul 2020
ADB, HSBC to Finance $1.2 Billion in Trade to Boost Supplies of Pandemic Products in Asia
and the Pacific
The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and HSBC have launched a program to support up to $1.2 billion a year in trade by companies in Asia and the Pacific producing goods crucial to the ongoing fight against the coronavirus disease...

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank  [to 1 Aug 2020]
[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-

News
Beijing, China, July 28, 2020
AIIB’s Membership in Africa Grows as Liberia Joins the Bank
The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) now has 10 members and nine prospective members from Africa after its Board of Governors approved the application of Liberia to join the Bank. READ MORE

Beijing, China, July 28, 2020
Jin Liqun Reelected President of AIIB
Jin Liqun has been elected to a second term as President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) by the Bank’s Board of Governors.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.ifad.org/web/latest/news
News
29 JUL
Un total de 25 organizaciones impulsan una campaña para empoderar a las mujeres rurales, indígenas y afrodescendientes frente a la pandemia de COVID-19

Islamic Development Bank  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.isdb.org/
News
In the 12th SDGs Open Dialogue: IsDB President Stated We Need a Paradigm Shift in Approaching Development Beyond COVID-19
27 July 2020
:: 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 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org
Communiqués de presse
Jordanie
Le Premier Master Humanitaire en Eau, Assainissement et Hygiène au Moyen-Orient
Posté le 30 juillet 2020
L'Université germano-jordanienne, en partenariat avec la mission d’Action contre la Faim en Jordanie et Bioforce, a récemment lancé le premier Master humanitaire en Eau, Assainissement et Hygiène (EAH) dans la région du Moyen-Orient.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 1 Aug 2020]
PRESS RELEASES
No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 1 Aug 2020]
Selected Press Releases
Amref International University launches it’s first-ever course for health reporters
July 28, 2020
Amref International University (AMIU) has launched an exciting new course for health reporters.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://aravind.org/
Aravind News
No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.brac.net/#news
Latest
COVID-19
Adapting to the new normal: how BRAC is protecting its workforce
July 29, 2020
If the dystopian nature of the world amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic makes you wonder if our sense of granted normalcy has changed forever, you are not mistaken.

**Clubhouse International** [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.clubhouse-intl.org/news.html
*News*
**Coronavirus -- Weekly Updates from the Clubhouse Community**
July 27, 2020

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.drc.dk/news
*NEWS*
No new digest content identified.

**ECPAT** [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.ecpat.net/news
*News from ECPAT*
**ECPAT members from Latin America urge stronger protection of children from sexual exploitation during COVID-19**
30/07/2020
ECPAT member organisations from across Latin America have gathered to express their concerns on the impact COVID-19 will have on many children in the region. In addition to the rising number of coronavirus cases, members have noted that the pandemic has contributed to a number of other dangers, such as an increase in poverty, sexual and gender-based violence against women and children and an increase in risks related to online child sexual exploitation.

**Fountain House** [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.fountainhouse.org/
*Press Releases*
No new digest content identified.

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://hi.org/en/index
*All news*
**Tribute to Nizar and Stefan**
24 July 2020
It is with great sadness that we inform you of the deaths of two of our demining colleagues in the Middle East on 20 July

**Heifer International** [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.heifer.org/
ICRC [to 1 Aug 2020]
Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports
75 years after Hiroshima and Nagasaki, a nuclear threat returns
Seventy-five years ago, on the morning of August 6, 1945, a B-29 warplane released a terrifying new weapon on Hiroshima. The nuclear bomb wiped out the city, instantly killing an estimated 70,000 people and leaving tens of thousands ...

Central African Republic: Contending with COVID-19 in the midst of a serious humanitarian crisis
In the Central African Republic, COVID-19 is yet another threat compounding the consequences of conflicts, violence and a lengthy crisis.
27-07-2020 | News release

Cluster munitions: Treacherous weapons that still kill ten years after a convention to ban them
Cluster munitions are one of the world's most treacherous weapons. This week marks the tenth anniversary of the Convention on Cluster Munitions.
27-07-2020 | Statement

IFRC [to 1 Aug 2020]
Selected Press Releases, Announcements
Bahamas
Red Cross in Bahamas preparing for Hurricane Isaias, while balancing COVID-19 response and Hurricane Dorian recovery
Panama/Port of Spain, 31 July 2020 — The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is working alongside the Bahamas Red Cross to prepare for Hurricane Isaias. A hurricane warning is in effect in the Bahamas with storm surg ...
31 July 2020

International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement urges all nations to end the nuclear era
Geneva, 31 July 2020 – Seventy-five years ago, on the morning of August 6, 1945, a B-29 warplane released a terrifying new weapon on Hiroshima. The nuclear bomb wiped out the city, instantly killing an estimated 70,000 people and leaving tens of thousands ...
31 July 2020

**Europe**

**Red Cross calls on people to check on neighbours and loved ones during dangerous heatwave**

As temperatures soar across Europe, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is calling on the public to check on neighbours and loved ones who might struggle to cope with the searing heat.

29 July 2020

**Asia Pacific, Philippines**

**Philippines: Red Cross urges greater vigilance as COVID-19 cases fill hospitals**

Manila, 28 July 2020 – Red Cross is urging everyone in the Philippines to be even more vigilant as COVID-19 cases continue to jump by more than a thousand each day following the easing of quarantine restrictions. More than 80,000 people in the country ...

28 July 2020

**International Medical Corps (IMC)** [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/stories-and-news/

**Story**

No new digest content identified.

**IRC  International Rescue Committee** [to 1 Aug 2020]

**Media highlights**

**Press Release**

**As confirmed COVID cases more than double in July across African countries, a lack of testing in crisis-affected contexts keeps responders in the dark about the real spread of the disease, warns IRC**

July 30, 2020
:: Each country in Africa where the IRC works has done less than 8,000 tests per million people, compared to the UK (205,782 per million), United Arab Emirates (472,590 per million), and Singapore (199,904 per million).
:: The countries in Africa where the IRC works which have done the least tests per million are Tanzania* (63 tests per million), Niger (373 tests per million), Chad (383 tests per million, DRC (467 tests per million), and Burundi (563 tests per million).
:: The UK has done up to 550 times more tests per million than the countries in Africa where the IRC works.
:: The WHO recommends at least 1 test per 1,000 people per week - while countries like Niger and South Sudan have done 1 test per every 2,680 and 930 people in total respectively.
:: The WHO recommends countries have a test positivity rate of 5% or under for at least 14 days; Most African countries where the IRC works are not meeting this target, such as Somalia (32%), DRC (21%), South Sudan (18%), Cote d’Ivoire (17%) and CAR (16%).
:: Despite efforts to expand testing capacities, hard-hit countries need additional resources and support from the international community to expand testing and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
Press Release

Over 200 children stopped at sea and sent to Libyan detention centres; IRC calls for their release
July 29, 2020

IRCT  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://irct.org/
Latest News
IRCT joins 15 Rights Groups to Issue Appeal to the King of Bahrain
King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa of Bahrain should commute the death sentences of Mohamed Ramadan and Hussein Ali Moosa.

Islamic Relief Worldwide  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.islamic-relief.org/
Latest News
“The feeling that we are not forgotten brings us joy”: We’re celebrating Eid al-Adha with those struggling to feed their families across the globe
Published: 31 July, 2020

How Islamic Relief’s trailblazing approach to qurbani is lifting families out of poverty in Niger
Published: 31 July, 2020

“I worked 20 hours a day and was beaten for falling asleep”: a former child worker speaks out
Published: 30 July, 2020

Why local partners are crucial to the fight against child labour in Nepal
Published: 30 July, 2020

Debt bondage and dowry abuse: Kiran tells her story
Published: 30 July, 2020

“Islamic Relief’s meat distribution is a source of happiness”: Bringing joy to Ajmal from Pakistan
Published: 28 July, 2020

Landsea  [to 1 Aug 2020]
No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde  [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.medecinsdumonde.org/
News

Stop the war in Yemen: our intervention at the UN Security Council

More than 5 years that Yemen has been struck by a conflict of which civilians are the first victims. On July 28, 2020, Wafa’a Al Saidy, head of mission in Yemen and Yemeni citizen living in Sana’a, testified about the humanitarian, health and economic situation of the country to the UN Security Council. The Security Council can and must give Yemen options: stop the war, save the country’s economy, allow unconditional access to humanitarian aid, and maintain aid funding. Discover his intervention. Published on 29 July 2020

Mercy Corps [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.mercycorps.org/press-room/releases
News Releases & Alerts
July 30, 2020
Mercy Corps Commitments to Action Progress Report
Report provides update on new safeguarding resources, governance changes

July 28, 2020
New Research: Climate Finance Fails to Reach Most Vulnerable Nations Facing Climate Chaos
Wealthy countries have failed to allocate sufficient climate finance to nations most vulnerable to climate change. The...

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.msf.org/
Latest [Selected Announcements]
Libya
Libya: “They were shot and killed as they fled arbitrary detention”
Project Update 31 Jul 2020

Greece
MSF forced to close COVID-19 centre on Lesbos
Press Release 30 Jul 2020

Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic
Diagnostic company Cepheid charging four times more than it should for COVID-19 tests
Press Release 28 Jul 2020
MSF urges Cepheid to stop profiteering off the COVID-19 pandemic and lower the price of desperately-needed COVID-19 tests.

Operation Smile [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.operationsmile.org/press-office
Program Schedule
Here’s what we’re doing worldwide to make a difference in the lives of children who deserve every opportunity for safe surgical care.
Oxfam sends message of support and solidarity to the family of Guatemalan human rights defender Rubén Herrera
29 July 2020
Oxfam expresses its profound sadness and condolences to Cecilia Mérida and the communities of Huehuetenango in Guatemala for the death of Rubén Herrera, a community leader, human rights defender, activist, and friend of many.

Yemen facing hidden cholera crisis as COVID cases set to peak in coming weeks – Oxfam
29 July 2020
Thousands of people in Yemen could be dying from undetected cases of cholera because COVID-19 has overwhelmed the country’s health facilities and people are too frightened to seek treatment for fear of the virus, Oxfam said today.
The number of coronavirus cases in Yemen is likely to peak in the coming weeks while the heaviest rains are expected in August which could deepen a hidden cholera crisis.

Latin American billionaires surge as world’s most unequal region buckles under coronavirus strain
27 July 2020
The fortunes of Latin America’s 73 billionaires surged by $48.2 billion since the beginning of the pandemic even as the region buckles as one of the worst-hit regions in the world, said Oxfam today.

COVID-19: First cases confirmed in the Sahrawi camps, 173,000 refugees at risk
27 July 2020
Coronavirus has breached the Sahrawi refugee camps in Algeria, putting over 170,000 chronically ill refugees at significant risk, Oxfam said today.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.nrc.no/
Latest news
Global | 29. Jul 2020
Wealthy nations leave millions behind with alarming funding disparities amid pandemic
Less than a quarter of this year’s $40 billion humanitarian aid appeal has been received to support 250 million vulnerable people, against the backdrop of an estimated $11 trillion coronavirus stimulus for wealthy nations.

Pact [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.pactworld.org/
Latest News
No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 1 Aug 2020]
Florida Migrant Workers Among Hardest Hit by COVID-19
PIH is collaborating with the Florida Department of Public Health in Collier County and community organizations to establish a community health worker program. These Immokalee residents will be health promoters, spreading vital health information and powering the fight against COVID-19. Read

COVID-19 Observation Center Ensuring Safety, Reducing Stigma in Liberia
Robert-Lee Dahn’s successful quarantine at a new PIH-supported facility enabled him to safely reunite with his family and rejoin his community. Read More

PATH [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.path.org/media-center/
Selected Announcements
Lifesaving umbilical cord product receives pre-qualification from West African Health Organization
July 30, 2020 by PATH
- Chlorxy-G Gel, a 7.1% chlorhexidine digluconate gel manufactured in Nigeria, receives approval for introduction in 15 countries

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://plan-international.org/about-plan/resources/media-centre
No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.savethechildren.net/news
News
30 July 2020 - Sudan
Sudan: Violence cuts off access to health services for 14,000 children

29 July 2020 - occupied Palestinian territory
‘Denial of healthcare outside Gaza is a death sentence for children’: Save the Children

29 July 2020 - Italy
COVID-19 pushed victims of child trafficking and exploitation into further isolation: Save the Children

28 July 2020 - Lebanon
More than half a million children in Beirut are struggling to survive

27 July 2020 - Global
Record temperatures and COVID-19 are symptoms of planetary fever, warns Save the Children
27 July 2020 - Afghanistan
**AFGHANISTAN: Children made up a third of civilian casualties so far this year**

26 July 2020 - Niger
**NIGER – 1.2 million children and young people were out of school because of COVID-19**

**SOS-Kinderdorf International** [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.sos-childrensvillages.org/news
All News
South East Asia – August 1 2020
**Children and young people in care across South East Asia ask for increased support in the wake of COVID-19**
By Amelia Andrews
Child representatives and care leavers from South East Asia have called for increased support for continuing education, psychosocial care, finding jobs and affordable housing in the wake of COVID-19. Their recommendations were discussed with Asian government and civil society representatives in an online forum this week...

**Hermann Gmeiner Award 2020 – July 31 2020**
Alumni from Croatia, Romania and Ethiopia win Hermann Gmeiner Award 2020
Announcement from Siddhartha Kaul and Kay Vorwerk
We all need heroes to look up to, especially now in these troubling times. For more than 30 years, SOS Children’s Villages has been honouring heroes through our Hermann Gmeiner Award. The award goes to outstanding individuals who were cared for in an SOS Children’s Villages programme and who today contribute to the well-being of others and the greater good of society. They are heroes in the eyes of their peers and communities.

This year, some 60 people were nominated, eight of whom - four women and four men - were selected as finalists. A public online vote is meant to typically yield two winners, but this year the Board of the Hermann Gmeiner Academy has decided to make an exception. For more than 20 days, during the voting phase, an internet blackout in Ethiopia meant people from that country were not able vote, putting one of the men’s finalists at a disadvantage. Therefore, the Board has decided to name three winners this year, honouring the two top vote getters in the men's category.

We congratulate Kristina Ivanuš of Croatia, Lucian Mustata of Romania, and Gebre-egziabher Gebre of Ethiopia as the winners of the Hermann Gmeiner Award 2020...

**Tostan** [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.tostan.org
News
**No new digest content identified.**
**World Vision**  [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://wvi.org/
*Newsroom*
**Syria on brink of further disaster as COVID-19 cases escalate**
July 30th 2020
:: COVID-19 cases have increased twenty fold in the past 3 months
:: Hospitals have been instructed to stop taking in COVID-19 patients
:: Funding desperately needed to increase testing and strengthen health system capacity

**Electronic Frontiers Foundation**
https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press_release
*No new digest content identified.*

**Freedom House**  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://freedomhouse.org/
*Latest Updates*
**Hong Kong: Freedom House Condemns Dramatic Attacks on Political Rights**
Press release
July 31, 2020

**India’s TikTok Ban Tightens the Government’s Grasp on the Internet**
Perspectives
July 31, 2020

**Turkey: Passage of Social Media Law Curtails Human Rights Online**
Press release
July 30, 2020

**Human Rights Watch**  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.hrw.org/
*Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements*
July 31, 2020
**US: Probation, Parole Feed Mass Incarceration Crisis**
Probation and parole are promoted as alternatives to incarceration that help people get back on their feet, but instead feed bloated jail and prison populations in the United States, Human Rights Watch and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) said in a joint report released today.
Read the Full Report: "Revoked"

*Europe/Central Asia*
July 30, 2020  Report
**Belarus: Crackdown on Political Activists, Journalists**

*Africa*
July 30, 2020  Report
**DR Congo: Gangs Kidnap, Rape in National Park**

United States
July 30, 2020  Dispatches
**US Leaders Should Combat Anti-Asian Racism, Xenophobia**
Kristi Ueda
Promise Institute for Human Rights Fellow

**Transparency International** [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.transparency.org/news/pressreleases
*Press Releases*
**Joint statement on the arrest of journalist Hopewell Chin’ono in Zimbabwe**

The recent arrest of a whistle-blower journalist Hopewell Chin’ono in Zimbabwe is a serious concern to Transparency International Chapters in Southern Africa, particularly as it undermines broader...

30 July 2020

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://childfundalliance.org/
*News/ Statements*
*No new digest content identified.*

**CONCORD** [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://concordeurope.org/
*Latest News and Events*
*No new digest content identified.*

**The Elders** [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://theelders.org/news-media
*Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements*
*News*
**The Elders to mark Hiroshima and Nagasaki anniversary with peace crane commemoration**
27 Jul 2020

The Elders are calling on world leaders, decision-makers and the public to pause for a moment of reflection and solidarity as the world marks the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6th and 9th August 2020.

*Ethical Leadership*

*News*
**Fold your own origami crane: how to take part in #PeaceCrane2020**
27 Jul 2020
Sadako Sasaki inspired the world with her origami peace cranes. She folded thousands from her hospital bed before she tragically died from the long-term effects of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

Ethical Leadership

Guest Blog
Masahiro Sasaki: on surviving the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, his sister Sadako and his mission to advance peace
27 Jul 2020
Masahiro Sasaki, the only surviving brother of Sadako Sasaki - whose actions sparked a peace movement, blogs on surviving the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

Ethical Leadership

Guest Blog
Each of us can bring something valuable to the quest for peace
27 Jul 2020
Sue DiCicco, founder of The Peace Crane Project, explains the importance of Sadako and Masahiro Sasaki to the story of the origami peace crane, and the message of hope it represents today.

Ethical Leadership

News
The Story of Sadako Sasaki and the Hiroshima Peace Cranes
27 Jul 2020
The origami peace crane has long been associated with Sadako Sasaki, a young girl who died from leukemia caused by the radioactive fallout of the Hiroshima bombing. Read her story to find out how she began folding cranes and why.

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Evidence Aid  [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.evidenceaid.org/
Blog
Support for health research evidence synthesis: missed priority
Authored by Ronald Munatsi
Development partners continue to recognise the role of primary research and systematic reviews research, within the wider framework of health policy and health systems research, in improving universal health coverage and the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals. This has been demonstrated by increased support of new, ongoing interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research that leads to the scaling-up of more efficient health interventions. However, there still remains a huge gap in low resource settings in health research synthesis and uptake in policy and practice. Several important structural, institutional, resource and other challenges remain and better coordination of current initiatives is required... [ronaldmunatsi@gmail.com]

Latest Content
Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) for severe acute respiratory distress syndrome  Added July 30, 2020
Routine blood tests and severity of COVID-19 infection (search done on 20 March 2020)  Added July 30, 2020

Lung ultrasound in symptomatic COVID-19 patients (search done on 22 April 2020)  Added July 30, 2020

Mental health problems for patients infected with a coronavirus (search done on 10 April 2020)  Added July 30, 2020


Teacher-mediated interventions to support child mental health after a disaster  Added July 28, 2020

Preventing emergency department visits and hospitalisations for older adults with cognitive impairment  Added July 28, 2020

Primary care features that affect unscheduled secondary care use  Added July 28, 2020

Gavi [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.gavi.org/
News releases
31 July 2020
92 low- and middle-income economies eligible to get access to COVID-19 vaccines through Gavi COVAX AMC
[See Milestones above for detail]

27 July 2020
Gavi helps immunise 65 million children in 2019, though COVID-19 puts progress under pressure
:: New analysis of WHO/UNICEF data by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, shows the gap in vaccine coverage between Gavi-supported lower-income countries and wealthier countries has shrunk to record lows
:: Coverage for newer vaccines, such as those that tackle pneumonia and diarrhoea, now higher in Gavi-supported countries than the global average
:: COVID-19 pandemic makes the task of reaching those children still missing out on vaccines even more urgent

Getty Conservation Institute [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.getty.edu/research/
Latest News
No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 1 Aug 2020]
**COVID-19 Information**  
28 July 2020  

**Situation Report**  
... The Global Fund is providing up to US$1 billion and operational flexibility to help countries fight COVID-19, shore up health systems and mitigate the impacts on lifesaving HIV, TB and malaria programs. Emergency funding is available through the US$500 million COVID-19 Response Mechanism and additional grant flexibilities of up to US$500 million...  
...The COVID-19 Guidance Note on Community, Rights and Gender is also available in Spanish, French and Russian...

**Hilton Prize Coalition** [to 1 Aug 2020]  
http://prizecoalition.charity.org/  
No new digest content identified.

**ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 1 Aug 2020]  
https://icvanetwork.org/  
Latest resources, events, content  

**CVA Bulletin - June 2020**  
July, 2020  
International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)

**Nutrition in COVID-19, working in partnership: PowerPoint Presentation**  
July, 2020  
United Nations (UN)

**Upcoming events**  

**Remote monitoring – approaches to monitoring programmes in the context of COVID-19**  
August 11, 2020 - 2:00pm to 3:00pm  
Online-ZOOM – Link to be shared

**World Humanitarian Day 2020**  
August 19, 2020 - 12:00am

**The future added value of ICVA network in a post COVID-19 world**  
September 2, 2020 - 2:00pm to 4:00pm  
Online

**InterAction** [to 1 Aug 2020]  
http://www.interaction.org/  
Blog Post  
**Solidarity While Separated**

**InterAction Celebrates International Day of Friendship**  
Hannah Grierson  
Jul 30, 2020
3ie  International Initiative for Impact Evaluation  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.3ieimpact.org/
Publications

Strengthening soil management practices and access to markets among smallholder farmers in Malawi
Impact evaluation Brief  3ie  2020
This brief is based on an impact evaluation of the Anchor Farm Model, a programme that promotes the use of demonstration plots, farmer-based organisations and farmer field days, to adopt integrated soil fertility and management practices and improve farmers' access to markets in Malawi.

CHS Alliance  [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://chsalliance.org/
Our Impact

CHS story of change series – CAFOD’s partnership model
27 July 2020
by Richard Dominy, Project Manager, CAFOD
In the run up to the launch of the Humanitarian Accountability Report 2020, we have spoken to different organisations who have achieved certification against the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS), to learn more about how this process is driving changes in policy and programmes. And ultimately, how it is helping aid work better for the people affected by crisis.
Here CHS Alliance member CAFOD shares insights into how they are working with partners to meet Commitment Five of the CHS which states that communities and people affected by crisis have access to safe and responsive mechanisms to handle complaints.

Development Initiatives  [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://devinit.org/news/
No new digest content identified.

Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP)  [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.alnap.org/
News
We need to talk about principles
30 July 2020
In the mid 1980’s, I was part of a small group who accompanied the UK Minister of Overseas Development (ODA), Timothy Raison, on a fact-finding visit to emergency feeding centres in East Africa where millions of people had been affected by famine. All of us were profoundly affected by what we saw, but one thing that surprised me was that the Minister always made a point of asking local government officials if, when things returned to normal, they were in favour of free enterprise.

The Humanitarian Global Colour Line
28 July 2020

Humanitarianism has evolved and transformed over its lifetime, and so, too, has the location of race in maintaining what W.E.B. Dubois famously called the “global colour line.” Much of contemporary humanitarianism emerged from imperialism and colonialism, which wore its racism on its sleeves. The liberal humanitarians and missionaries of the day had two dominant views of non-Caucasians. One was that they would probably never develop the cognitive and emotional maturity for self-rule and self-care, and that humanitarians had to protect the indigenous peoples from themselves. The other followed from liberalism and the enlightenment as it recognised that all humans are equal – but some are more equal than others because some were ‘more civilised’. The West would ‘civilise’ the rest through religious conversion, education, facility with technology, improved hygiene, economic rationality, and other traits used to define its superiority. Racism and paternalism went hand-in-hand in these civilising missions...

Disasters Emergency Committee  [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.dec.org.uk/media-centre
LATEST PRESS RELEASES
HRH The Prince of Wales joins thousands of British supporters as the DEC Coronavirus Appeal reaches £18 million
30/07/2020

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales has joined tens of thousands of members of the public who have donated the DEC Coronavirus Appeal, which has now raised £18 million since its launch on 14 July. The Prince’s donation to help the world’s most vulnerable people as they face Covid-19 comes after he suffered from the virus himself in March this year.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF  [to 1 Aug 2020]
News
28.07.2020
Introducing our interim CEO: Lyndall Stein

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://humanitarianstudies.ch/
News
No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.urd.org/en/
Publications
No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://ihsa.info/
Vaccine trial ethics and dealing with detention risks in the midst of a pandemic
Selection#18 (20th to 26th of July)
This week we have blog posts on a wide range of topics related to Covid-19 and humanitarian studies. The heightened risk to particular population groups continues to be a theme, with this week’s posts highlighting the plight of indigenous Amazonian populations and of refugees in Hong Kong. Another issue raised this week is the changes in detention and prison practices with Covid-19, and what it means in terms of risk. The impact of multiple crises on populations in Yemen and Syria also remains a theme, including increased difficulties in access because of the pandemic. We also have a couple of new topics. One is on the ethics of vaccine trials in Africa and the need for close community participation to implement them. Another is the need for solidarity and equality in addressing today’s crises.

**INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 1 Aug 2020]
News
No new digest content identified.

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://phap.org/
Association news
No new digest content identified.

**Sphere** [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://spherestandards.org/news/
News
No new digest content identified.

**Start Network** [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://startnetwork.org/news-and-blogs
News and Blog
Alert 417: Cyclone Harold in Vanuatu
31 Jul 20
Blog Post

**Strengths and challenges of coordinated humanitarian response**
Early observations from the ARC Replica pay-out in Senegal
by Emily Grant
29 Jul 20
Blog Post

**Guidance for Complaint and Feedback Mechanism for Mixed Migration Contexts Launched**
by Michaela Larson
27 Jul 20

News Article

The Migration Emergency Response Fund (MERF)'s new guidance to assist humanitarian actors in the field for mixed migration contexts is now available.

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**Brookings**

http://www.brookings.edu/

Accessed 1 Aug 2020

Latest Research

Technology & Innovation

**Soft law as a complement to AI regulation**

John Villasenor

Friday, July 31, 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Economics

**The effect of Pandemic EBT on measures of food hardship**

Lauren Bauer, Abigail Pitts, Krista Ruffini, and Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Report

**Using the Federal Reserve’s discount window for debtor-in-possession financing during the COVID-19 bankruptcy crisis**

Peter Conti-Brown and David Skeel

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Report

**Progress and missed opportunities: Morocco enters its third decade under King Mohammed VI**

Yasmina Abouzohour

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Economics

**COVID-19 and retirement: Impact and policy responses**

Martin Neil Baily, Benjamin H. Harris, and Siddhi Doshi

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

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**Center for Global Development**  
[to 1 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Publications, News and Events

July 31, 2020

**Medium-Term Revenue Strategies: Are They Realistic for Developing Countries?**

Domestic revenue mobilization (DRM) is critical for developing countries to finance the spending necessary to enable sustainable development.

Peter Mullins
This note lays out calculations of the UK’s net fiscal contribution to the EU budget between the years 2008 to 2018, and quantifies the support provided to other EU countries to promote their economic growth, regional convergence and rural development, but which is not classified as aid.

Ian Mitchell and Sam Hughes

**Report**

**Covid-19 Reshapes the Future**
July 28, 2020 | Samuel Brannen  
Covid-19 marks the beginning of an era of continuous, rapid change across seven global macrotrends.  
[See Week in Review above for detail]

**Report**

**Washington’s China Policy Has Lost Its Wei**
July 27, 2020 | Scott Kennedy  
Rather than crushing Huawei and decoupling from China, the United States should mitigate the risks posed by China’s high-tech drive while still benefitting from a dynamic global economy.

**ODI**  
[to 1 Aug 2020]  
https://www.odi.org/  
**Selected Press Releases & Reports**  
**Inclusive economic growth in Kenya: the spatial dynamics of poverty**  
Research reports and studies | July 2020 | Judith Tyson, Vidya Diwakar, Morakinyo Adetutu and James Bishop  
This report examines Kenya's economic growth and extreme poverty.

**Migration and skills for the low-carbon transition**  
Working and discussion papers | July 2020 | Ipek Gencsu, Avery Parsons Grayson and Nathaniel Mason with Marta Foresti  
A discussion of the role of migration policy in the transition to low-carbon economies.

**RoRI [Research on Research Institute]**  
[to 1 Aug 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.  
**RoRI News**  
No new digest content identified.

**Urban Institute**  
[to 1 Aug 2020]  
https://www.urban.org/publications  
**Publications**  
**2020 Poverty Projections: Comparing the Effects of Provisions in the HEALS and HEROES Acts**  
The Health, Economic Assistance, Liability Protection and Schools (HEALS) Act under consideration by the US Senate would support families who are struggling during the pandemic-induced recession, but it would provide substantially less support than the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solution (HEROES) Act passed by the House of Representatives in May 2020. Projections of poverty  
Gregory Acs, Laura Wheaton, Linda Giannarelli, Kevin Werner
Growing Youth Apprenticeship in Greater DC
Youth apprenticeships offer a meaningful link between high school and the workforce, with benefits for students, employers, educators, and the economy as a whole. In June 2020, the Urban Institute Youth Apprenticeship Intermediary Project convened a group of educators and policymakers from across the Greater Washington, DC, region to share their experiences and recommendations on how to structure apprenticeship.

John Marotta, Andrew Campbell, Zach Boren

July 31, 2020
Fact Sheet

Data Appendix to Kids' Share 2020: Report on Federal Expenditures on Children through 2019 and Future Projections
This appendix describes the data and methodology used to estimate federal program and tax expenditures on children in Kids’ Share 2020: Report on Federal Expenditures on Children through 2019 and Future Projections.

Hannah Daly, Eleanor Lauderback, Julia B. Isaacs, Cary Lou, Heather Hahn, C. Eugene Steuerle

July 28, 2020
Research Report

Public spending on children is an investment in the nation’s future, as it aims to support their healthy development and human potential. To inform policymakers, children’s advocates, and the general public about how public funds are spent on children, this 14th edition of the annual Kids’ Share report provides an updated analysis of federal expenditures on children from 1960 to 2019. This year’s Kids’ Share

Heather Hahn, Cary Lou, Julia B. Isaacs, Eleanor Lauderback, Hannah Daly, C. Eugene Steuerle

July 28, 2020
Research Report

Child Care and Feeding Young Children during the Pandemic
The Child and Adult Care Food Program is the primary way children in early care and education settings are fed, yet child care program closures related to COVID-19 left many young children across the country without the food they depend on. Even as many states reopen child care, the crisis is expected to continue, and at least some programs will likely close again after reopening. This brief focuses on what we

Catherine Kuhns, Gina Adams

July 27, 2020
Brief

Housing Finance At A Glance: A Monthly Chartbook, July 2020
The July 2020 edition of At A Glance, the Housing Finance Policy Center’s reference guide for mortgage and housing market data, includes updated figures describing the product composition and nonbank share of new originations, housing credit availability and serious delinquency rates for multifamily GSE loans. Housing Finance at a Glance: Monthly Chartbooks Archive
The Wistar Institute  [to 1 Aug 2020]  
Press Releases  
Jul. 28, 2020  
**The Wistar Institute and Cheyney University Forge Strategic Collaboration to Expand Life Science Research Training and Business Development Opportunities in Pennsylvania**  
Collaboration extends impact of Wistar’s biomedical science and workforce development programs and Cheyney University’s educational and entrepreneurial communities

World Economic Forum  [to 1 Aug 2020]  
https://agenda.weforum.org/news/  
Media  
**Proof of Concept for Sharing Rare Disease Data Across Borders Is Crucial Step for Diagnoses**  
News 30 Jul 2020  
:: The discovery of diagnoses and treatments that could save or improve lives have historically been blocked by data security, patient privacy and data interoperability issues  
:: Genomic institutions in Australia, Canada, the UK and the US and the World Economic Forum found a way to share rare disease data safely and anonymously across borders  
:: Australia and Canada will pilot the proof of concept, potentially helping the 8% of their populations living with a rare disease.  
:: Project findings outline how to accelerate time to diagnosis and treatment for patients with rare diseases, potentially extending or improving the quality of life  
:: Read the report

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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 1 Aug 2020]  
News  
No new digest content identified.
Blue Meridian Partners [to 1 Aug 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 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.aecf.org/newsroom/
Newsroom
No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 1 Aug 2020]
No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 1 Aug 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.
Statements
Co-Impact Statement on Justice, Equity, and Inclusion
Jul 13, 2020

Ford Foundation [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.fordfoundation.org/
The Latest
No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://news.getty.edu/
Latest News
Getty Publications announces new book celebrating creativity and joy sparked by Getty Museum Challenge—with all profits going to charity
July 29, 2020
Getty Publications announces new book celebrating creativity and joy sparked by Getty Museum Challenge—with all profits going to charity
GHIT Fund  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.ghitfund.org/newsroom/press
No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation  [to 1 Aug 2020]
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation  [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://hewlett.org/latest-updates/
Latest Updates Showing 1–10 of 1584 results
The Listening Post: New ideas in effective philanthropy
Effective Philanthropy  July 30, 2020

Launching our global women’s economic empowerment strategy refresh process
Global Development and Population
By Sarah Iqbal
July 27, 2020

Why the United States should build back better: A call for post-COVID, climate-forward policy
Environment
By Jonathan Pershing and Jane Flegal
July 27, 2020

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation  [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.hiltonfoundation.org/news
Our News
Catholic Sisters Lead the Way in the Anti-Trafficking Movement
July 24, 2020 By Sabrina Wong

IKEA Foundation  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.ikeafoundation.org/
Stories
No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.hhmi.org/news
Science Education  Jul 31 2020
HHMI Awards 45 Gilliam Fellowships to Support Diversity in Science
The Howard Hughes Medical Institute has selected 45 doctoral students and their advisers to advance diversity and inclusion in the sciences.

**Kaiser Family Foundation** [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release
July 29, 2020   News Release
**Brief Examines What’s Known About Children and Coronavirus Transmission as Schools Prepare for Fall**
With schools nationwide preparing for fall and the federal government encouraging in-person classes, key concerns for school officials, teachers and parents include the risks that coronavirus poses to children and their role in transmission of the disease. A new KFF brief examines the latest available data and evidence about the issues...

**Kellogg Foundation** [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.wkkf.org/news-and-media
Selected Announcements
**Promoting health, healing, education and economic well-being**
July 29, 2020
**At A Glance** is a bi-weekly news recap highlighting WKKF grantees, investments, communities and partnerships.

**Aga Khan Foundation** [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.akdn.org/our-agencies/aga-khan-foundation
Press Releases
**No new digest content identified.**

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.macfound.org/
**Perspectives**
**Emerging Anti-Racist Leadership**
July 31, 2020 | John Palfrey, President
As the United States began a moment of racial reckoning, I joined several MacArthur staff in sharing perspectives on anti-Black racism and challenging systems of oppression. We have reflected on individual and collective experiences related to Philanthropy, Privilege, and Racial Justice and the role of Allyship and Accountability. We also want to elevate the voices of emerging professionals at MacArthur. These new leaders challenge us to meet the future they are shaping. Their generation is sparking a global spread of civic engagement in the form of protests, advocacy, and investment in communities. They remind us that it is crucial to listen to colleagues with a full range of experience as we reimagine a more just and equitable world...

**Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://mellon.org/
Three National Literary Nonprofits Join Forces to Provide $3.5 Million in Emergency Funds to Literary Organizations and Presses
July 17, 2020

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.moore.org/
News
Building community to accelerate the pace of model system development in aquatic symbiosis
July 28, 2020

The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation’s Symbiosis in Aquatic Systems Initiative is investing $19 million over the next three years to support 42 teams of scientists to advance model systems in aquatic symbiosis. The initiative’s funding aims to equip the scientific community with infrastructure such as new genetic tools, cultivation methods, and nanoscale microscopy to improve experimental capabilities in aquatic symbiosis research over the coming decade. As a key component of this funding, the teams will work collaboratively across the grant portfolio to develop and share their tools and methods with each other and with the research community.

The Symbiosis in Aquatic Systems Initiative aims to advance knowledge of how symbiotic associations function and participate in ecology and evolution in marine and freshwater systems. The Symbiosis Model Systems portfolio is an important part of the initiative’s strategic approach to invest in technology and resources to enable discovery...

Open Society Foundations [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/newsroom
Press releases
July 27, 2020

Open Society Foundations Call for Osman Kavala’s Release on 1000th Day of His Detention

After 1,000 days in prison, the Turkish authorities should set Osman Kavala, a leading human rights advocate, free. This case is not about justice. It’s about intimidation.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.packard.org/news/
News
No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/about/news-room
Press Releases & Statements
July 28, 2020

Global Fishing Watch and Pew Unveil Technology to Accelerate Transshipment Reform
Public interactive portal to help increase understanding and transparency of carrier vessels and their activities

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Global Fishing Watch launched a public web portal today that policymakers and fishery managers can use to better understand the activities of vessels that take on catch from commercial fishing vessels and deliver it to ports worldwide for processing. The Pew Charitable Trusts lent its expertise in fisheries to the development of the portal to guide its effectiveness and application.

The transfer of catch to carrier vessels, called transshipment, is a vital part of the global fishing industry. But it often takes place on the high seas, outside the view and reach of authorities, making it harder for them to verify that the amount and type of fish product transferred is lawful and sustainable.

The portal, hosted on Global Fishing Watch’s platform, will show users the breadth of transshipment activity worldwide to raise awareness among fish suppliers and consumers and improve the transparency of this practice.

“We are combining data from various sources and applying machine learning techniques in order to shine a light on what has, historically, been an opaque practice,” said Tony Long, CEO of Global Fishing Watch. “The public portal makes transshipment data easily accessible and will help bring much-needed transparency to global transshipment activities.”

Rockefeller Foundation [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/
The Latest Report
Reset the Table: Meeting the Moment to Transform the U.S. Food System
July 28. 2020 :: 25 pages

America faces a hunger and nutrition crisis unlike any this country has seen in generations. Today 14 million children are missing meals on a regular basis – a statistic that’s five times worse than before the Covid-19 pandemic. It’s even worse for Latino and Black families, which have seen rates of nutrition insecurity spike to 25% and 30%, respectively.

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 1 Aug 2020]
http://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/
Latest News and Highlights
No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 1 Aug 2020]
"...a group of organizations working together to increase philanthropic support for basic scientific research on a global basis...”

No new digest content identified.

SDG Philanthropy Platform
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 1 Aug 2020]
https://sloan.org/about/press
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://wellcome.ac.uk/news
Opinion | 29 July 2020
How can we make social media a healthier platform for health information?
Carla Ross, Research and Evidence Lead, Wellcome
It’s time to see health misinformation differently. We’re calling for the health and research sector to step up and play its role in creating a healthier internet.

Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar]  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://candid.org/about/press-room?fcref=pg
Press Room
July 16, 2020
Candid Unveils Ten-year Vision to Accelerate the Social Sector
New York, NY—July 16, 2020. Candid today announced its 2030 Vision, which focuses on providing the social sector with the information it needs to be a force for good in the world. “We help the helpers. Our goal over the next decade is to build an information infrastructure that supports organizations tackling the greatest issues of our time,” said Candid executive vice president Jacob Harold, who led the process to develop Candid’s vision...

Council on Foundations  [to 1 Aug 2020]
https://www.cof.org/newsroom
Newsroom
No new digest content identified.
:: Journal Watch

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

American Journal of Infection Control
August 2020 Volume 48, Issue 8, p859-974
http://www.aiicjournal.org/current

State of the Science Review
Infection control practices in children during COVID-19 pandemic: Differences from adults
İlker Devrim, Nuri Bayram
p933–939
Published online: May 25, 2020

Highlights
:: High rate of asymptomatic children may increase the spreading of the disease.
:: Healthcare workers in the pediatric hospitals are under great risk for exposure.
:: Infection control precautions play crucial role to prevent the transmissions to HCWs.
:: Personal protective equipment use is a very important strategy for protection of HCWs.

American Journal of Preventive Medicine
August 2020 Volume 59, Issue 2, p149-308
http://www.ajpmonline.org/current

Research Briefs
Rhode Island Human Papillomavirus Vaccine School Entry Requirement Using Provider-Verified Report
Erika L. Thompson, Melvin D. Livingston III, Ellen M. Daley, Debbie Saslow, Gregory D. Zimet
p274–277
Published online: May 16, 2020

American Journal of Public Health
August 2020 110(8)
http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS
Nonrelocatable Occupations at Increased Risk During Pandemics: United States, 2018
Environment, Occupational Health, Other Environment, Socioeconomic Factors, Health Policy, Community Health
Marissa G. Baker
110(8), pp. 1126–1132
The COVID-19 Pandemic: A Watershed Moment to Strengthen Food Security Across the US Food System
Chronic Disease, Other Chronic Disease, Nutrition/Food, Infections, Socioeconomic Factors, Epidemiology, Other Infections
Carmen Byker Shanks, Melanie D. Hingle, Courtney A. Parks and Amy L. Yaroch
110(8), pp. 1133–1134

Strategies Mitigating the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Incarcerated Populations
Mental Health, Infections, Health Law, Community Health, Health Reform
Lauren K. Robinson, Reuben Heyman-Kantor and Cara Angelotta
110(8), pp. 1135–1136

Policy Recommendations to Address High Risk of COVID-19 Among Immigrants
Immigration, Health Policy, Community Health
Brent A. Langellier
110(8), pp. 1137–1139

Free Vaccinations for All Is, Morally and Economically, the Right Way to Prepare for Pandemic and Seasonal Respiratory Infections
Global Health, Immunization/Vaccines, Infections, Prevention, Community Health, Other Infections
Ryan P. Gilley and Peter H. Dube
110(8), pp. 1143–1144

WHO
COVID-19, China, the World Health Organization, and the Limits of International Health Diplomacy
Global Health, Public Health Practice, Epidemiology
Theodore M. Brown and Susan Ladwig
110(8), pp. 1149–1151

ETHICS
Ethical Pandemic Control Through the Public Health Code of Ethics
Public Health Practice, Public Health Workers, Health Policy, Epidemiology, Ethics
James C. Thomas and Nabarun Dasgupta
110(8), pp. 1171–1172

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
Volume 103, Issue 1, July 2020
http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/103/1
[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine
21 July 2020 Volume 173, Issue 2
http://annals.org/aim/issue
Special Article
Clinicians must have access to the best available evidence to inform point-of-care decisions about the use of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine, with or without azithromycin, in patients with COVID-19. This article provides advice from the American College of Physicians for clinicians and will be updated as new evidence becomes available.
Mapping the situation of research on coronavirus disease-19 (COVID-19): a preliminary bibliometric analysis during the early stage of the outbreak

The novel coronavirus, named as 2019-nCoV or coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), has recently appeared in China and has spread worldwide, presenting a health threat to the global community. Therefore, it is i...

Authors: Sa’ed H. Zyoud and Samah W. Al-Jabi
Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2020 20:561
Content type: Research article
Published on: 1 August 2020

Identifying and combating the impacts of COVID-19 on malaria

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in millions of infections, hundreds of thousands of deaths and major societal disruption due to lockdowns and other restrictions introduced to limit disease spread. Relativel...

Authors: Stephen J. Rogerson, James G. Beeson, Moses Laman, Jeanne Rini Poespoprodjo, Timothy William, Julie A. Simpson and Ric N. Price
Citation: BMC Medicine 2020 18:239
Content type: Opinion
Published on: 30 July 2020

“The post-COVID era”: challenges in the treatment of substance use disorder (SUD) after the pandemic

Citizens affected by substance use disorders are high-risk populations for both SARS-CoV-2 infection and COVID-19-related mortality. Relevant vulnerabilities to COVID-19 in people who suffer substance use diso...

Authors: Hugo López-Pelayo, Henri-Jean Aubin, Colin Drummond, Geert Dom, Francisco Pascual, Jürgen Rehm, Richard Saitz, Emanuele Scafato and Antoni Gual
Citation: BMC Medicine 2020 18:241
Content type: Debate
Published on: 31 July 2020
Refugees and COVID-19: achieving a comprehensive public health response
— Qais Alemi, Carl Stempel, Hafifa Siddiq & Eunice Kim
http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.20.271080

Millions of refugees worldwide are exposed to violence, family separation, culture loss and exile. The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) exposes these populations to a new threat, one that could prove to be more devastating than the events forcing them to flee their homelands.

Refugees are vulnerable to COVID-19, as they live in conditions that disproportionately increase their risk of contagion. For example, in densely populated refugee camps, social distancing is challenging and if basic sanitation is lacking, proper hand hygiene is close to impossible. Projections in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh, which hosts over 600,000 Rohingya refugees, suggest that a COVID-19 outbreak could exhaust medical resources and overwhelm camp hospitals within 58 days, which would lead to a rise in deaths from other infectious diseases, such as malaria. Although limited evidence exists on whether infectious diseases increase the risk of COVID-19, the World Health Organization anticipates that people who have both COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, such as tuberculosis, may have poorer treatment outcomes, especially if tuberculosis treatment is interrupted. This prediction is alarming, considering that tuberculosis and malaria are highly prevalent in refugee populations, as are noncommunicable diseases, such as type 2 diabetes, known to increase susceptibility to severe COVID-19. This situation is compounded by language barriers that refugees face in host communities...
and their limited access to health care for obtaining health information, testing and treatment, which some may even avoid out of fears of being deported.4...

POLICY & PRACTICE
**Personal digital health hubs for multiple conditions**
— Mellick J Chehade, Lalit Yadav, Asangi Jayatilaka, Tiffany K Gill & Edward Palmer
http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.19.249136

PERSPECTIVES
**Value-sensitive design and global digital health**
— Karin R Jongsma & Fleur Jongepier
http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.19.237362

**Child Care, Health and Development**
Volume 46, Issue 4  Pages: 397-536  July 2020
https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current
[Reviewed earlier]

**Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal**
Volume 106  August 2020
[Reviewed earlier]

**Clinical Therapeutics**
http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current
[Reviewed earlier]

**Clinical Trials**
Volume 17 Issue 3, June 2020
https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/17/3
[Reviewed earlier]

**Conflict and Health**
http://www.conflictandhealth.com/
[Accessed 1 Aug 2020]
**COVID-19 control in low-income settings and displaced populations: what can realistically be done?**
Authors: Maysoon Dahab, Kevin van Zandvoort, Stefan Flasche, Abdihamid Warsame, Ruwan Ratnayake, Caroline Favas, Paul B. Spiegel, Ronald J. Waldman and Francesco Checchi
Content type: Commentary
31 July 2020
Abstract
COVID-19 prevention strategies in resource limited settings, modelled on the earlier response in high income countries, have thus far focused on draconian containment strategies, which impose movement restrictions on a wide scale. These restrictions are unlikely to prevent cases from surging well beyond existing hospitalisation capacity; notwithstanding their likely severe social and economic costs in the long term.

We suggest that in low-income countries, time limited movement restrictions should be considered primarily as an opportunity to develop sustainable and resource appropriate mitigation strategies. These mitigation strategies, if focused on reducing COVID-19 transmission through a triad of prevention activities, have the potential to mitigate bed demand and mortality by a considerable extent. This triad is based on a combination of high-uptake of community led shielding of high-risk individuals, self-isolation of mild to moderately symptomatic cases, and moderate physical distancing in the community.

We outline a set of principles for communities to consider how to support the protection of the most vulnerable, by shielding them from infection within and outside their homes. We further suggest three potential shielding options, with their likely applicability to different settings, for communities to consider and that would enable them to provide access to transmission-shielded arrangements for the highest risk community members. Importantly, any shielding strategy would need to be predicated on sound, locally informed behavioural science and monitored for effectiveness and evaluating its potential under realistic modelling assumptions. Perhaps, most importantly, it is essential that these strategies not be perceived as oppressive measures and be community led in their design and implementation. This is in order that they can be sustained for an extended period of time, until COVID-19 can be controlled or vaccine and treatment options become available.

**Morbidities & outcomes of a neonatal intensive care unit in a complex humanitarian conflict setting, Hajjah Yemen: 2017-2018**
Authors: Paul Eze, Fatoum Al-Maktari, Ahmed Hamood Alshehari and Lucky Osaheni Lawani
Content type: Research
29 July 2020

**Contemporary Clinical Trials**
Volume 94, July 2020
[New issue; No digest content identified]

**The CRISPR Journal**
Volume 3, Issue 3 / June 2020
https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/3/3
[Reviewed earlier]

**Current Genetic Medicine Reports**
Volume 8, Issue 2, June 2020
https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/8/2
*Cancer Genomics (K Snape and H Hanson, Section Editors)*
[Reviewed earlier]
Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases
August 2020 - Volume 33 - Issue 4
https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx
[Reviewed earlier]

Developing World Bioethics
Volume 20, Issue 2  Pages: 61-114  June 2020
https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current
[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice
Volume 30, Issue 4, 2020
http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/current
[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review
Volume 38, Issue 4  Pages: 409-537  July 2020
https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current
[Reviewed earlier]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology
Volume 15, Issue 5, 2020
http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idt/current
[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness
Volume 14 - Issue 2 - April 2020
https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-preparedness/latest-issue
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Disasters
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Global Health Action
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The global response to the COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare weaknesses and major challenges in the international approach to managing public health emergencies. Populist sentiment is spreading globally as democratic nations are increasing their support for or electing governments that are perceived to represent “traditional” native interests. Measures need to be taken to proactively address populist sentiment when reviewing the IHR (2005) effectiveness in the COVID-19 pandemic. We discuss how populism can impact the IHR (2005) and conversely how the IHR (2005) may be able to address populist concerns if the global community commits to helping states address public health threats that emerge within their borders.

Authors: Kumanan Wilson, Sam Halabi and Lawrence O. Gostin

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Bibliometric analysis of scientific publications on “sustainable development goals” with emphasis on “good health and well-being” goal (2015–2019)

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Background
Global progress in the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) requires significant national and international research efforts and collaboration. The current study aimed to provide policymakers, academics, and researchers with a snapshot of global SDGs-related research activity.

Method
This was a cross-sectional descriptive bibliometric study. SciVerse Scopus was used to retrieve SDGs-related research publications for the period from 2015 to 2019.

Results
In total, 18,696 documents were found. The Sustainability journal ranked first (n = 1008; 5.4%) in the number of SDGs-related publications. The World Health Organization was the most active institution in publishing SDGs-related documents (n = 581; 1.3%). Most of the retrieved documents belonged to SDG 17 (partnership) followed by SDG 13 (climate action), and SDG 12 (responsible consumption and production), while SDG 7 (affordable and clean energy) had the least number of publications. The European region (n = 9756; 52.2%) had the highest research contribution while the Eastern Mediterranean region (n = 1052; 5.6%) had the least contribution. After exclusion of SDG 17, the SDG 3 (good health and well-being) was the top researched SDG for the African region, the Eastern Mediterranean regions, and the South-Eastern Asian region. For the region of the Americas, European region, and the Western Pacific region, the SDG 13 (climate action) was the most researched. The SDG 7 (affordable and clean energy) was the least researched in the African region, the region of the Americas, the European region, and the South-East Asian region. In the Eastern Mediterranean region, SDG 10 (reduced inequality) was the least researched while in the Western Pacific region, SDG 5 (gender inequality) was the least researched. The most researched targets of SDG 3 were targets 7 (sexual and reproductive health services) and 8 (universal health coverage) while the least researched targets were 5 (substance use disorders) and 9 (death from hazardous materials). International research collaboration within SDG 3 between high- and low-income countries was inadequate.

**Incorporating operational research in programmes funded by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in four sub-Saharan African countries**

The current study builds upon a previous situation analysis of the extent to which grants from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) are being utilized to support operational research and implementation research (OR/IR) activities in recipient countries. The objective of this follow-up study was to identify approaches and pathways to implement an OR component into grants to the Global Fund, in four sub-Saharan African countries. Special focus was given to the Structured Operational Research and Training Initiative (SORT IT).

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Responding to Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo
by Humanitarian Practice Network

This edition of Humanitarian Exchange, co-edited with Anne Harmer, focuses on the response to the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Although at the time of publication the outbreak appeared to have ended, over its course it claimed 2,200 lives, with more than 3,300 infected, making this the world’s second largest outbreak ever.

In the lead article, Natalie Roberts reflects on the extent to which humanitarian actors have applied learning from the outbreak in West Africa in 2014–2016. Richard Kojan and colleagues report on the NGO ALIMA’s flexible, patient-centred approach to reducing mortality, Marcela Ascuntar reflects on lessons learned from community feedback and Bernard Balibuno, Emanuel Mbuna Badjonga and Howard Mollett highlight the crucial role faith-based organisations have played in the response. In their article, Theresa Jones, Noé Kasali and Olivia Tulloch outline the work of the Bethesda counselling centre in Beni, which provides support to grieving families. Reflecting on findings from a recent assessment by Translators without Borders, Ellie Kemp describes the challenges involved in providing
clear and accessible information on Ebola and the response, and Sung Joon Park and colleagues explain how humane care and treatment can help increase trust and confidence in the response. Stephen Mugamba and his co-authors highlight the importance of community involvement in Ebola research, and Gillian McKay and her co-authors examine the impact of the Ebola outbreak and response on sexual and reproductive health services.

Stacey Mearns, Kiryn Lanning and Michelle Gayer present an Ebola Readiness Roadmap to support NGOs in preparing for an outbreak, while Edward Kumakech, Maurice Sadlier, Aidan Sinnott and Dan Irvine report on a Gap Analysis tool looking at the communication, community engagement and compliance tracking activities that need to be in place before an Ebola vaccine is deployed. Emanuele Bruni and colleagues describe the development of a new monitoring and evaluation framework for strategic response planning. The edition ends with an article by Adelicia Fairbanks, who argues for an acceptance strategy in the DRC to improve security and access for responding agencies.

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COVID-19 Update August 1, 2020

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Research Letter

Trends in HIV Preexposure Prophylaxis Prescribing in the United States, 2012-2018
Hyun Jin Song, MPharm, PhD; Patrick Squires, PharmD; Debbie Wilson, PhD; et al.

This study uses national pharmacy claims data to describes trends in prescriptions for HIV preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) overall and by specialty between 2012 and 2018.

Viewpoint

A Proposed Lottery System to Allocate Scarce COVID-19 Medications - Promoting Fairness and Generating Knowledge
Douglas B. White, MD, MAS; Derek C. Angus, MD, MPH
free access has active quiz has audio

This Viewpoint proposes creation of state-level central lotteries for allocating drugs like remdesivir to hospitalized patients with COVID-19, which, if paired with demographic and outcome registry data, would enable equitable treatment allocation and facilitate actionable intelligence about the drugs’ treatment effectiveness through a natural experiment.

Audio Clinical Review: Remdesivir and Dexamethasone for the Treatment of COVID-19

COVID-19: Beyond Tomorrow

The Dual Epidemics of COVID-19 and Influenza-Vaccine Acceptance, Coverage, and Mandates
Lawrence O. Gostin, JD; Daniel A. Salmon, MPH, PhD
free access

This Viewpoint proposes policy responses to boost influenza vaccination uptake and reduce the anticipated morbidity and mortality of an influenza–COVID-19 co-epidemic in fall 2020.

Cognitive Bias and Public Health Policy During the COVID-19 Pandemic
Scott D. Halpern, MD, PhD; Robert D. Truog, MD; Franklin G. Miller, PhD
free access
This Viewpoint reviews common cognitive biases that led health centers and the public to favor patient- over population health–oriented policy responses to the initial COVID-19 pandemic, and proposes messaging to better articulate the rationale for more effective population health responses.

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David Ian Jeffrey

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Editorial

The truth is out there, somewhere

The Lancet

The tidal wave of information on the internet concerning the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in difficulties in discerning truth from fiction. This so-called infodemic, defined by WHO as an “overabundance of information—some accurate and some not—that makes it harder for people to find trustworthy sources and reliable guidance when needed”, has become a major threat to public health. Infection rates will rise if people are confused about restrictions and patients may be harmed if they use unproven treatments or bogus remedies.

An urgent call for action to gauge, map, and develop a means of combating this problem was explored at a WHO-organised conference held across April, June, and July. The meeting, which focused on so-called infodemiology—the science behind managing infodemics—brought together experts from a range of disciplines, including epidemiology, public health, applied mathematics, and data science...

Comment

US withdrawal from WHO is unlawful and threatens global and US health and security

Lawrence O Gostin, et al

After COVID-19, a future for the world’s children?

The WHO–UNICEF–Lancet Commissioners

Perspectives

Book

Why vaccine rumours stick—and getting them unstuck

Bruce Gellin

...Heidi Larson’s compelling new book Stuck: How Vaccine Rumors Start—and Why They Don’t Go Away looks at the dynamics of the evolving debate through the lens of an anthropologist who has been studying vaccine confidence for decades. Largely written before COVID-19 surfaced, this book is timely as the world has its eyes longingly set on a COVID-19 vaccine. As Larson notes, “the quality of life that most of us enjoy today is dependent on vaccines. In many ways it is one of the biggest worldwide social experiments in collectivism and cooperation in modern times. The challenge is that it depends on a social contract whose fabric is eroding in a broader context of anti-globalization, nationalism, and populism. Vaccines can, as they have in the past, serve as a form of soft diplomacy to keep at least a fundamental level of global cooperation alive and well.”

...Larson's book draws from a vast array of findings from her Vaccine Confidence Project that has established an information surveillance system for early detection of public concerns around vaccines. From this large body of work, Larson explores several important themes in Stuck: rumour, dignity, distrust, risk, emotional contagion, choice, the power of beliefs over facts, and the power of stories over data. Her analysis of these issues covers a broad range of events, settings, and countries, including Ebola virus vaccine trials in west Africa, routine MMR vaccination in the Somali community in Minnesota, USA, human papillomavirus vaccination in Japan and Columbia, dengue vaccine introduction in the Philippines, and the ramifications of a CIA-inspired sham hepatitis vaccination campaign in Pakistan as part of the hunt for Osama bin Laden.
...But Larson asks that we do more because it isn't only about getting the facts right. As she frames the core problem: “we don't have a misinformation problem, we have a relationship problem”. The misinformation can be deleted, but the underlying distrust that has caused it and allowed it to stick remains. Rather than countering and dismissing rumours, Larson encourages the health community and other stakeholders to listen to these rumours and recognise what people are saying. These analyses can reveal deeper issues such as the feeling of being disenfranchised and not being heard. It is from these insights, she argues, “lie the cues to building new and more trusting relationships”...

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Comment
Institutionalisation and deinstitutionalisation of children: the Executive Summary from a Lancet Group Commission
Niall Boyce, Jane Godsland, Edmund Sonuga-Barke

Children in institutional settings
Anne Longfield

Lancet Group Commission
Institutionalisation and deinstitutionalisation of children 2: policy and practice recommendations for global, national, and local actors
Philip S Goldman, et al

Summary
Worldwide, millions of children live in institutions, which runs counter to both the UN-recognised right of children to be raised in a family environment, and the findings of our accompanying systematic review of the physical, neurobiological, psychological, and mental health costs of institutionalisation and the benefits of deinstitutionalisation of child welfare systems. In this part of the Commission, international experts in reforming care for children identified evidence-based policy recommendations to promote family-based alternatives to institutionalisation. Family-based care refers to caregiving by extended family or foster, kafalah (the practice of guardianship of orphaned children in Islam), or adoptive family, preferably in close physical proximity to the biological family to facilitate the continued contact of children with important individuals in their life when this is in their best interest. 14 key recommendations are addressed to multinational agencies, national governments, local authorities, and institutions. These recommendations prioritise the role of families in the lives of children to prevent child separation and to strengthen families, to protect children without parental care by providing high-quality family-based alternatives, and to strengthen systems for the protection and care of separated children. Momentum for a shift from institutional to family-based care is growing internationally—our recommendations provide a template for further action and criteria against which progress can be assessed.

Viewpoint
The effects of social deprivation on adolescent development and mental health
Amy Orben, Livia Tomova, Sarah-Jayne Blakemore

Summary
Adolescence (the stage between 10 and 24 years) is a period of life characterised by heightened sensitivity to social stimuli and the increased need for peer interaction. The physical distancing
measures mandated globally to contain the spread of COVID-19 are radically reducing adolescents' opportunities to engage in face-to-face social contact outside their household. In this interdisciplinary Viewpoint, we describe literature from a variety of domains that highlight how social deprivation in adolescence might have far-reaching consequences. Human studies have shown the importance of peer acceptance and peer influence in adolescence. Animal research has shown that social deprivation and isolation have unique effects on brain and behaviour in adolescence compared with other stages of life. However, the decrease in adolescent face-to-face contact might be less detrimental due to widespread access to digital forms of social interaction through technologies such as social media. The findings reviewed highlight how physical distancing might have a disproportionate effect on an age group for whom peer interaction is a vital aspect of development.

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**Health Policy**  
**Digital tools against COVID-19: taxonomy, ethical challenges, and navigation aid**  
Urs Gasser, Marcello Ienca, James Scheibner, Joanna Sleigh, Effy Vayena

**Summary**  
Data collection and processing via digital public health technologies are being promoted worldwide by governments and private companies as strategic remedies for mitigating the COVID-19 pandemic and loosening lockdown measures. However, the ethical and legal boundaries of deploying digital tools for disease surveillance and control purposes are unclear, and a rapidly evolving debate has emerged globally around the promises and risks of mobilising digital tools for public health. To help scientists and policy makers to navigate technological and ethical uncertainty, we present a typology of the primary digital public health applications that are in use. These include proximity and contact tracing, symptom monitoring, quarantine control, and flow modelling. For each, we discuss context-specific risks, cross-sectional issues, and ethical concerns. Finally, recognising the need for practical guidance, we propose a navigation aid for policy makers and other decision makers for the ethical development and use of digital public health tools.

**Viewpoint**  
**Applications of digital technology in COVID-19 pandemic planning and response**  
Sera Whitelaw, Mamas A Mamas, Eric Topol, Harriette G C Van Spall

**Summary**  
With high transmissibility and no effective vaccine or therapy, COVID-19 is now a global pandemic. Government-coordinated efforts across the globe have focused on containment and mitigation, with varying degrees of success. Countries that have maintained low COVID-19 per-capita mortality rates appear to share strategies that include early surveillance, testing, contact tracing, and strict quarantine. The scale of coordination and data management required for effective implementation of these strategies has—in most successful countries—relied on adopting digital technology and integrating it into policy and health care. This Viewpoint provides a framework for the application of digital technologies in pandemic management and response, highlighting ways in which successful countries have adopted these technologies for pandemic planning, surveillance, testing, contact tracing, quarantine, and health care.

**Lancet Global Health**
Liberal trade policy and food insecurity across the income distribution: an observational analysis in 132 countries, 2014–17
Pepita Barlow, Rachel Loopstra, Valerie Tarasuk, Aaron Reeves

Background
Eradicating food insecurity is necessary for achieving global health goals. Liberal trade policies might increase food supplies but how these policies influence individual-level food insecurity remains uncertain. We aimed to assess the association between liberal trade policies and food insecurity at the individual level, and whether this association varies across country-income and household-income groups.

Methods
For this observational analysis, we combined individual-level data from the Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN with a country-level trade policy index from the Konjunkturforschungsstelle Swiss Economic Institute. We examined the association between a country’s trade policy score and the probability of individuals reporting moderate-severe or severe food insecurity using regression models and algorithmic weighting procedures. We controlled for multiple covariates, including gross domestic product, democratisation level, and population size. Additionally, we examined heterogeneity by country and household income.

Results
Our sample comprised 460,102 individuals in 132 countries for the period of 2014–17. Liberal trade policy was not significantly associated with moderate-severe or severe food insecurity after covariate adjustment. However, among households in high-income countries with incomes higher than US$25,430 per person per year (adjusted for purchasing power parity), a unit increase in the trade policy index (more liberal) corresponded to a 0.07% (95% CI −0.10 to −0.04) reduction in the predicted probability of reporting moderate-severe food insecurity. Among households in the lowest income decile (<$450 per person per year) in low-income countries, a unit increase in the trade policy index was associated with a 0.35% (0.06 to 0.60) increase in the predicted probability of reporting moderate-severe food insecurity.

Interpretation
The relationship between liberal trade policy and food insecurity varied across countries and households. Liberal trade policy was predominantly associated with lower food insecurity in high-income countries but corresponded to increased food insecurity among the world’s poorest households in low-income countries.

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Achieving coordinated national immunity and cholera elimination in Haiti through vaccination: a modelling study
Elizabeth C Lee, et al

Summary
Background
Cholera was introduced into Haiti in 2010. Since then, more than 820,000 cases and nearly 10,000 deaths have been reported. Oral cholera vaccine (OCV) is safe and effective, but has not been seen as a primary tool for cholera elimination due to a limited period of protection and constrained supplies. Regionally, epidemic cholera is contained to the island of Hispaniola, and the lowest numbers of cases
since the epidemic began were reported in 2019. Hence, Haiti may represent a unique opportunity to eliminate cholera with OCV.

Methods

In this modelling study, we assessed the probability of elimination, time to elimination, and percentage of cases averted with OCV campaign scenarios in Haiti through simulations from four modelling teams. For a 10-year period from January 19, 2019, to Jan 13, 2029, we compared a no vaccination scenario with five OCV campaign scenarios that differed in geographical scope, coverage, and rollout duration. Teams used weekly department-level reports of suspected cholera cases from the Haiti Ministry of Public Health and Population to calibrate the models and used common vaccine-related assumptions, but other model features were determined independently.

Findings

Among campaigns with the same vaccination coverage (70% fully vaccinated), the median probability of elimination after 5 years was 0–18% for no vaccination, 0–33% for 2-year campaigns focused in the two departments with the highest historical incidence, 0–72% for three-department campaigns, and 35–100% for nationwide campaigns. Two-department campaigns averted a median of 12–58% of infections, three-department campaigns averted 29–80% of infections, and national campaigns averted 58–95% of infections. Extending the national campaign to a 5-year rollout (compared to a 2-year rollout), reduced the probability of elimination to 0–95% and the proportion of cases averted to 37–86%.

Interpretation

Models suggest that the probability of achieving zero transmission of Vibrio cholerae in Haiti with current methods of control is low, and that bolder action is needed to promote elimination of cholera from the region. Large-scale cholera vaccination campaigns in Haiti would offer the opportunity to synchronise nationwide immunity, providing near-term population protection while improvements to water and sanitation promote long-term cholera elimination.

Funding


Comment

Cholera remains a public health threat in Haiti
Jeannot Francois

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Editorial
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Yanfang Su, et al
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This week marks the publication of results from phase three of the Encyclopedia of DNA Elements (ENCODE) project. Nine articles in this issue of Nature, along with papers published online and in several other journals, examine the most comprehensive catalogue yet of the candidate functional elements in the human and mouse genomes. In an overview paper, the ENCODE Project Consortium offers a summary of the new elements in the encyclopedia, which have been compiled with data sets from some 6,000 experiments. Much of the work published in this issue examines DNA regions called candidate cis-regulatory elements (cCREs), which may regulate gene transcription. Three papers — from Joseph Ecker, Bing Ren, Barbara Wold and their colleagues — look at cCREs during embryonic development in the mouse. Two papers from Wouter Meuleman, Jeff Vierstra, John
Stamatoyannopoulos and colleagues map cCREs and transcription factor footprints in hundreds of human cell and tissue types. Michael Snyder and colleagues map chromatin loops in 24 human cell types; Eric Mendenhall and co-workers map the genome-wide binding of almost one-quarter of all chromatin-associated proteins active in a human liver cell line; and Brenton Graveley and colleagues integrate multiple assays to produce a comprehensive analysis of RNA-binding proteins and their functional elements. Finally, in a Perspective article, the project team puts the multiple phases of ENCODE in context.

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The Trump administration must stop sidelining the CDC
The US government needs to strengthen the agency charged with preventing the spread of disease — not undermine it.

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Review Article | 07 April 2020
Animal domestication in the era of ancient genomics
Imperfections in DNA extraction methods and sequencing technologies have led to the successful sequencing of numerous whole ancient genomes. In this Review, the authors provide an overview of how ancient DNA has informed our understanding of the domestication of various animal species, including dogs, pigs, cattle, goats and chickens.
Laurent A. F. Frantz, Daniel G. Bradley[...] & Ludovic Orlando

Review Article | 31 March 2020
Electronic health records and polygenic risk scores for predicting disease risk
Electronic health records (EHRs) linked to biobanks provide new opportunities for developing and applying polygenic risk scores in the clinic. The authors review the opportunities and challenges that arise when using EHR data for the systematic evaluation of patient disease susceptibilities.
Ruowang Li, Yong Chen[...] & Jason H. Moore

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Comment | 02 July 2020
A call to arms: helping family, friends and communities navigate the COVID-19 infodemic
In this Comment, Heidi Larson discusses the COVID-19 ‘infodemic’ and suggests the ways in which scientists can help to mitigate the spread of misinformation.
Heidi J. Larson

Comment | 17 June 2020
Optimizing safety surveillance for COVID-19 vaccines
Rebecca Chandler from the Uppsala Monitoring Centre discusses how the COVID-19 pandemic could be the catalyst that propels vaccine safety surveillance into the twenty-first century.
Rebecca E. Chandler

Viewpoint | 27 May 2020
The non-specific and sex-differential effects of vaccines
In this Viewpoint article, members of the Optimmunize consortium discuss the evidence for non-specific and sex-differential effects of vaccines and how this information might inform vaccine design and policy, including in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Peter Aaby, Christine Stabell Benn[...] & Frank Shann

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Pediatrics
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Developing a low-cost and accessible COVID-19 vaccine for global health
Peter J. Hotez, Maria Elena Bottazzi
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Overview
There is an urgent need to advance safe and affordable COVID-19 vaccines for low- and middle-income countries of Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Such vaccines rely on proven technologies such as recombinant protein–based vaccines to facilitate its transfer for emerging market vaccine manufacturers. Our group is developing a two-pronged approach to advance recombinant protein–based vaccines to prevent COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2 and other coronavirus infections. One vaccine is based on a yeast-derived (Pichia pastoris) recombinant protein comprised of the receptor-binding domain (RBD) of the SARS-CoV formulated on alum and referred to as the CoV RBD219-N1 Vaccine. Potentially, this vaccine could be used as a heterologous vaccine against COVID-19. A second vaccine specific for COVID-19 is also being advanced using the corresponding RBD of SARS-CoV-2. The first antigen has already undergone current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) manufacture and is therefore “shovel ready” for advancing into clinical trials, following vialing and required Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) toxicology testing. Evidence for its potential efficacy to cross-protect against...
SARS-CoV-2 includes cross-neutralization and binding studies using polyclonal and monoclonal antibodies. Evidence in support of its safety profile include our internal assessments in a mouse challenge model using a lethal mouse-adapted SARS strain, which shows that SARS-CoV RBD219-N1 (when adsorbed to aluminum hydroxide) does not elicit eosinophilic lung pathology. Together, these findings suggest that recombinant protein–based vaccines based on the RBD warrant further development to prevent SARS, COVID-19, or other coronaviruses of pandemic potential.

Research Article
Health services uptake among nomadic pastoralist populations in Africa: A systematic review of the literature
Victoria M. Gammino, Michael R. Diaz, Sarah W. Pallas, Abigail R. Greenleaf, Molly R. Kurnit
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Research Article
Estimation of COVID-19 spread curves integrating global data and borrowing information
Se Yoon Lee, Bowen Lei, Bani Mallick
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Historically rice-farming societies have tighter social norms in China and worldwide
Thomas Talhelm and Alexander S. English
Significance
Rice is a highly interdependent crop. Rice required far more labor than dryland crops like wheat, and rice’s irrigation networks forced farmers to coordinate water use. To deal with these demands, rice villages developed strong norms for labor exchange. Using China as a natural test case, we compare nearby provinces that differ in rice and wheat, but share the same ethnicity, religion, and national government. In survey data from over 11,000 Chinese citizens, rice-farming provinces report tighter norms than traditionally wheat-growing provinces. Rice also predicts tight norms around the world. These data suggest that China’s agricultural past still shapes cultural differences in the modern day—and perhaps explain why East Asia has tighter social norms than the wheat-growing West.

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Editorial
**Law, Ethics, and Politics in the Face of a Global Pandemic**
Angus Dawson, Marcel Verweij
Public Health Ethics, Volume 13, Issue 1, April 2020, Pages 1–3, https://doi.org/10.1093/phe/phaa023

Extract
We are in the midst of a global pandemic caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 virus. Millions of people have been infected, hundreds of thousands have died and health care systems have been stretched to breaking point. Unprecedented work is going on around the world to discover effective treatments and vaccines. In their absence, we are reliant upon traditional public health measures that aim to both prevent transmission (through the use of isolation, quarantine, physical distancing, restrictions on movement, shutting of borders, etc.) and detect infected individuals and those possibly exposed to infection (through testing and contact tracing, etc.). The implementation of such actions, particularly physical distancing, has caused massive disruption to social life and economic activity,…

**The Complex Structure of Health Rights**
Michael Da Silva
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Qualitative Health Research
Objective.
To evaluate and report the clinical characteristics and outcomes of SARS-CoV-2 infection in pregnant women and newborns in Latin America.

Methods.
Descriptive study based on the prospective report of the units of the Ibero-American Society of Neonatology Network.

Results.
Of 86 pregnant women with COVID-19 confirmed by RT-PCR in seven countries (6 from Latin America, and Equatorial Guinea) 68% (59) were asymptomatic. Of 32% of symptomatic women, 89% (24) had mild symptoms and 3.5% (3) had severe respiratory symptoms. No women died. The cesarean section rate was 38%; gestational age was < 37 weeks in 6% of cases. RT-PCR was performed on all newborns between 16 and 36 hours of age; 6 (7%) were positive. All of them presented mild and transient respiratory distress; none died. Two newborns with negative RT-PCR died from other causes. Breastfeeding was authorized in only 24% of mothers; in 13% milk was expressed and 63% of newborns were fed with formula. In 76% of cases the motherchild pair was separated, and in 95% of cases the mother could not be accompanied at delivery or during the postpartum period.

Conclusions.
The lack of maternal accompaniment, the low rate of breastfeeding and the frequent separation of the mother-child dyad are of concern. The health care team must reflect on the need to defend humanized and family-centered care during this pandemic.

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Editorial
Cautious optimism
By H. Holden Thorp
Science31 Jul 2020 : 483
Summary
The first half of 2020 has seen extraordinary accomplishments in science. The international scientific community has described the genomic sequence of the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and structures of its important proteins, elucidated principal aspects of the immune response, identified neutralizing antibodies that can serve as therapeutics, and developed promising vaccines. There is much more to learn about COVID-19 and its cause, but the achievements so far are remarkable. So why doesn't this progress feel like the triumph that it is?

Policy Forum
COVID-19 risks to global food security
By David Laborde, Will Martin, Johan Swinnen, Rob Vos
Science31 Jul 2020 : 500-502 Full Access
Economic fallout and food supply chain disruptions require attention from policy-makers
Summary
As the COVID-19 pandemic progresses, trade-offs have emerged between the need to contain the virus and to avoid disastrous economic and food security crises that hurt the world's poor and hungry most. Although no major food shortages have emerged as yet, agricultural and food markets are facing disruptions because of labor shortages created by restrictions on movements of people and shifts in food demand resulting from closures of restaurants and schools as well as from income losses. Export restrictions imposed by some countries have disrupted trade flows for staple foods such as wheat and rice. The pandemic is affecting all four pillars of food security (1): availability (is the supply of food adequate?), access (can people obtain the food they need?), utilization (do people have enough intake of nutrients?), and stability (can people access food at all times?). COVID-19 is most directly and severely impacting access to food, even though impacts are also felt through disruptions to availability;
shifts in consumer demand toward cheaper, less nutritious foods; and food price instability. We outline the main threats COVID-19 poses to food security and suggest critical responses that policy-makers should consider to prevent this global health crisis from becoming a global food crisis.

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**Perspective**

**Scientific considerations for global drug development**
By Jennifer L. Wilson, Kit Wun Kathy Cheung, Lawrence Lin, Elizabeth A. E. Green, Analia I. Porrás, Ling Zou, David Mukanga, Paul A. Akpa, Delese Mimi Darko, Rae Yuan, Sheng Ding, Wiltshire C. N. Johnson, Howard A. Lee, Emer Cooke, Carl C. Peck, Steven E. Kern, Dan Hartman, Yoshikazu Hayashi, Peter W. Marks, Russ B. Altman, Murray M. Lumpkin, Kathleen M. Giacomini, Terrence F. Blaschke
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**Abstract**
Requiring regional or in-country confirmatory clinical trials before approval of drugs already approved elsewhere delays access to medicines in low- and middle-income countries and raises drug costs. Here, we discuss the scientific and technological advances that may reduce the need for in-country or in-region clinical trials for drugs approved in other countries and limitations of these advances that could necessitate in-region clinical studies.

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**Discussion  Open access**

**Stigma in African genomics research: Gendered blame, polygamy, ancestry and disease causal beliefs impact on the risk of harm**
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Article 113091

**Highlights**
:: Gendered blame, polygamy and supernatural causal beliefs relate to stigma.
:: African genomics research intersects with pre-existing stigma and may cause harm.
:: Genomics can reveal sensitive information about group ancestry.
:: Genomics researchers need to be culturally competent to minimize risk of harm.

**Abstract**
A recurring concern in genomics research is the possibility that it could lead to stigma for participants, their families and the population groups they belong to. Little evidence exists to explain how and when this ought to be a concern in genomics research in Africa whilst there is growing international evidence drawing into question the direct link between stigma and genetics. In this paper, we interrogate practical instances from African genomics research where stigma was identified as a concern in an attempt to nuance and refine accounts of when stigma should be considered as an ethical issue. The paper describes examples involving gendered blame, polygamy, beliefs in supernatural disease causation and sensitive information about group lineage. We propose that the concern may not be about stigma so much as broader research-related harm, including for instance reputational harm to population groups. Furthermore, we propose to shift the analytical gaze from establishing causal relationships to exploring the intersection of genomics with pre-existing stigma. Finally, we emphasize
the importance of ensuring genomics researchers are culturally competent, meaning able to recognise when cultural factors impact on the possibility that genomics research could cause harm.

Research article  Abstract only

Forced migration experiences, mental well-being, and nail cortisol among recently settled refugees in Serbia
Jelena Jankovic-Rankovic, Rahul C. Oka, Jerrold S. Meyer, Lee T. Gettler
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Read about how organizational culture can advance social good, how researchers convinced the Indian government to adopt same-language subtitling for mass literacy, how corporate foundations can align with their companies, how artificial intelligence can apply causal models to become more effective, and other topics in the Summer 2020 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review.

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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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