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## **:: Week in Review**

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

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## **Myanmar – Rohingya**

### **Joint Statement on Myanmar**

***Joint statement by the UK, Belgium, the Dominican Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Tunisia, and the United States after Security Council consultations on Myanmar***

Updated: 11 September 2020

[1] Belgium, the Dominican Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Tunisia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America welcome the briefings on the situation in Myanmar provided by UN Special Envoy for Myanmar Christine Schraner Burgener, UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi, and Assistant Secretary-General and Regional Director of the UN Development Programme Kanni Wignaraja today.

[2] As committed supporters of Myanmar's democratic transition, we recognise the efforts made by Myanmar's government in the country's democratisation. The elections on 8 November are an important milestone in Myanmar's transition, which the international community has supported with funding and technical expertise. We underline the importance of ensuring individuals of all communities, including Rohingya, are able to participate safely, fully, and equally in credible and inclusive elections.

[3] In this regard, we are concerned by the continued clashes between the Myanmar military and the Arakan Army in Rakhine and Chin States and by the heavy toll this continues to take on local communities. Recalling the UN Secretary-General's call for a global ceasefire as supported by Security Council Resolution 2532, we call for an immediate cessation of hostilities and a halt to all activities that risk fuelling or escalating the situation. **We also call for safe, full, and unhindered humanitarian access to all vulnerable populations and the full restoration of internet access in the affected areas.**

**[4] These steps are even more urgent in light of the increased number of Covid-19 cases in Rakhine State.** We reiterate our support to Myanmar in combating the global pandemic and support the positive steps taken so far, including Myanmar's public awareness campaign, the Covid-19 Economic Relief Plan, and the joint commission to coordinate the efforts of the government and ethnic armed organisations.

**[5] On the situation in Rakhine more broadly, it is now more than three years since over 700,000 Rohingya refugees were forcibly displaced from their homes to Bangladesh because of violence perpetrated by the Myanmar military.** In line with Security Council Presidential Statement 2017/22, we call on Myanmar to accelerate its efforts to address the long-term

causes of the crisis in Rakhine and create conditions conducive to the safe, voluntary, sustainable, and dignified return of refugees.

[6] In particular, we encourage Myanmar to set out a transparent and credible plan to implement the recommendations of the Rakhine Advisory Commission and the Independent Commission of Enquiry. Furthermore, we recall that Myanmar is under the obligation to comply with the provisional measures order of the International Court of Justice. We also encourage Myanmar to take immediate confidence-building steps that include lifting restrictions on access to health, education and basic services, lifting restrictions on freedom of movement, and implementing the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camp closure strategy in Rakhine in line with international standards. Moreover, we encourage Myanmar to intensify its bilateral dialogue with Bangladesh to agree a durable solution that enables the safe, voluntary, sustainable, and dignified return of refugees. We stand ready to support Myanmar in these efforts and commend the work of the United Nations system, ASEAN and its Ad Hoc Support Team and other regional partners in doing so too.

**[7] We underscore that accountability is an essential part of addressing the long-term challenges in Myanmar and in creating conditions for the return of refugees and IDPs.** We stress the importance of fighting impunity and holding accountable all those responsible for violations of international law and abuses, and call on Myanmar to cooperate with all international justice mechanisms, including the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar.

[8] Finally, we reiterate our appreciation and support to the government and people of Bangladesh for continuing to provide protection and assistance to the refugees forcibly displaced from Myanmar. We call on the international community to increase its support, including through the UN Joint Humanitarian Response Plan. We also urge all states in the region to cooperate and provide protection and assistance to refugees in line with international obligations, including as applicable international refugee law and the principle of non-refoulement.

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## **ICC Sanctions by U.S.**

### **[The Trust Fund for Victims: US Sanctions Could Deprive Victims of Reparative Justice](#)**

International Criminal Court (ICC)

*Press Release* 8 September 2020

The Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) at the International Criminal Court (ICC) deplores the recent United States sanctions imposed on two ICC officials, which may thwart the rights of victims to receive justice and reparations for the harm they suffered.

Reparative justice for victims of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community is dependent on the ability of the ICC to hold perpetrators of these crimes accountable.

The TFV Board of Directors stands in solidarity with the ICC and reminds all States and everyone that unimaginable atrocities continue to shake the conscience of humanity. Now more than ever before, unqualified moral, political and financial support is needed towards the universal achievement of the goals of Rome Statute. This must include reparative justice for the benefit of victims, their families and their communities.

[Visit the website at: [www.trustfundforvictims.org](http://www.trustfundforvictims.org) ]

*The International Criminal Court (ICC) investigates and, where warranted, tries individuals charged with the gravest crimes of concern to the international community: genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and the crime of aggression.*

*The Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) is the first of its kind in the global movement to end impunity for the gravest of crimes and alleviate suffering. The establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC) on 1 July 2002 resulted in the creation of the TFV under article 79 of the Rome Statute.*

*The role of the TFV is to ensure victims' rights to reparations and assistance are realised in the international criminal justice system.*

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## Featured Journal Content

### The Lancet

Sep 12, 2020 Volume 396 Number 10253 p735-798, e25-e29

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

Editorial

### [Global collaboration for health: rhetoric versus reality](#)

The Lancet

The 75th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) opens on Sept 15, 2020. Being held remotely for the first time, the meeting will inevitably be dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic, but other issues on the agenda that have resonance for global health include the climate crisis, peace, disarmament, and humanitarian assistance. Underpinning this year's agenda is the UN theme of multilateralism, under the banner "The future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism". Yet the meeting comes at a time when global collaboration and cooperation are in disarray.

The UNGA is traditionally built on bold rhetoric of global collaboration and exhaustive debate over some of the world's most intractable problems. **But rather than expressing a shared vision for a common future, countries are now undermining global cooperation through rising nationalism, open hostility towards multilateral institutions, and a growing tendency to look after their own interests—eg, rushing to secure supplies of potential COVID-19 vaccines. Health is precariously caught in the middle of these tensions. Science has become increasingly politicised, with multiple and conflicted interests at play, and often little sense of solidarity within or between nations.**

**An immediate casualty of these opposing forces is the global effort towards vaccines for COVID-19.** COVAX, the COVID-19 Global Access Facility, is led by WHO; Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance; and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, and aims to rapidly develop and equitably distribute effective vaccines. Variable commitment to COVAX reflects the tension between nationalism and collaboration. **170 countries plan to participate, but the USA, for one, is opting not to join COVAX. Instead, the USA has secured bilateral deals with several pharmaceutical companies for millions of doses of promising COVID-19 vaccines. Similar deals have been struck by Australia, the EU, and the UK. In July, Médecins Sans Frontières warned that**

**“These bilateral deals will reduce the initial global vaccine stocks available for vulnerable groups in poorer countries and undermine global efforts to ensure fair allocation”.**

Insufficient collaboration is also jeopardising the Pan American Health Organization, with many member states, including Brazil, Venezuela, and Mexico, withholding essential funding at a time when Latin America is under mounting pressure from COVID-19. Meanwhile, the USA continues its deeply disappointing withdrawal from WHO.

The climate emergency is another subject on which rhetoric has fallen flat in the face of nationalistic inaction. The global response to COVID-19 depends heavily on the idea of creating a better future for human and planetary health, and commitment to this approach is non-negotiable for sustainable recovery. It is disappointing that the UNGA's formal general agenda does not more extensively cover climate change beyond the item “Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind”, although there is a Summit on Biodiversity on Sept 30, as well as activities across New York City.

Hopefully, the summit will also return the UNGA's focus to the Sustainable Development Goals, which must still be met by 2030, and to defining a post-2020 biodiversity framework. An early indication that nations might work to protect health in the face of climate change as laid out in this year's WHO manifesto for a healthy and green recovery from COVID-19 is seen in the commitment to the Resilient Recovery Platform. Launched in Japan on Sept 3, 2020, the platform is a global sharing of policy and actions to address the response to COVID-19 coupled with the response to the climate emergency, with stakeholders such as governments, businesses, non-governmental organisations, and civil society. The participation of 80 countries shows a willingness to engage in overhauling socioeconomic models towards a sustainable future. But will it be translated into action?

**Global solidarity cannot be garnered through rhetoric alone. COVID-19 has brought into clear view that every person's health is interconnected, and the UNGA is a platform with the power to reorientate global interests in such a way as to protect the health and lives of all people in every nation.** The need for global cooperation has never been more visible or more crucial. Unfortunately, the UN has so far in 2020 not been able to transform rhetoric into reality. This should give pause for serious reflection. Global crises call for global responses, and we have yet to see them.

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### **COVID-19 Impacts – Fragile States**

#### **Weakest, Most Fragile States Will Be Those Worst Affected by COVID-19 in Medium, Long Term, Humanitarian Chief Tells Security Council**

9 September 2020 SC/14296

Top peacekeeping and humanitarian affairs officials warned the Security Council during a 9 September videoconference meeting\* that wide-ranging implications of the COVID-19 pandemic could erode peace and push more conflict-affected nations onto its agenda.

Mark Lowcock, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, briefing the Council on the implementation of resolution 2532 (2020) that called for a global ceasefire

amid the pandemic, said **the weakest, most fragile and conflict-affected countries will be those worst affected by COVID-19 in the medium and long term. “Woefully inadequate economic and political action will lead to greater instability and conflicts in the coming years; more crises will be on this Council’s agenda,”** he said. **“While we may have been surprised by the virus, we cannot say the same of the security and humanitarian crises that most certainly lay ahead if we don’t change course.”**

With more than 26 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally, he said “the virus is everywhere”. More than 860,000 people have died, roughly a third of these cases and fatalities in countries affected by humanitarian or refugee crises, or those facing high levels of vulnerability. Indirect effects of the crisis will be higher poverty, lower life expectancy, more starvation, less education and more child death. Likewise, given recent research findings, the risks of conflict, instability, insecurity, violence and population displacement are rising, he said, adding that “the agenda of this Council, which you may think is big enough already, is set to grow; that may be one of the main lasting effects of the pandemic.”

In addition, **these indirect consequences “are dwarfing the impact of the virus itself”,** he cautioned. **Vaccination campaigns have been disrupted in 45 countries facing humanitarian or refugee crises or high levels of vulnerability from other causes, putting more than 80 million children under the age of one at risk of vaccine-preventable diseases. Meanwhile, the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) report that food insecurity is spiking, with 27 countries at risk.** More than half a billion children in humanitarian crises and fragile contexts have been affected by school closures, many girls now unable to go to school will never go back and gender-based violence is increasing as services have been curtailed.

“There is little dispute about what ought to be done,” he said. While the Group of 20 and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) nations have adopted \$10 trillion in domestic stimulus measures to protect their populations, low-income and fragile countries do not have the resources. They rely on support from elsewhere, but **only 7 per cent of the \$143 billion in financing from the international financial institutions has been committed to low-income countries. This alarmingly low level of support increases the likelihood of the pandemic generating dangerous long-term consequences,** he said, underlining the critical role international financial institutions can play. Indeed, recent experience has shown that costs to taxpayers are minimal because the resources can largely be generated off the international financial institutions’ own balance sheets.

Turning to the response of humanitarian agencies, he said the Secretary-General’s launch in March of the United Nations coordinated **Global Humanitarian Response Plan for COVID-19 now seeks \$10 billion over the next six months to support 250 million people in 63 countries.** Expressing appreciation at having raised around \$2.4 billion since March, he outlined some ongoing efforts, including personal protective equipment for 730,000 health workers, information on the virus and protection instructions for more than 1 billion people in nearly 60 countries and distance learning for almost 100 million children. However, the Secretary-General’s repeated calls on Member States and others to facilitate the movement of humanitarian personnel and cargo have not been adequately heeded, violence against health workers is rising and aid workers are also vulnerable to the virus. The number of confirmed cases among United Nations staff alone runs into the thousands, and the death toll is mounting. Where possible, those who are most sick are evacuated to

places where they can get good medical care, but, too often, that does not happen, he said, paying tribute to those taking extraordinary risks with their own welfare in the desire to help others...

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## **COVID-19 – Social Protection**

**Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Latest News*

### **[COVID-19: UN poverty expert says social protection measures “full of holes”, urges global rethink](#)**

GENEVA (11 September 2020) – The UN’s independent expert on extreme poverty said in a report published today that while governments have adopted more than 1,400 social protection measures since the outbreak of COVID-19 they were largely insufficient, and warned the worst impacts on poverty were yet to come.

“The social safety nets put into place are full of holes,” said Olivier De Schutter, calling on world leaders at the UN General Assembly in New York to strengthen measures to help the poor. “These current measures are generally short-term, the funding is insufficient, and many people will inevitably fall between the cracks.”

The economic downturn resulting from the pandemic is unprecedented in times of peace since the Great Depression, he said, adding another 176 million people could fall into poverty when using a poverty baseline of 3.20 USD/day. This is equivalent to an increase in the poverty rate of 2.3 percentage points compared to a no-COVID-19 scenario.

World Bank data covering 113 countries show that US\$589bn have been pledged for social protection, representing about 0.4 percent of the world’s GDP. However, the expert’s report says those initiatives will fail to prevent people falling into poverty. Many of the poorest people are excluded from the social protection schemes that are meant to support them.

**“Many schemes require forms to be completed online and exclude large groups of the population who have no internet access or who have only weak digital literacy,” De Schutter said.**

**“Some schemes impose conditions impossible to fulfil for people in precarious forms of employment or without a permanent address. Migrants, especially undocumented migrants, often are not covered. And although some schemes have been designed to cover workers in the informal sector and in precarious forms of employment, many do not.”**

**There are 1.6 billion informal workers and 0.4 billion precarious workers worldwide, representing 61 percent of the global workforce.**

De Schutter said most of the programmes were now being phased out, or can only be renewed through parliamentary processes with uncertain outcomes. “Families in poverty have by now used up

whatever reserves they had, and sold their assets,” he said. “The worst impacts of the crisis on poverty are still to come.”

Even where programs are still in place, the allowances often are grossly insufficient to guarantee a decent standard of living.

The independent expert called upon world leaders to seize the moment, by calling for the establishment of strong social protection floors guided by human rights principles, to make them more effective in eradicating poverty and in reducing inequalities.

*Mr. Olivier De Schutter was appointed as the UN [Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights](#) by the UN Human Rights Council on 1st May 2020.*

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## Featured Journal Content

### Lancet Public Health

Sep 2020 Volume 5 Number 9 e460-e511

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

*Editorial*

#### [Will the COVID-19 pandemic threaten the SDGs?](#)

The Lancet Public Health

The UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted in 2015, provide an international framework to move by 2030 toward more equitable, peaceful, resilient, and prosperous societies—while living within sustainable planetary boundaries. As the UN celebrates its 75th anniversary and a third of the SDG timeline has passed, [The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2020](#)—prepared by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs in collaboration with experts and international agencies—tells a story of tentative but insufficient progress, and warns of the regressive impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

**According to the report, COVID-19 threatens to reverse the progress of SDG 3, which aims to ensure healthy lives and wellbeing for all. During the crisis, 70 countries have halted childhood vaccination programmes,** and in many places, health services for cancer screening, family planning, or non-COVID-19 infectious diseases have been interrupted or are being neglected. Health service disruptions could reverse decades of improvement, warns the report. Allowing people to slip through these service gaps could affect population health for years to come.

Even before COVID-19 the world was off track to end poverty by 2030 under SDG 1, with projections suggesting that 6% of the global population would still be living in extreme poverty in 2030. Now, an estimated 71 million additional people could be living in extreme poverty due to COVID-19. Although income inequality has been falling in some countries, a global economic recession in the wake of the pandemic could push millions back into poverty and exacerbate inequalities. The most susceptible groups are being hit hardest by the pandemic, threatening SDG 10. Similarly, the ambition under SDG 2 to end hunger was faltering before COVID-19—the population affected by food insecurity had risen between 2014 and 2018—but the COVID-19 crisis has added to pressure on production, supply chains, and household incomes, with the poorest being most affected. Access to water and sanitation (SDG 6)

remains a major health issue. 2.2 billion people remain without safe drinking water and the COVID-19 crisis has highlighted lack of access to sanitation for billions.

**Tackling global poverty and water and food scarcity is intrinsically linked to mitigating climate and land-use change. However, as the SDGs report shows, the world is off track to meet the goals toward environmental sustainability encompassed by SDGs 7–9 and 11–15.**

Most countries are not meeting their commitments to limit greenhouse gas emissions. We are in danger of missing targets to improve urban environments by reducing the number of people living in slums, increasing access to public transport, and reducing air pollution. Aims towards sustainable and inclusive economic growth, energy provision, and infrastructure development had all been falling short before COVID-19 and face considerable setbacks in the shadow of an economic recession.

**The aim of SDG 4—to achieve inclusive and equitable access to education—also looks likely to be missed**, with a projection that more than 200 million children will still be out of education by 2030. Most of the world's children have been deprived of formal education during the COVID-19 outbreak—a legacy that could threaten the SDGs' underlying ambition to leave no one behind. The world has made progress on SDG 5's gender equality goals, with fewer girls being forced into early marriage and more women entering leadership roles. However, women's wellbeing has suffered during the COVID-19 outbreak, with incidences of domestic violence increasing by 30% in some countries and a greater demand on women for unpaid care work.

**Finally, reaching the SDGs will be impossible without international cooperation. The political tensions stoked by COVID-19 and a trend toward hardening of national borders could threaten SDG 16 to promote peace and safety from violence and SDG 17 to strengthen international partnerships.**

Achieving the transformative vision of the SDGs by 2030 requires a major realignment of most countries' national priorities toward long-term, cooperative, and drastically accelerated action. For António Guterres, UN Secretary-General, "Everything we do during and after this crisis must be with a strong focus on building more equal, inclusive and sustainable economies and societies that are more resilient in the face of pandemics, climate change, and the many other global challenges we face." The intersecting challenges of health and sustainability might never have been clearer: an opportunity not to be missed.

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## **Governance, Science, Regulation**

*Press Release*

### **[Biopharma Leaders Unite to Stand with Science](#)**

*Nine CEOs sign historic pledge to continue to make the safety and well-being of vaccinated individuals the top priority in development of the first COVID-19 vaccines*

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Sep. 8, 2020 The CEOs of AstraZeneca, BioNTech, GlaxoSmithKline plc), Johnson & Johnson, Merck, known as MSD outside the United States and Canada, Moderna, Inc., Novavax, Inc., Pfizer Inc., and Sanofi today announced a historic pledge, outlining a united commitment to uphold the integrity of the scientific process as they work towards potential global

regulatory filings and approvals of the first COVID-19 vaccines. All nine CEOs signed the following pledge:

**“We, the undersigned biopharmaceutical companies, want to make clear our on-going commitment to developing and testing potential vaccines for COVID-19 in accordance with high ethical standards and sound scientific principles.**

“The safety and efficacy of vaccines, including any potential vaccine for COVID-19, is reviewed and determined by expert regulatory agencies around the world, such as the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). FDA has established clear guidance for the development of COVID-19 vaccines and clear criteria for their potential authorization or approval in the US. FDA’s guidance and criteria are based on the scientific and medical principles necessary to clearly demonstrate the safety and efficacy of potential COVID-19 vaccines. More specifically, the agency requires that scientific evidence for regulatory approval must come from large, high quality clinical trials that are randomized and observer-blinded, with an expectation of appropriately designed studies with significant numbers of participants across diverse populations.

“ Following guidance from expert regulatory authorities such as FDA regarding the development of COVID-19 vaccines, consistent with existing standards and practices, and in the interest of public health, we pledge to:

- :: Always make the safety and well-being of vaccinated individuals our top priority.
- :: Continue to adhere to high scientific and ethical standards regarding the conduct of clinical trials and the rigor of manufacturing processes.
- :: Only submit for approval or emergency use authorization after demonstrating safety and efficacy through a Phase 3 clinical study that is designed and conducted to meet requirements of expert regulatory authorities such as FDA.
- :: Work to ensure a sufficient supply and range of vaccine options, including those suitable for global access.

“We believe this pledge will help ensure public confidence in the rigorous scientific and regulatory process by which COVID-19 vaccines are evaluated and may ultimately be approved.”

Together, these nine companies have collectively developed more than 70 novel vaccines that have helped to eradicate some of the world’s most complex and deadly public health threats, underscoring their experience in clinical development and regulatory rigor, as well as their longstanding commitments to patient safety and public health.

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## **EMERGENCIES**

### **Coronavirus [COVID-19]**

*Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*

### ***Weekly Epidemiological and Operational updates***

last update: 11 September 2020, 20:00 GMT-4

**Confirmed cases** :: 28 329 790 [week ago: 26 468 031]

**Confirmed deaths ::** 911 877 [week ago: 871 166]

### [Weekly Operational Update](#)

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)  
9 September 2020

### [Weekly Epidemiological Update](#)

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)  
7 September 2020

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## **Emergencies**

### **POLIO**

*Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*

### [Polio this week as of 09 September 2020](#)

#### ***Summary of new WPV and cVDPV viruses this week (AFP cases and environmental samples):***

**:: Afghanistan:** Four WPV1 cases

**:: Pakistan:** Three WPV1 cases and 17 WPV1 positive environmental samples

**:: Chad:** three cVDPV2 cases

**:: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo):** 15 cVDPV2 cases

**:: Sudan:** eight cVDPV2 case

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#### *Statement*

### [Polio programme accelerates efforts to respond to new polio outbreaks in Sudan and Yemen](#)

*Joint statement by WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Region Dr Ahmed Al Mandhari and UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa Region Ted Chaiban AMMAN/CAIRO, 11 September 2020 - "The recent vaccine-derived polio outbreaks confirmed in Yemen and Sudan are consequences of increasingly low levels of immunity among children. Each outbreak has paralysed children in areas that have been extremely difficult if not impossible to reach with routine or supplementary polio vaccination for extended periods of time.*

**"These outbreaks do not come as a total surprise.** In Sudan, extensive population movement by nomadic communities, people displaced by conflict, frequent movement between neighbouring countries and restricted access in some areas have made it enormously difficult to reach every child with vaccines. The cases in Yemen are clustered in the Sa'adah Governorate in the war-ravaged country's north-west, an area that has very low routine immunization levels and has been inaccessible to the polio programme for more than two years. The last house-to-house campaigns in this area were in November 2018...

...The outbreaks in Sudan and Yemen are the first new polio outbreaks in the COVID-19 era in our region. WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Region is also responding to circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus outbreaks in Somalia, Afghanistan and Pakistan. We know that when national authorities, communities and polio programme partners pull together, we can end outbreaks – just as we did in Syria in 2018. But if we cannot reach every child across these regions with life-saving vaccine, we fear that even more countries will see children tragically and permanently paralysed by a disease that can – and must – be stopped...

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## **Emergencies**

### **Ebola – DRC+**

Last *WHO Situation Report* published 23 June 2020

Last *WHO DON* published 3 July 2020

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### **WHO Grade 3 Emergencies** [to 12 Sep 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*

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### **WHO Grade 2 Emergencies** [to 12 Sep 2020]

#### **Iraq**

:: WHO Iraq frontline workers tackling COVID-19 with community sensitizations and engagements

WHO Iraq frontline workers tackling COVID-19 with community sensitizations and engagements 9 September 2020

#### **Niger**

:: L'Afrique certifiée libre du poliovirus sauvage : un évènement historique suivi au N...

07 septembre 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*  
Libya - *No new digest announcements identified*  
Malawi Floods - *No new digest announcements identified*  
Measles in Europe - *No new digest announcements identified*  
MERS-CoV - *No new digest announcements identified*  
Mozambique - *No new digest announcements identified*  
Myanmar - *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*

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#### **WHO Grade 1 Emergencies** [to 12 Sep 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*

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#### **UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies**

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

##### **Syrian Arab Republic**

:: Recent Developments in Northwest Syria - Situation Report No. 20 - As of 9 September 2020

##### **Yemen**

:: 09 September 2020 Yemen: COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Monthly Report (August 2020)

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#### **UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies**

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

##### **COVID-19**

:: Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report 43: occupied Palestinian territory, issued 10 September 2020, information for period: 5 March - 10 September 2020

##### **East Africa Locust Infestation**

- *No new digest announcements identified*

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

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

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

[to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements*

11 September 2020

SG/SM/20243

**[Urging Steady Investment in Peace Dividend, Secretary-General Presents 2020 Report to General Assembly, Security Council](#)**

11 September 2020

SG/SM/20244

**[Calling on Belarus Authorities to Refrain from Using Force against Protestors, Secretary-General Says Only Inclusive Dialogue Can Resolve Crisis](#)**

10 September 2020

SG/SM/20240

**[Secretary-General Hails Efforts by ACT-Accelerator Partners to End Pandemic, Calls for Financial Infusion So That Research, Therapeutics Roll-Out Can Continue](#)**

10 September 2020

SC/14297

**[Issuing Presidential Statement, Security Council Expresses Grave Concern about Increase in Attacks on Schools, Underlines Education's Contribution to Peace](#)**

The Security Council today urged Member States to develop effective measures to prevent and address attacks and threats against schools, including by developing domestic legal frameworks.

9 September 2020

SC/14296

**[Weakest, Most Fragile States Will Be Those Worst Affected by COVID-19 in Medium, Long Term, Humanitarian Chief Tells Security Council](#)**

**UN OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Top News*

**[Press briefing notes on Cambodia](#)**

## [UN Human Rights Chief calls for independent investigation into poisoning of Alexei Navalny](#)

### [Press briefing notes on Pakistan](#)

**United Nations Human Rights Council** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

### [UN Group of Eminent International and Regional Experts on Yemen releases their third report Yemen: A Pandemic of Impunity in a Tortured Land](#)

09/09/2020

... In its report, the Group of Experts has established that all parties to the conflict have continued to commit a range of violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law, noting a consistent pattern of harm to civilians that not only occurs in the context of hostilities, but also away from the front lines.

The Group of Experts stressed that there are no clean hands in this conflict. The responsibility for violations rests with all parties to the conflict. In its findings, the report concluded that violations have been committed by the Government of Yemen, the Houthis, the Southern Transitional Council, as well as members of the Coalition, which is led by Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates...

### [Human Rights Council to hold forty-fifth session](#)

08/09/2020

**Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Latest News*

**[COVID-19: UN poverty expert says social protection measures “full of holes”, urges global rethink](#)**

11 September 2020

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

**Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Latest news*

**[Land-grabbing in Asia displaces indigenous peoples and destroys environment, says UN rights expert](#)**

8 September 2020

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

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN OCHA** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

08 September 2020

**[On the first International Day to Protect Education from Attack, UN urges Nigeria to prioritise school safety, learners' protection](#)**

**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNICEF** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected Press releases/Announcements*

*Statement*

09/11/2020

**[UNICEF statement on children affected by the Moria camp fire on Lesbos Island, Greece](#)**

*Statement*

09/11/2020

**[Polio programme accelerates efforts to respond to new polio outbreaks in Sudan and Yemen](#)**

Joint statement by WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Region Dr Ahmed Al Mandhari and UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa Region Ted Chaiban

*Statement*

09/10/2020

**[UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore's remarks at the UN Security Council Open Debate on Children and Armed Conflict: Attacks against schools as a grave violation of children's rights](#)**

This is a summary of what was said by Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director – to whom quoted text may be attributed – at today's Security Council Open Debate at the United Nations in New York. Checked against delivery.

*Press release*

09/10/2020

**[The Time to Prepare for COVID-19 Vaccine Transport is Now](#)**

*[See COVID-19 above for detail]*

*Statement*

09/10/2020

**[Remarks by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore at the 2020 Executive Board Session](#)**

*Press release*

09/09/2020

**[More than half a million children under five in Burkina Faso are acutely malnourished – UNICEF](#)**

*Statement*

09/09/2020

**[UNICEF statement on fire at Moria Camp in Lesbos, Greece](#)**

*Press release*

09/08/2020

**[COVID-19 could reverse decades of progress toward eliminating preventable child deaths, agencies warn](#)**

With the number of under-five deaths at an all-time recorded low of 5.2 million in 2019, disruptions in child and maternal health services due to the COVID-19 pandemic are putting millions of additional lives at stake

**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected Announcements*

**[UNHCR shocked by fires at Moria asylum center, ramping up support for affected asylum seekers](#)**

11 September 2020

**[UNHCR welcomes the life-saving disembarkation of 300 Rohingya refugees in Indonesia](#)**

News Comment by UNHCR Director for Asia and the Pacific, Indrika Ratwatte

07 September 2020

**[ICS, UNHCR and IOM call on States to end humanitarian crisis onboard ship in the Mediterranean](#)**

07 September 2020

**IOM / International Organization for Migration** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected Announcements*

**[Enhanced Solidarity Critical as COVID-19 Spreads in World's Most Vulnerable Communities](#)**

2020-09-11 16:48

Geneva – Eight months from the onset of the COVID-19 outbreak, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is calling on the international community to accelerate support for efforts to mitigate and combat the illness's impact on migrants, displaced persons and returnees...

**[Germany Provides EUR 2,000,000 to Support IOM's COVID-19 Response in Bangladesh](#)**

2020-09-11 16:42

Dhaka – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) will expand the provision of essential health services to Rohingya refugees and vulnerable members of the host community, and further its support to the Government of Bangladesh's efforts to build capacity at Points of...

**[IOM Mobilizes Emergency Assistance and Transfer of Children After Fire at Moria Camp, Lesbos](#)**

2020-09-09 11:07

Athens - The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is saddened by the tragic fire that broke out overnight (09-09) at the Moria Reception and Identification Center (RIC) on the Greek island of Lesbos. While initial reports suggest that there are no fatalities, over 12,...

**[African Development Bank to Engage Burundian Diaspora in Tackling Youth Unemployment](#)**

2020-09-08 16:25 Bujumbura – For many migrant-sending countries in Africa, the diaspora is a source of remittances, knowledge, skills and investment. Burundi is the latest country seeking to harness the potential of some half million nationals residing today in nearby countries, as well as many...

**UNAIDS** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements*

9 September 2020

**[Cash donations for people who use drugs during COVID-19 in Bangladesh](#)**

**WHO & Regional Offices** [to 12 Sep 2020]

10 September 2020

*Statement*

**[Statement from the first ACT-Accelerator Facilitation Council meeting](#)**

*[See Milestones above for detail]*

*News release*

**[Coronavirus Global Response: Access to COVID-19 Tools-Accelerator Facilitation Council holds inaugural meeting](#)**

:: United Nations Secretary General António Guterres appeals for a quantum leap in funding for the ACT-Accelerator, a global solution to get the world moving, working and prospering again

:: H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa, President of South Africa, and H.E. Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway, co-chair the ACT-Acceleration Facilitation Council

:: Global leaders – including over 30 heads of state and ministers – release [statement of commitment](#) to galvanizing support for the ACT-Accelerator and the need for the financial resources required to leave no one behind

:: ACT-Accelerator calculates that \$35 billion is still required to give all countries the tools needed to end the pandemic as quickly as possible

9 September 2020 *News release*

**[COVID-19 could reverse decades of progress toward eliminating preventable child deaths, agencies warn](#)**

9 September 2020 *News release*

**[More than 3 billion people protected from harmful trans fat in their food](#)**

8 September 2020 *News release*

**[WHO calls for global action on sepsis - cause of 1 in 5 deaths worldwide](#)**

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**[Weekly Epidemiological Record, 11 September 2020, vol. 95, 37 \(pp. 441–448\)](#)**

Cholera 2019

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**WHO Regional Offices**

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

**[WHO African Region AFRO](#)**

- :: [COVID-19 genome sequencing laboratory network launches in Africa](#) 10 September 2020
- :: [Noncommunicable diseases increase risk of dying from COVID-19 in Africa](#) 10 September 2020

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

*No new digest content identified*

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

*No new digest content identified*

### **WHO European Region EURO**

- :: [Digital health: transforming and extending the delivery of health services](#) 09-09-2020
- :: [WHO Regional Director for Europe gives update on the work of the Regional Office ahead of virtual Regional Committee](#) 09-09-2020
- :: [Health priorities for the European Region and COVID-19 in focus at WHO annual meeting](#) 08-09-2020
- :: [A new international day to celebrate clean air – and a sustainable recovery from COVID-19](#) 07-09-2020

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

- :: [WHO provides medical supplies to Sudan following major flooding](#) 9 September 2020
- :: [UNICEF, WHO support Sudan's efforts to end vaccine-derived polio outbreak](#) 8 September 2020

### **WHO Western Pacific Region**

*No new digest content identified*

### **World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Latest from News Centre*

### **UN Day for South-South Cooperation**

This event offers us an opportunity to highlight the inherent power of South-South and triangular cooperation to help countries respond decisively to global challenges like COVID-19 -- and to advance...

Posted on September 10, 2020

### **UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Publications*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

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

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News*

09 Sep 2020 *Press release*

**[United in Science report: Climate change has not stopped for COVID19](#)**

New York/Geneva, 9 September 2020 - Climate change has not stopped for COVID19. Greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere are at record levels and continue to increase. Emissions are heading in the direction...

07 Sep 2020 *Press release*

**[First International Day for Clean Air calls for decisive global action to beat air pollution](#)**

Nairobi, 7 September 2020 - With extreme air pollution events on the rise, global efforts to reduce pollution and its effects will receive an advocacy boost when, for the first time ever, the world marks the...

**UNDRR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Updates*

10 September 2020

**[ARISE India members are helping India and the world overcome COVID-19](#)**

India has been one of the most impacted countries by the COVID-19 pandemic, both in terms of the number of cases, which now top 4 million, and the socio-economic losses resulting from the crisis. In the midst of these challenges, India's private sector

*Press Releases*

9 September 2020

**[UAE Cultivates the First Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies \(ARISE\) in the Arab Region](#)**

While the globe is facing challenging times and rapid changes due to disasters and the need to create risk-resilient societies is inevitable, the United Arab Emirates is leading the private sector engagement for disaster risk reduction by announcing the

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News*

**[International cooperation works – even from home](#)**

10 September 2020, New York

For the past 75 years, royals, presidents, prime ministers and other world leaders have been coming together at the UN General Assembly every year to discuss and attempt to peacefully resolve the planet's gravest challenges. This year, for the first time since the end of the Second World War, they will stay at home. But the conversation and cooperation carry on.

With the COVID-19 pandemic raging on in many parts of the world, including in the UN's host nation, the United States, the General Debate of the General Assembly this month will, for the first time in history, move to the virtual reality.

Although virtual meetings are a far cry from real-life, human interaction, international cooperation is more important than ever, as the world grapples with a global pandemic, a collapsing economy, catastrophic climate change and a human crisis that threatens to push millions into poverty...

### **[COVID-19 could reverse decades of progress toward eliminating preventable child deaths, agencies warn](#)**

9 September 2020, New York

With the number of under-five deaths at an all-time recorded low of 5.2 million in 2019, disruptions in child and maternal health services due to the COVID-19 pandemic are putting millions of additional lives at stake

The number of global under-five deaths dropped to its lowest point on record in 2019 – down to 5.2 million from 12.5 million in 1990, according to new mortality estimates released by UNICEF, the World Health Organization (WHO), the Population Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the World Bank Group...

**UNESCO** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected Latest News*

### **[Working together for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Palestine](#)**

11/09/2020

### **[The first International Day to Protect Education from Attack](#)**

09/9/2020

**International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 12 Sep 2020]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

*News and Stories*

**[Assesment by UN-Habitat and partners makes recommendations on land distribution in Darfur](#)**

Tuesday 8 September, 2020

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*G20 Labour and Employment Ministers*

**[ILO welcomes G20 commitment to inclusive, employment-focused recovery from COVID-19 crisis](#)**

10 September 2020

G20 Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting Declaration puts the focus on decent work, women and youth.

*Human rights*

**[ILO calls on Belarus President to respect workers' rights and freedoms amid protests](#)**

09 September 2020

International Labour Organization Director-General, Guy Ryder, expresses deep concern about the detention and arrest of trade unionists in Belarus.

*Climate Action for Jobs Initiative*

**[New Climate Action for Jobs Board calls for a sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 crisis](#)**

09 September 2020

Labour and environment ministers, employers' and workers' leaders, and UN and development bank representatives have set in motion an "Alliance for a decade of action" on climate change, decent jobs and social justice.

*Employment Intensive Infrastructure Programme*

**[ILO and German officials meet Beirut blast clear-up workers](#)**

08 September 2020

Workers mobilized as part of the ILO's Employment Intensive Infrastructure Programme are contributing to the city-wide clear-up operation.

*Multi-donor programme*

**[ILO/Germany programme to protect garment workers affected by COVID-19](#)**

08 September 2020

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is giving €14.5 million to an International Labour Organization (ILO) multi-donor programme to help garment sector workers in seven countries who have been affected by COVID-19.

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

**[ICAO Stocktaking Seminar highlights latest achievements and new opportunities for in-sector CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reductions](#)**

11/9/20

**[Digital innovations important to aviation 'building back better' from COVID-19, ICAO SG tells ITU World Summit](#)**

8/9/20

**IMO** International Maritime Organization [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Latest Press Briefings*

**[Allow crew changes to resolve humanitarian crisis, insists IMO Secretary-General](#)**

08/09/2020

IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim calls on Governments to take swift action to resolve the crew change crisis, ahead of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

**[United in Science report: Climate Change has not stopped for COVID19](#)**

Publish Date: 9 September 2020

Climate change has not stopped for COVID19. Greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere are at record levels and continue to increase. Emissions are heading in the direction of pre-pandemic levels following a temporary decline caused by the lockdown and economic slowdown. The world is set to see its warmest five years on record – in a trend which is likely to continue - and is not on track to meet agreed targets to keep global temperature increase well below 2 °C or at 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels.

**UPU** Universal Postal Union [to 12 Sep 2020]

<https://www.upu.int/en/News-Media/Press/Press-Releases>

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News*

**[How COVID-19 is changing the world: a statistical perspective](#)**

VIENNA, 11 September 2020 - The Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities has published the second volume of How COVID-19 is changing the world: a statistical perspective. The report updates some of the global and regional trends presented in the first volume and offers a snapshot of how COVID-19 continues to affect the world today across multiple domains.

**International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News*

By Clare Naden on 9 September 2020

**[New handbook helps SMEs create safe and healthy workplaces](#)**

ISO 45001, Occupational health and safety management systems – Requirements with guidance for use, aims to improve those statistics by providing an agreed framework to reduce workplace risks, enhance health, increase safety and promote well-being at work.

A new handbook, published jointly by ISO and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, provides additional guidance specifically to small organizations on the implementation of ISO 45001.

By Clare Naden on 8 September 2020

**[The future looks smart](#)**

A series of standards that map the information technology needs of cities has just been published.

ISO/IEC 30145-3, *Information technology – Smart City ICT reference framework – Part 3: Smart city engineering framework*, outlines a smart city engineering framework from the ICT perspective. Consisting of both the horizontal engineering layers and the vertical systems, it provides a clear mapping of the different techniques and components needed for smart city business processes.

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News*

*All Regions COVID-19*

**[More than 50%of Global Destinations are Easing Travel Restrictions - but Caution Remains](#)**

10 Sep 2020

*All Regions World Tourism Day 2020*

**[World Tourism day 2020: Global Community Unites to Celebrate “Tourism and Rural Development”](#)**

08 Sep 2020

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Announcements*

**[11.09.2020 Statement by Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, on the occasion of the 5th Annual Biodiversity...](#)**

[0.09.2020 // 2020-072 Webinars on the long-term approach to mainstreaming biodiversity and the role of subnational governments and local authorities in the post-2020 global...](#)

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**USAID** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements*

**[USAID's "Pakistan Reading Project" Announced As The U.S. Library Of Congress' International Literacy Program Of The Year For 2020](#)**

September 11, 2020

Today, the United States Library of Congress announced it has selected the Pakistan Reading Project, a literacy program funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), as the International Literacy Program of the Year for 2020.

**[USAID Announces Additional \\$15 Million in New Humanitarian Assistance to Fight Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo](#)**

September 7, 2020 *Press Release*

Today, the United States, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), announced more than \$15 million in additional humanitarian assistance to help end the outbreak of Ebola in Équateur Province in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Since August 2018, USAID has provided more than \$365 million for activities to prepare for, and respond to, Ebola in the DRC and neighboring countries.

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office** [nee DFID] [to 12 Sep 2020]

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office>

*Selected Press Releases. Announcements*

**[Joint Statement on Myanmar](#)**

Joint statement by the UK, Belgium, the Dominican Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Tunisia, and the United States after Security Council consultations on Myanmar

Updated: 11 September 2020

*[See Week in Review above for text]*

**[Save the Children UK can bid for Government funding again after improving safeguarding standards](#)**

Save The Children UK can restart applying for new UK aid funding from Thursday 10 September.

Updated: 10 September 2020

**[Addressing the use of chemical weapons in Syria](#)**

Statement by Ambassador Jonathan Allen, UK Chargé d'Affaires to the UN, at the Security Council briefing on Syria chemical weapons

Updated: 10 September 2020

**[Assessing the global ceasefire to help fight COVID-19](#)**

Statement by Ambassador Jonathan Allen, UK Chargé d'Affaires to the UN, at the Security Council briefing on resolution 2332

Updated: 10 September 2020

**ECHO** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Latest News*

**[EU steps up aid for Lebanon – Commissioner Janez Lenarčič in Beirut](#)**

12/09/2020

Arriving on board of an EU Humanitarian Air Bridge flight to Beirut today, Janez Lenarčič, EU Commissioner for Crisis Management, has started an official visit to Lebanon. He will meet Prime Minister-designate Mustapha Adib and oversee EU aid...

**[EU Humanitarian Air Bridge to Peru and €30.5 million for Latin America and the Caribbean](#)**

11/09/2020

As part of the EU's global coronavirus response, an EU Humanitarian Air Bridge operation consisting of 3 flights to Lima, Peru this week is delivering a total of more than 4 tonnes of life-saving materials to humanitarian organisations active in...

**[EU helps refugees on Aegean Islands](#)**

11/09/2020

The Commission is helping channel further support to Greece to tackle the situation in the refugee camps, thanks to a new offer of assistance from Poland via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. Commissioner for Crisis Management Janez Lenarčič said...

**[Statement by Commissioner Janez Lenarčič on the International Day to Protect Education from Attack](#)**

09/09/2020

Janez Lenarčič, Commissioner for Crisis Management, has issued the following statement: "On the occasion of the first International Day to Protect Education from Attack, the EU reaffirms the right to quality education for all and the importance of..."

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**African Union** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Secretariat News*

*[Website not responding at inquiry]*

**European Commission** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Latest*

*Press release* 12 September 2020

**[EU steps up aid for Lebanon – European Commissioner for Crisis Management in Beirut](#)**

*Press release* 11 September 2020

**[Coronavirus global response: EU Humanitarian Air Bridge to Peru and €30.5 million for Latin America and the Caribbean](#)**

*Press release* 10 September 2020

**[Coronavirus Global Response: WHO and Commission launch the Facilitation Council to strengthen global collaboration](#)**

*Press release* 10 September 2020

**[Disinformation: EU assesses the Code of Practice and publishes platform reports on coronavirus related disinformation](#)**

*Press release* 9 September 2020

**[Coronavirus: Commission completes vaccines portfolio following talks with a sixth manufacturer](#)**

*Press release* 7 September 2020

**[Integrating migrants and refugees into the labour market: Commission and social and economic partners relaunch cooperation](#)**

**OECD** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News*

11-September-2020

**[OECD countries make partial progress updating rules on international shipping of plastic waste](#)**

OECD countries have agreed to update rules on the export of hazardous plastic waste for recycling in line with international changes so that advance consent from destination countries will be required ahead of shipping. However, they did not reach consensus on updated arrangements for the export of non-hazardous plastic waste. OECD countries have agreed to review the situation for non-hazardous plastic waste in 2024.

09-September-2020

**[Countries must do more to ensure sustainable development of ocean activities](#)**

Countries need to work together to defend the ocean from a steady rise in temperature, pollution and overfishing that threatens its ability to continue supporting marine life and providing food and income to billions of people, according to a new OECD report.

08-September-2020

**[Education critical to build a more resilient society](#)**

The COVID-19 crisis has exposed the many inadequacies and inequities in education systems around the world. As governments start rebuilding their economies and people's livelihoods, it is critical that long-term public spending on education remain a priority to ensure that every young person has the

same opportunity to continue education, succeed at school and develop the skills they need to contribute to society.

**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

**[OAS and Cisco Hold the First National Meeting of the Cybersecurity Innovation Councils in Mexico](#)**

Sep 12, 2020

**[International CyberEx Competition on Cyber Incidents Concluded with 305 Participants and 80 Teams](#)**

Sep 11, 2020

**[OAS Report Highlights Difficulties for Venezuelans Returning or Trying to Return Home](#)**

Sep 9, 2020

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

**[OIC Rejects Stereotyping and Discrimination against Women in Science and Technology](#)**

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) discussed, on 10 September 2020, enhancement of teaching science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to women and girls in the OIC Member States, in a virtual workshop held in cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) and the OIC Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH)....

13/09/2020

**[OIC, UNHCR Agree on a Joint Action Plan](#)**

A delegation from the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held a virtual bilateral meeting with a delegation from the Representation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in the Gulf on September 06, 2020.... the two sides discussed bilateral relations and ways to boost them in all areas related to the situation of refugees in the Islamic world and means to implement the action plan in light of the current circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

07/09/2020

**Group of 77** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Latest Statements and Speeches*

**[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Ambassador Neil Pierre, Permanent Mission of Guyana to the United Nations, at the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation \(New York, 10 September 2020\)](#)**

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**UNCTAD** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

08 Sep 2020 –

**[Covid-19 devastates the shattered economy of the Occupied Palestinian Territory](#)**

– COVID-19 has compounded the dire economic conditions in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (oPt), which were moving from bad to worse before the pandemic, according to the latest UNCTAD report on its assistance to the Palestinian people.

The pandemic struck at a particularly distressing time for the oPt. Even before COVID-19 hit, forecasts for the Palestinian economy in 2020 and 2021 were already bleak, with GDP per capita projected to decrease by 3% to 4.5%, according to the report.

High poverty and unemployment rates had persisted and GDP per capita declined for the third consecutive year as the Palestinian economy continued to slide in 2019 and the first half of 2020, the report says...

08 Sep 2020 –

**[UN report shows how public procurement is a powerful tool for sustainable development](#)**

**World Customs Organization – WCO** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Latest News – Selected Items*

10 September 2020

**[The WCO and WTO partner for capacity building on the Harmonized System](#)**

07 September 2020

**[WCO Secretary General addresses the 7th Annual Meeting of International Organisations on Facing the Global COVID-19 Crisis Together](#)**

**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*WTO News and Events*

**[Members to debate how Aid for Trade can address COVID-19 impact on developing countries](#)**

9 September 2020

An informal meeting of the Committee on Trade and Development dedicated to the Aid for Trade initiative will be held on 14 September to discuss how to take account of the trade and development challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. WTO members will discuss how the WTO-led initiative can help developing economies recover from the COVID-19 crisis.

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**IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Press releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Court of Justice** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Latest Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

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

*News*

**[Statement of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Mrs Fatou Bensouda, on the referral by Bolivia regarding the situation in its own territory](#)**

*Statement* 8 September 2020 Office of the Prosecutor

**[The Trust Fund for Victims: US Sanctions Could Deprive Victims of Reparative Justice](#)**

*Press Release* 8 September 2020

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

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**World Bank** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

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

**[World Bank Provides \\$130.8 Million to Upgrade Road Infrastructure in Areas Hosting Refugees in Uganda's West Nile sub-region](#)**

WASHINGTON, September 10, 2020 – The World Bank Board of Directors today approved a grant of \$130.8 million from the International Development Association (IDA) to ease the movement...

Date: September 10, 2020 Type: Press Release

**[World Bank Prices Successful EUR 1.5 Billion 15-Year Sustainable Development Bond](#)**

Washington, DC, September 10, 2020 – The World Bank (IBRD, Aaa/AAA) priced a 15-year euro-denominated benchmark bond maturing in September 2035, raising EUR 1.5 billion from institutional investors around...

Date: September 10, 2020 Type: Press Release

**[Chad - Refugees and Host Communities Support Project](#)**

IDA Grant: \$75 million equivalent Project ID: P172255 Project Objectives Description: The operation will help improve access of refugees and host communities to basic services, livelihoods...

Date: September 08, 2020 Type: Loans & Credits

**[Statement on Trade Data Related to COVID-19-Related Medical Supplies](#)**

The World Bank Group is committed to doing all we can to help end the COVID-19 pandemic. We are working with over 100 low- and middle-income countries to bolster their health systems and advance a broad-scale...

Date: September 08, 2020 Type: Statement

**IMF** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News, Announcements*

September 10, 2020 Washington, DC

**[Managing Director Georgieva's Remarks at the Global Steering Group Global Impact Summit](#)**

September 8, 2020 Washington, D.C.

**[Event of the Finance Ministers on Financing for Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond](#)**

**African Development Bank Group** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

**[Supporting Public Private Partnerships in Africa: African Development Bank ready to scale up](#)**

10-Sep-2020 - Representatives of the African Development Bank, governments, Development Finance Institutions, the private sector and professional associations joined a September 8 workshop to discuss how the Bank can strengthen support for Public Private Partnerships and channel greater investment toward economic and social infrastructure. The event, titled Designing the African Development Bank's PPP Framework, was hosted virtually by the Bank.

**[African Development Bank approves \\$27.33 million to ramp up the African Union's COVID-19 Response Initiative](#)**

09-Sep-2020 - The African Development Bank's Board of Directors on Wednesday approved \$27.33 million in grants to boost the African Union's (AU) efforts to mobilize a continental response to curb the COVID-19 pandemic. The approval follows a meeting of the extended Bureau of the Conference of Heads of State and Government with Africa's private sector on 22 April 2020, chaired by H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa, President of South Africa and chairperson of the AU, at which the Bank's President, Akinwumi Adesina, pledged strong support for the AU's COVID-19 initiative.

**[African Development Bank partners with Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa as sponsor of virtual African Green Revolution Forum \(AGRF\)](#)**

07-Sep-2020 - The African Development Bank returns as a top-tier partner of the African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) – Africa's largest agriculture conference – to be held online for the first time from 8-11 September 2020, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Asian Development Bank** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

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

### **[ADB Conducts its First Credit Guarantee Using Distributed Ledger Technology for Trade Finance](#)**

The Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program has successfully completed its first credit guarantee transaction using distributed ledger technology (DLT), in partnership with Standard Chartered Bank Thailand and the Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam (BIDV)...

10 Sep 2020

### **[\\$500 Million ADB Loan to Boost the Philippines' Disaster Resilience](#)**

ADB has approved a \$500 million policy-based loan to allow the Philippines quick access to emergency financing in the event of disasters triggered by natural hazards or public health emergencies that result in a declaration of...

10 Sep 2020

### **[ADB Releases Latest Statistical Report for Asia and Pacific, Updates Database](#)**

ADB today launched the latest edition of its annual statistical report for the region, Key Indicators for Asia and the Pacific 2020, and an update to its online database, Key Indicators Database.

**Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

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

*News*

Beijing, China, Sep. 09, 2020

### **[AIIB and Amundi Launch Climate Change Investment Framework to Drive Asia's Green Recovery and Transition](#)**

*The Framework is the first investment benchmark tool taking a holistic approach to analyzing issuer's climate change performance based on the three objectives of the Paris Agreement*

**IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Islamic Development Bank** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News*

### **[Reverse Linkage: IsDB's Role in Deploying the Power of South-South Cooperation to Tackle COVID-19 Pandemic](#)**

7 September 2020

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## **:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch**

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

### **Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger** [to 12 Sep 2020]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

*Communiqués de presse*

*Urgence Liban*

#### **[Beyrouth, un mois après l'explosion](#)**

Posté le 8 septembre 2020

Action contre la Faim s'inquiète de l'augmentation de la pauvreté et des prix des denrées alimentaires.

### **Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA)** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*PRESS RELEASES*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Amref Health Africa** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

#### **[World Physiotherapy Day Celebrations Focusing on Rehabilitation and Management of COVID-19 Patients](#)**

September 8, 2020

Nairobi, September 8th 2020: In celebration of the World Physiotherapy Day, the Amref International University today hosted health...

### **Aravind Eye Care System** [to 12 Sep 2020]

<https://aravind.org/>

*Aravind News*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **BRAC** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Latest*

*COVID-19*

#### **[A new survey sheds light on non-member RMG factories](#)**

September 7, 2020

by [Sadril Shajahan](#) and [Fahim S Chowdhury](#)

The Mapped in Bangladesh (MiB) project of the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development, BRAC University, is the first of its kind initiative to digitally map all export-oriented ready-made garment (RMG) factories through a country-wide factory census. The goal is to provide accurate information to ensure transparency and accountability within the sector.

**Clubhouse International** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News*

**[New Clubhouse Webinar Series — We Are Not Alone: Growing Stronger Together](#)**

September 9, 2020

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*NEWS*

**[Moria fires: European Governments must urgently relocate displaced individuals from Greece](#)**

11. September 2020

Urgent call to action: The undersigned organisations reiterate their call on the governments of EU Member States, with support from the European Commission to urgently relocate displaced individuals from Greece.

**ECPAT** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News from ECPAT*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Fountain House** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 12 Sep 2020]

<https://hi.org/en/index>

*All news*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Heifer International** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

*No new digest content identified.*

**HelpAge International** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICRC** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

### **ICRC Stock Caught in Beirut Port Fire**

40 days after the Beirut explosion, we are shocked at the images of the massive fire at Beirut port. While the cause of the fire and the exact point where it started are still unclear, a part of ICRC's stock of food parcels stored at our supplier's warehouse was destroyed.  
10-09-2020 | Article

### **ICRC President Peter Maurer: "During conflict, education must not be targeted"**

To commemorate the first International Day to Protect Education from Attack, the ICRC's President, Peter Maurer, made a statement in a pre-recorded message at the high-level event at the UN General Assembly to mark this special day.

09-09-2020 | Statement

### **ICRC's Gilles Carbonnier on impact of heavy explosive weapons in populated areas**

ICRC Vice President Gilles Carbonnier talks about the impact of the use of heavy explosive weapons in populated areas.

08-09-2020 | Statement

**IFRC** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

*Europe, Greece*

### **Residents of Moria camp must be moved now – Red Cross head**

Around 13,000 people are lacking food, water and shelter, after devastating fires on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. At the time of the first fire the camp was under lockdown due to more than 30 COVID19 positive cases.

11 September 2020

*Africa, Sudan*

### **Red Cross launches Emergency Appeal for Sudan as deadly flooding leaves thousands homeless**

Nairobi/Geneva, 11 September 2020 — The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) today launched an additional funds appeal for 12 million Swiss Francs to support the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) in delivering assistance to people affected by flooding.

11 September 2020

*Global*

### **Red Cross Red Crescent turns to Rakuten Viber to fight COVID-19 infodemic**

Geneva, 10 September 2020 – The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Croatian Red Cross today signed a new partnership agreement with global messaging app Rakuten Viber to engage new online audiences with trust ...  
10 September 2020

*Global*

**[Migrants and refugees “least protected, most affected” in COVID crisis, warns IFRC President](#)**

Geneva, 10 September 2020 – The COVID-19 pandemic has been a disaster for people from all walks of life, but an absolute “catastrophe” for the world’s vulnerable migrants, people seeking asylum and refugees. Already weak social safety nets are eroding, ...  
10 September 2020

*Global*

**[IFRC’s first ever virtual climate summit, Climate:Red, is happening everywhere on 9-10 September](#)**

Geneva, 8 September 2020 – Climate:Red, a fully virtual and truly global climate change summit, is bringing youth champions, activists, indigenous leaders, scientists and government ministers together on 9 – 10 September 2020 for 30 hours of innovation ...  
8 September 2020

**International Medical Corps (IMC)** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**IRC International Rescue Committee** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Media highlights {Selected}*

*Press Release*

**[As the threat of resettlement postponement looms, IRC urges the Trump Administration to set refugee admissions cap to at least 95,000 by September 30](#)**

September 11, 2020

*Press Release*

**[International Rescue Committee’s Pakistan Reading Project Wins 2020 International Prize from the Library of Congress](#)**

September 10, 2020

*Statement*

**[New UN report details ongoing atrocities in Yemen; IRC calls for immediate ceasefire](#)**

September 10, 2020

*Press Release*

**[New Research Finds Lack of Access to Adequate Child Care As One of the Top Barriers to Economic Empowerment for Refugee Women](#)**

September 10, 2020

*Press Release*

**[Over 12,000 people left stranded in Lesvos after a fire engulfs Moria reception centre; IRC providing mental health support to survivors](#)**

September 9, 2020

**IRCT** [to 12 Sep 2020]

<https://irct.org/>

*Latest News*

*News* 08 Sep 2020

**[IRCT announces new round of COVID-19 response grants](#)**

**Islamic Relief Worldwide** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Latest News, Blog*

**[We're supporting the recovery process for those hit hardest by Covid-19](#)**

Published: 11 September, 2020

**[Could Covid-19 be a chance to build a more just and equal world?](#)**

Published: 11 September, 2020 [Nepal]

**[Devastation caused by severe flooding in Niger leaves many families in urgent need of aid](#)**

Published: 9 September, 2020

**[Urgent support needed as flooding in Sudan intensifies](#)**

Published: 9 September, 2020

**Landsea** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Medecins du Monde** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Mercy Corps** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News Releases & Alerts*

September 09, 2020

**[News Alert: New Report Shows Climate Crisis to Displace One Billion People by 2050](#)**

Today, the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) launched its inaugural Ecological Threat Register, finding that over...

September 09, 2020

**[News Alert: Deadly Floods Leave Thousands Homeless in Sudan](#)**

The global organization Mercy Corps is responding in Sudan to heavy rains and flooding that have left a trail of...

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Latest [Selected Announcements]*

*Myanmar*

**[MSF hands over long-running HIV project in Yangon to ministry of ...](#)**

Project Update 10 Sep 2020

*Greece*

**[All people in Moria camp must be evacuated to safety in wake of destru...](#)**

Project Update 9 Sep 2020

*Pakistan*

**[Meeting regular health needs amid the COVID-19 pandemic in...](#)**

Project Update 8 Sep 2020

**[Nigeria](#)**

**["Children can draw assault rifles better than a football" in Borno state](#)**

Interview 8 Sep 2020

**Operation Smile** [to 12 Sep 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** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected News/Announcements*

**[Latest report by UN's Eminent Experts on Yemen - reaction](#)**

9 September 2020

Reacting to the latest report by the UN's Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen, Oxfam's Yemen Country Director Muhsin Siddiquey said: "This damning evidence of indiscriminate attacks and serious violations of human rights by all sides in Yemen should shame all those who are fuelling this conflict by selling arms to the belligerents."

**[Pandemic profits for companies soar by billions more as poorest pay price](#)**

9 September 2020

Thirty-two of the world's largest companies stand to see their profits jump by \$109 billion more in 2020 as the Covid-19 pandemic lays bare an economic model that delivers profits for the wealthiest on the back of the poorest, according to a new Oxfam report today.

### **[Investigation into EU's role needed after fire destroys infamous Moria refugee camp](#)**

9 September 2020

The fire in the infamous Moria refugee camp was a fully preventable tragedy and should trigger a U-turn in the EU's and Greece's response to the arrival of people seeking asylum in Europe, said Oxfam and the Greek Council for Refugees.

### **Norwegian Refugee Council** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Latest news*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Pact** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Latest News*

September 9, 2020

### **[Neglected artisanal miners are proven critical for the attainment of the UN Sustainable Development Goals](#)**

Even in its informal state, ASM makes positive contributions to almost all of the SDGs, but also has negative impacts on most of them. Depending on the way...

### **Partners In Health** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News*

### **[Study Reveals Immense PTSD Burden Among Haitian Youth](#)**

Researchers with Partners In Health (PIH) found in a recent study that young people in Haiti are made especially vulnerable to mental health conditions by their chronic exposure to stressful life events.

Haiti | Sep 09, 2020

### **[Global Students Reflect on Upcoming School Year Amid COVID-19](#)**

As the school year approaches, PIH reached out to students in our social support programs to learn about their hopes, dreams and concerns for the upcoming year.

Education | Sep 09, 2020

### **[Ekip Solid: A Conversation with Dr. Sheila Davis](#)**

Dr. Sheila Davis reflects on everything from COVID-19 and HIV/AIDS to her favorite poetry in PIH's new, ongoing series with global leaders.

Advocacy | Sep 09, 2020

### **PATH** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Plan International/BORNEfonden** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Save The Children** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News*

11 September 2020 - *Sudan*

**[Sudan: 250,000 children impacted by flooding as the Nile records highest water levels in over a century](#)**

10 September 2020 - *Global*

**[COVID-19: Children from poorest households across the globe have suffered greatest loss of family income, missed out most on education and faced the highest risk of violence at home](#)**

9 September 2020 - *Myanmar*

**[MYANMAR: "Killing of two young children in Rakhine State is utterly unacceptable"](#)**

**SOS-Kinderdorf International** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*All News*

*Greece*

**[Statement on the fires at the Moria camp](#)**

September 11 2020 - "We cannot rebuild the same system of inhumane conditions from the ashes of Moria. All those affected by the fire need immediate access to shelter, healthcare, food, care and psychosocial aid." Read the full statement by CEO Steffen Braasch.

*International Literacy Day*

**['Learning by radio is fun'](#)**

September 8 2020 - As millions of children are not able to go back to school due to the pandemic, many need tools for remote learning to continue their studies. Tigist, 13, of Ethiopia tunes into classes using a solar-powered radio - one more than 400 distributed to children and their families in Adwa, Ethiopia.

**Tostan** [to 12 Sep 2020]

<http://www.tostan.org>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Women for Women International** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Blogs & Updates*

**[26 years after the passage of the Violence Against Women Act and a history of progress, stalled reauthorization raises questions about women's futures](#)**

September 13, 2020

*Article*

**["I have learned to be stronger" - Messages of Hope from Iraq](#)**

September 12, 2020

The high number of COVID-19 cases continue to threaten women in Iraq. Since March, women have been in and out of lockdown, carrying the toll of disease, economic hardship, and threats of domestic violence. But throughout that time, they have also continued to carry a torch of hope.

*Article*

**World Vision** [to 12 Sep 2020]

<http://wvi.org/>

*Newsroom*

**[Fresh concerns about COVID-19's 'threat to zero poverty progress'](#)**

September 10, 2020

**[Refugee camp blaze exposes new risks as COVID-19 outbreaks flare in camps elsewhere, warns...](#)**

September 9th 2020

**[Two positive COVID-19 cases reported in Azraq Refugee Camp](#)**

September 9th 2020

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**Electronic Frontiers Foundation**

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Freedom House** [to 12 Sep 2020]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

*Latest Updates*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Human Rights Watch** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements*

September 11, 2020

**[Bolivia: Justice System Abused to Persecute Opponents](#)**

The interim government of Bolivia is abusing the justice system to persecute associates and supporters of former president Evo Morales, who himself faces terrorism charges that appear to be politically motivated.

[Read the Report](#)

[Watch the Video](#)

September 12, 2020

*News Release*

[\*\*Iran Suddenly Executes Wrestler Navid Afkari\*\*](#)

*Middle East/North Africa*

September 11, 2020

*Report*

[\*\*Egypt: Gang Rape Witnesses Arrested, Smeared\*\*](#)

*Africa*

September 10, 2020

*Report*

[\*\*Rwanda: Rusesabagina Was Forcibly Disappeared\*\*](#)

**Transparency International** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Press*

[\*\*Zimbabwe: Cyber Security and Data Protection Bill would restrict anti-corruption watchdogs\*\*](#)

Berlin / Harare, 10 September 2020 - Transparency International and Transparency International Zimbabwe (TI Z) are deeply concerned by attempts by the government of Zimbabwe to fast-track the Cyber...

11 September 2020

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 12 Sep 2020]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

*News/ Statements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CONCORD** [to 12 Sep 2020]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

*Latest News and Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**The Elders** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements*

News

*No new digest content identified.*

**Evidence Aid** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Resources*

[Post-disaster mental health and psychosocial response to the 2015 earthquake in Nepal](#)  
**Added September 11, 2020**

[Apatamers in the diagnosis and treatment of coronavirus \(search done on 21 June 2020\)](#)  
**Added September 11, 2020**

[Infectious Diseases Society of America guidelines on COVID-19 \(search done on 4 April 2020\)](#) **Added September 8, 2020**

[Digital contact tracing technologies in epidemics \(search done on 5 May 2020\)](#) **Added September 7, 2020**

[Corticosteroids as a treatment for COVID-19 \(multiple reviews\)](#) **Added September 7, 2020**

[Disaster training programmes help medical students prepare for pandemics](#) **Added September 6, 2020**

**Gavi** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Getty Conservation Institute** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Global Fund** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News/Updates*

[COVID-19 Response: Corticosteroids](#)

08 September 2020

Following the World Health Organization guidance [Corticosteroids for COVID-19](#) from 2 September, the Global Fund has confirmed that corticosteroids can be funded through Global Fund grants.

**Hilton Prize Coalition** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 12 Sep 2020]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

*Latest resources, events, content*

*Upcoming events*

**[Make or break: The implications of COVID-19 for crisis financing](#)**

September 15, 2020 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm

Online

**[UNHCR's 79th Standing Committee 16-17 September 2020](#)**

September 16, 2020 - 9:00am to September 17, 2020 - 6:00pm

Geneva and/or online

**InterAction** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Global & Public Policy Positions*

**[Comments On USAID Draft Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Policy](#)**

Kelsey Harris | Sep 9, 2020

On August 27, InterAction submitted comments on USAID's draft policy, "[2020 Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Policy](#)," in response to it being released for public comment on August 19.

This draft revised policy, once final, will supersede the existing 2012 policy, found [HERE](#). InterAction noted appreciation for USAID's continued commitment to gender equality and empowering women and girls and mainstreaming these goals throughout its programming. However, we noted concern about the degree of changes to the revised 2020 policy and the subsequent impact on progress to date.

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**3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Publications/Events*

**[Delivering for Nutrition in India: Insights from Implementation Research](#)**

***Conference*** 15 - 18 September 2020 Online At this event, participants will review evidence to inform the implementation of current policy and program initiatives. They will also deliberate on ways of tapping into insights from implementation research to help strengthen the maternal and child nutrition initiatives in India.

**[The impact of COVID-19 on sanitation behaviour in lower-income settings](#)**

***Seminar*** 01 October 2020 Online This panel discussion will assess the impact of the pandemic on the gains achieved by the Swachh Bharat Mission. We are all encouraged to stay home and wash our hands. But, how does this goal interact with the dominant message of the Swachh Bharat mission: use toilets.

**CHS Alliance** [to 12 Sep 2020]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

*Our Impact*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Development Initiatives** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP)** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News*

**[The State of the Humanitarian System Fifth Edition: Inception report](#)**

02 Sep 2020 :: 22 pages

This is the inception report outlining the aims; scope; research approach, methods and framework; and research components for fifth edition of The State of the Humanitarian System report.

**Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*LATEST PRESS RELEASES*

*No new digest content identified.*

**EHLRA/R2HC/HIF** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies** [nee CERAH] – [to 12 Sep 2020]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Groupe URD** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Publications, Events*

**[Webinar on the role of donors in reducing the sector's environmental footprint \(17 September 2020\)](#)**

Following our study on the environmental impact of humanitarian programmes funded by DG ECHO and the webinar organised by the JEU on 19 May 2020, we are now organising a French language webinar on the role of donors in reducing the environmental footprint of humanitarian aid (17 September 2020 at 2.30 pm). Register here:

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_TAeC3TudR82NNAjEgJ63qw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TAeC3TudR82NNAjEgJ63qw)

**International Humanitarian Studies Association** [to 12 Sep 2020]

<https://ihsa.info/>

*Resources – Weekly Blog Posts Selections*

*No new digest content identified.*

**INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 12 Sep 2020]

<https://phap.org/>

*Association news, events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Sphere** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Start Network** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News and Blog*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Brookings**

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

*Accessed 12 Sep 2020*

*Latest Research*

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Economics

**[Unemployment among young workers during COVID-19](#)**

[Stephanie Aaronson](#) and [Francisca Alba](#)

Thursday, September 10, 2020

*Report*

**[Are impact bonds reaching the intended populations?](#)**

[Emily Gustafsson-Wright](#) and [Sarah Osborne](#)

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

*Report*

## **[Immigration and entrepreneurship in the United States](#)**

[Pierre Azoulay](#), [Ben Jones](#), [J. Daniel Kim](#), and [Javier Miranda](#)

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

*Report*

## **[Beyond reopening schools: How education can emerge stronger than before COVID-19](#)**

[Emiliana Vegas](#) and [Rebecca Winthrop](#)

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

*Report*

## **[Africa's 'youth employment' crisis is actually a 'missing jobs' crisis](#)**

[Louise Fox](#), [Philip Mader](#), [James Sumberg](#), [Justin Flynn](#), and [Marjoke Oosterom](#)

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

**Center for Global Development** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected Publications, News and Events*

September 11, 2020

## **[Deliberative Democracy and the Resource Curse: A Nationwide Experiment in Tanzania](#)**

Oil and gas discoveries in developing countries are often associated with short-sighted economic policies and, in response, calls to insulate resource management from populist impulses.

[Justin Sandefur](#) , [Nancy Birdsall](#) , [James Fishkin](#) and [Mujibu Moyo](#)

September 10, 2020

## **[The Impact of Taxes and Transfers on Income Inequality, Poverty, and the Urban-Rural and Regional Income Gaps in China](#)**

China is characterized by high prefiscal overall, urban-rural and regional inequality. Applying standard fiscal incidence analysis, we estimate the redistributive effect of taxes and social spending on income distribution and poverty.

[Nora Lustig](#) and [Yang Wang](#)

September 10, 2020

## **[Gender Equity in Development Finance Survey](#)**

By surveying DFIs, we aim to start building a baseline of their gender policies and practices, analyze the data, and make recommendations where stronger policies and practices are needed. The survey's findings give DFIs an important opportunity to learn from one another and work towards standards for how they can best promote gender equity.

[Nancy Lee](#) , [Megan O'Donnell](#) and [Kelsey Ross](#)

September 9, 2020

## **[Private Sector Climate Finance After the Crisis](#)**

Climate investments in the emerging markets and developing economies (EMDEs) have so far fallen well short of what is required to meet targets set in the 2015 Paris Agreement. National commitments ahead of the 2021 UN climate summit will further underline the discrepancy.

[Alexander Lehmann](#)

**CSIS** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected Reports*

*Report*

**[Recovery with Resilience: Diversifying Supply Chains to Reduce Risk in the Global Economy](#)**

September 10, 2020 | [Daniel F. Runde](#), [Sundar R. Ramanujam](#) The shock to the global economy, triggered by the public health crisis of Covid-19, has raised questions about the resiliency of global supply chains. CSIS lays out how the Indo-Pacific region, with limited development assistance, can help diversify and de-risk the system.

*Report*

**[Energy Transition Strategies: Gujarat's Low-Carbon Development Pathway](#)**

September 9, 2020 | [Nikos Tsafos](#), [Lachlan Carey](#) India is engaging in a bold experiment to meet its climate goals. Gujarat has often led the way among Indian states, showing that progress is possible and depends on political leadership, strong public institutions, and an ability to attract capital.

**ODI** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases & Reports*

*No new digest content identified.*

**RoRI [Research on Research Institute]** [to 12 Sep 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*

**[Science and Society, 20 years on: legacy and lessons for a post-Covid world](#)**

*About this Event*

We invite you to Join Amanda Solloway MP, Minister for Science, Research and Innovation, and Professor Dame Ottoline Leyser, CEO of UKRI.

Tue, 22 September 2020 04:30 – 07:30 EDT

This year marks twenty years since the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee published its [seminal report on Science and Society](#). Produced in the wake of high-profile challenges to the authority of British science – over BSE and GM crops – the report diagnosed a “crisis of confidence” in science and technology, and called for the research community to move beyond a focus on public understanding to embrace “a new mood for dialogue”.

**Urban Institute** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Publications*

**[Creating Places of Opportunity for All](#)**

Public policies have long played a central role in creating and perpetuating residential segregation by contributing to disinvestment and neglect in neighborhoods where people of color and lower-income families live and blocking access to well-resourced and opportunity-rich neighborhoods. The cumulative

effects of these policy decisions are vividly seen and painfully felt today. Communities of color have been

[Solomon Greene](#), [Margery Austin Turner](#), [Chantel Rush](#)

September 9, 2020

Brief

### **[Community Engagement during the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond](#)**

This guide is meant to assist community-based organizations that are interested in facilitating remote community engagement activities. Although the guide was developed as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, it can also be used by organizations looking to broaden their outreach strategy generally. In this guide, we present a list of tools that can be used for facilitating remote community engagement activities

[Martha Fedorowicz](#), [Olivia Arena](#), [Kimberly Burrowes](#)

September 8, 2020

Research Report

**The Wistar Institute** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

Sep. 10, 2020

### **[Scientists Engineer DNA-based Nanotechnology to Stimulate Potent Antitumor Immune Responses in Preclinical Models](#)**

Synthetic DNA nanovaccines enhance killer T cell immunity resulting in tumor control in preclinical studies.

*Press Release*

Sep. 7, 2020

### **[The BEAT-HIV Martin Delaney Collaboratory Issues Recommendations on Measuring Persistent HIV Reservoirs in Cure-directed Clinical Trials](#)**

The consortium provides first authoritative viewpoint on which viral measurements to prioritize when evaluating the impact of potential therapeutic strategies to eradicate HIV.

**World Economic Forum** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Media*

### **[Emerging technology clusters driving evolution in financial services, says World Economic Forum](#)**

News 10 Sep 2020

:: Emerging technologies are coming to maturity and forming clusters that will transform the financial services industry

:: These advances can offer new capabilities to consumers and financial institutions through products and services like just-in-time lending and data-linked green bonds, and can yield cost savings for firms

:: New World Economic Forum report outlines four innovation pathways that financial services firms could pursue to harness the potential of emerging technology clusters

:: Read the [full report here](#)

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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 12 Sep 2020]

<https://alleninstitute.org/what-we-do/frontiers-group/news-press/>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **Blue Meridian Partners** [to 12 Sep 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 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Newsroom*

#### **[First-of-its-Kind Partnership Aims to Redesign Child Welfare Into Child- and Family Well-Being Systems](#)**

Posted September 9, 2020

A new effort, Thriving Families, Safer Children, aims to move from traditional, reactive child protection systems to those designed to support child and family well-being and prevent child maltreatment and unnecessary family separations. Read the news release.

#### **Clinton Foundation** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Press Release*

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **Co Impact** [to 12 Sep 2020]

[www.co-impact.io](http://www.co-impact.io)

*Co-Impact is a global philanthropic collaborative for systems change focused on improving the lives of millions of people around the world.  
No new digest content identified.*

**Ford Foundation** [to 12 Sep 2020]  
<https://www.fordfoundation.org/press-room/>  
*The Latest*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**J. Paul Getty Trust** [to 12 Sep 2020]  
<http://news.getty.edu/>  
*Latest News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**GHIT Fund** [to 12 Sep 2020]  
<https://www.ghitfund.org/newsroom/press>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Grameen Foundation** [to 12 Sep 2020]  
<https://grameenfoundation.org/stories/press-releases>  
*Press Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 12 Sep 2020]  
<http://hewlett.org/latest-updates/>  
*Latest Updates*  
[Building the cyber policy talent pipeline](#)  
*Cyber*  
By [Eli Sugarman](#) and [Monica M. Ruiz](#)  
September 8, 2020

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 12 Sep 2020]  
<http://www.hiltonfoundation.org/news>  
*Press Release*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**IKEA Foundation** [to 12 Sep 2020]  
<https://www.ikeafoundation.org/>  
*Stories*  
[Hungry cities? Turning regenerative and circular provides the recipe for a healthy, people and planet- positive food system.](#)

Author: Petra Hans, Head of Portfolio Agricultural Livelihoods By 2050, the UN predicts two out of every three people will live in cities, particularly in Africa and Asia. Our current...  
September 10, 2020

### **[Why cities cannot achieve resilient food systems without a thriving countryside](#)**

Author: Elton Mudyazvivi, programme manager of our agricultural livelihoods portfolio In Africa, and in other regions facing rapid urbanisation, feeding growing cities is becoming an increasing challenge. While often not...  
September 7, 2020

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Research* Sep 11 2020

### **[Genetic Tool Kit Helps Some Animals Regrow Body Parts](#)**

Scientists have long wondered why many unrelated animals can regrow limbs and other body parts. New research identifies common genetic factors that promote regeneration.

*Research* Sep 8 2020

### **[Engineered 'Nanobodies' Block SARS-CoV-2 from Infecting Human Cells](#)**

Researchers have designed a molecule that sticks tightly to the coronavirus spike protein, preventing the virus from infecting cells. The molecule might someday be used in an aerosolized drug to treat or prevent COVID-19.

**Kaiser Family Foundation** [to 12 Sep 2020]

[https://www.kff.org/search/?post\\_type=press-release](https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release)

September 11, 2020 *News Release*

### **[Analysis Compares President Trump and Democratic Nominee Biden on COVID-19](#)**

Few issues are likely to matter as much to voters in November's presidential election as President Trump's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic crisis, which have left almost 200,000 Americans dead and prompted job layoffs and furloughs affecting tens of millions of Americans. A new election brief compares...

September 10, 2020 *News Release*

### **[Poll: Most Americans Worry Political Pressure Will Lead to Premature Approval of a COVID-19 Vaccine; Half Say They Would Not Get a Free Vaccine Approved Before Election Day](#)**

Republican and Independent Voters See the Economy as Their Top Issue; Coronavirus and Race Relations Top Democrats' List Most Americans (62%) worry that the political pressure from the Trump administration will lead the Food and Drug Administration to rush to approve a coronavirus vaccine without making sure that it is...

**Kellogg Foundation** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Selected Announcements*

### **[New racial equity, diversity & inclusion resource](#)**

Sep. 10, 2020

Today, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) announces the release of its new racial equity, diversity and inclusion resource: [One Journey](#). One Journey shares lessons from WKKF's experience with organizational leaders, human resource professionals and any individual or organization looking to advance racial equity in nonprofits, business or community groups.

**Aga Khan Foundation** [to 12 Sep 2020]  
<https://www.akdn.org/our-agencies/aga-khan-foundation>  
*Press Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 12 Sep 2020]  
<http://www.macfound.org/>  
*News & Events*  
**[Funders Form the Democracy Frontlines Fund](#)**

September 10, 2020 | Article | Equitable Recovery

MacArthur joined 11 funders to establish the [Democracy Frontlines Fund](#), a donor advised fund by Amalgamated Foundation, to provide \$36 million in sustained support to 10 grassroots organizations advocating for equitable change and civic engagement. The fund is a response to the United States' pervasive racial injustice and over three years will create a learning community to strengthen philanthropic support for racial justice. MacArthur contributed support for Black-led organizations mobilizing to fight voter suppression policies or enhance community safety.

**[Recognizing—and Closing—the Oxygen Access Gap](#)**  
September 10, 2020  
*Perspectives*

**[Scrutinizing Plea Bargains](#)**  
September 9, 2020  
*Grantee Publications*

**[Living our Values through Measurement: Measuring Progress and Context](#)**  
September 9, 2020  
*Perspectives*

**[Annenberg Innovation Lab Announces 2021 Civic Media Fellows](#)**  
September 9, 2020  
*Grantee News*

**Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** [to 12 Sep 2020]  
<https://mellon.org/>  
*Mellon News, Press Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Open Society Foundations** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Press releases*

September 10, 2020

**[Open Society Foundations Announce New Support for Human Rights in Brazil](#)**

Through strategic litigation, Conectas Direitos Humanos, a São Paulo-based NGO with nearly two decades of experience, will use Open Society support to defend Brazilians' fundamental rights.

September 8, 2020

**[Open Society Foundations Announce 2020 Soros Equality Fellows](#)**

Now in its fourth year, the Soros Equality Fellowship program is designed to help incubate innovators and risk-takers striving to address the systemic causes and symptoms of racial disparity and discrimination.

**David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Press Releases & Statements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

**[Georgetown University and The Rockefeller Foundation Unveil Global Roadmap for Gender Equality](#)**

09.10.20

Hillary Rodham Clinton and Two Dozen Global Women Leaders Chart a Way Forward to Accelerate Progress for Women and Girls during and post-Covid-19 Pandemic  
Beijing+25 Report Marks 25th Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, 1995  
Blueprint for Advancing Women's Rights Today

Sep 10 2020 *Press Releases*

**[Governor Hogan Announces Purchase of 250,000 Rapid Antigen Tests through The Rockefeller Foundation's Bipartisan Interstate Compact](#)**

Annapolis, MD | September 10, 2020—Maryland Governor Larry Hogan announced today the purchase of 250,000 rapid, point-of-care tests for Covid-19. The tests, which can provide results in minutes rather than ...

Sep 09 2020 *Press Releases*

**[The Rockefeller Foundation and ACCESS Health International Launch a Report Uncovering the Role of Digital Technology in Tackling Covid-19](#)**

Twelve case-studies from China provide a comprehensive view of the impact of digital technology on six outbreak response categories New York, September 09, 2020 — The Rockefeller Foundation and ACCESS Health International ...

Sep 09 2020 *Press Releases*

**[New Report Gives Covid-19 Testing Strategies to Help America's Communities Open Safely](#)**

Strategies customizable to local pandemic situations DURHAM, North Carolina | September 9, 2020 – A new, first-of-its kind report provides a framework for public health officials and community leaders in schools, ...

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 12 Sep 2020]

<https://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom.html>

*Latest News and Highlights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**SDG Philanthropy Platform**

<http://sdgfunders.org/>

*SDG Philanthropy Platform is a collaboration between philanthropy and the greater international development community led by Foundation Center, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, and supported by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Ford Foundation and the MasterCard Foundation, the Brach Family Foundation, and other key organizations such as Asociación de Fundaciones Empresariales (AFE) in Colombia, Brach Family Charitable Foundation, CAF America, Council on Foundations, East Africa Association of Grantmakers (EAAG), European Foundation Centre, Filantropi Indonesia (FI), GlobalGiving, The Humanitarian Forum, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists, and Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS).*

*Selected Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Alfred P. Sloan Foundation** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Wellcome Trust** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Explainer* | 11 September 2020

**[Safety first: how to run a Covid-19 vaccine clinical trial](#)**

The world is waiting eagerly for Covid-19 vaccines to be developed as quickly as possible. But to make sure they are safe and effective, the clinical trials that test them have to be robust. So how do trials achieve this?

*Opinion* | 7 September 2020

**[The first Covid-19 vaccine may not be the magic bullet that returns life to 'normal'](#)**

Jeremy Farrar

Director Wellcome

As we'll soon start to see the results of the first vaccines coming through late-stage clinical trials, Jeremy Farrar explains why we should be cautiously optimistic.

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**Candid** [*formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar*] [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Press Room*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Council on Foundations** [to 12 Sep 2020]

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

*Newsroom*

[*Undated*]

**[Philanthropy's Response to 2020 Hurricane Laura](#)**

Updated information about the impact of Hurricane Laura on communities and resources for foundations.

**[Philanthropy's Response to 2020 California Wildfires](#)**

Updated information about the impact of 2020 California Wildfires and resources for foundations.

**[Philanthropy's Response to 2020 Iowa Derecho](#)**

Updated information about the impact of severe storms during Spring 2020 and resources for foundations.

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***:: Journal Watch***

*The Sentinel will track key peer-reviewed journals which address a broad range of interests in human rights, humanitarian response, health and development. It is not intended to be exhaustive. We will*

*add to those monitored below as we encounter relevant content and upon recommendation from readers. We selectively provide full text of abstracts and other content but note that successful access to some of the articles and other content may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher. Please suggest additional journals you feel warrant coverage.*

**American Journal of Infection Control**

September 2020 Volume 48, Issue 9, p975-1132

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Preventive Medicine**

September 2020 Volume 59, Issue 3, p309-468

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Public Health**

September 2020 110(9)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

Volume 103, Issue 3, September 2020

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/103/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Annals of Internal Medicine**

1 September 2020 Volume 173, Issue 5

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology**

Issue 376 - August 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal**

Volume 287 October 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/287/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation**

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

(Accessed 12 Sep 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMJ Global Health**

September 2020 - Volume 5 - 9

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/5/9>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **BMC Health Services Research**

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

(Accessed 12 Sep 2020)

#### **[Factors influencing mothers' health care seeking behaviour for their children: evidence from 31 countries in sub-Saharan Africa](#)**

*Almost half of the estimated 5.3 million deaths of under-five children in 2018 occurred in sub-Saharan Africa with morbidity contributing substantially to these deaths. Seeking medical care for children has be...*

Authors: Sulaimon T. Adedokun and Sanni Yaya

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2020 20:842

Content type: Research article

Published on: 7 September 2020

### **BMC Infectious Diseases**

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

(Accessed 12 Sep 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Medical Ethics**

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

(Accessed 12 Sep 2020)

*Debate Open Access*

#### **[Human germline editing in the era of CRISPR-Cas: risk and uncertainty, inter-generational responsibility, therapeutic legitimacy](#)**

Authors: Sebastian Schleidgen, Hans-Georg Dederer, Susan Sgodda, Stefan Cravcisin, Luca Lüneburg, Tobias Cantz and Thomas Heinemann

11 September 2020

*Abstract*

Background

Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats-associated (CRISPR-Cas) technology may allow for efficient and highly targeted gene editing in single-cell embryos. This possibility brings human germline editing into the focus of ethical and legal debates again.

Main body

Against this background, we explore essential ethical and legal questions of interventions into the human germline by means of CRISPR-Cas: How should issues of risk and uncertainty be handled? What responsibilities arise regarding future generations? Under which conditions can germline editing measures be therapeutically legitimized? For this purpose, we refer to a scenario anticipating potential further development in CRISPR-Cas technology implying improved accuracy and exclusion of germline transmission to future generations. We show that, if certain concepts regarding germline editing are clarified, under such conditions a categorical prohibition of one-generation germline editing of single-cell embryos appears not to be ethically or legally justifiable.

#### Conclusion

These findings are important prerequisites for the international debate on the ethical and legal justification of germline interventions in the human embryo as well as for the harmonization of international legal standards.

#### **BMC Medicine**

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

(Accessed 12 Sep 2020)

*Research article Open Access*

#### **[Estimating indirect mortality impacts of armed conflict in civilian populations: panel regression analyses of 193 countries, 1990–2017](#)**

Armed conflict can indirectly affect population health through detrimental impacts on political and social institutions and destruction of infrastructure. This study aimed to quantify indirect mortality impact...

Authors: Mohammed Jawad, Thomas Hone, Eszter P. Vamos, Paul Roderick, Richard Sullivan and Christopher Millett

Citation: BMC Medicine 2020 18:266

Content type: Research article

Published on: 10 September 2020

#### *Abstract*

##### Background

Armed conflict can indirectly affect population health through detrimental impacts on political and social institutions and destruction of infrastructure. This study aimed to quantify indirect mortality impacts of armed conflict in civilian populations globally and explore differential effects by armed conflict characteristics and population groups.

##### Methods

We included 193 countries between 1990 and 2017 and constructed fixed effects panel regression models using data from the Uppsala Conflict Data Program and Global Burden of Disease study. Mortality rates were corrected to exclude battle-related deaths. We assessed separately four different armed conflict variables (capturing binary, continuous, categorical, and quintile exposures) and ran models by cause-specific mortality stratified by age groups and sex. Post-estimation analyses calculated the number of civilian deaths.

##### Results

We identified 1118 unique armed conflicts. Armed conflict was associated with increases in civilian mortality—driven by conflicts categorised as wars. Wars were associated with an increase in age-standardised all-cause mortality of 81.5 per 100,000 population ( $\beta$  81.5, 95% CI 14.3–148.8) in adjusted models contributing 29.4 million civilian deaths (95% CI 22.1–36.6) globally over the study period. Mortality rates from communicable, maternal, neonatal, and nutritional diseases ( $\beta$  51.3, 95% CI 2.6–99.9); non-communicable diseases ( $\beta$  22.7, 95% CI 0.2–45.2); and injuries ( $\beta$  7.6, 95% CI 3.4–11.7) associated with war increased, contributing 21.0 million (95% CI 16.3–25.6), 6.0 million (95% CI

4.1–8.0), and 2.4 million deaths (95% CI 1.7–3.1) respectively. War-associated increases in all-cause and cause-specific mortality were found across all age groups and both genders, but children aged 0–5 years had the largest relative increases in mortality.

#### Conclusions

Armed conflict, especially the most intense types, indirectly impacts civilian mortality. Our estimates suggest that almost 30 million civilian deaths were indirectly attributable to armed conflict globally between 1990 and 2017, two thirds of which were due to communicable, maternal, neonatal, and nutritional diseases. Broader and more robust measures of civilian impacts at subnational and national levels are needed to inform policy and advocacy to prevent war and protect civilians. This could include greater use of linkage studies that incorporate data from routine health and demographic sources, exposure to conflict-specific environmental risks, and quantitative epidemiological methods such as national and subnational victimisation surveys.

#### **[Measuring the availability and geographical accessibility of maternal health services across sub-Saharan Africa](#)**

*With universal health coverage a key component of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, targeted monitoring is crucial for reducing inequalities in the provision of services. However, monitoring largely occu...*

Authors: A. S. Wigley, N. Tejedor-Garavito, V. Alegana, A. Carioli, C. W. Ruktanonchai, C. Pezzulo, Z. Matthews, A. J. Tatem and K. Nilsen

Citation: BMC Medicine 2020 18:237

Content type: Research article

Published on: 8 September 2020

#### **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

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

(Accessed 12 Sep 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

#### **BMC Public Health**

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

(Accessed 12 Sep 2020)

#### **[Prevalence of anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder among Ebola survivors in northern Sierra Leone: a cross-sectional study](#)**

*There is limited data available on the long-term mental health impact of Ebola virus disease (EVD) on survivors despite the disease experience of survivors meeting the criteria of a traumatic event as defined ...*

Authors: Abdulai Jawo Bah, Peter Bai James, Nuhu Bah, Amara Bangali Sesay, Stephen Sevalie and Joseph Sam Kanu

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:1391

Content type: Research article

Published on: 11 September 2020

#### **BMC Research Notes**

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

(Accessed 12 Sep 2020)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMJ Open**

August 2020 - Volume 10 – 8-9  
<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/10/8?current-issue=y>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Bulletin of the World Health Organization**

Volume 98, Number 9, September 2020, 581-644  
<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/98/9/en/>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Child Care, Health and Development**

Volume 46, Issue 5 Pages: 537-649 September 2020  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal**

Volume 107 September 2020  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/107/suppl/C>  
*Research article Abstract only*

#### **[Strengthening the predictive power of screening for adverse childhood experiences \(ACEs\) in younger and older children](#)**

Heather A. Turner, David Finkelhor, Kimberly J. Mitchell, Lisa M. Jones, Megan Henly  
Article 104522

*Research article Abstract only*

#### **[Trauma-informed art and play therapy: Pilot study outcomes for children and mothers in domestic violence shelters in the United States and South Africa](#)**

Nataly Woollett, Monica Bandeira, Abigail Hatcher  
Article 104564

*Review article Abstract only*

#### **[Measuring self-reported polyvictimization in foster youth research: A systematic review](#)**

Alysse M. Loomis, Megan Feely, Stephanie Kennedy  
Article 104588

### **Clinical Therapeutics**

July 2020 Volume 42, Issue 7, p1137-1424  
<http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

## **Clinical Trials**

Volume 17 Issue 4, August 2020

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/17/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Conflict and Health**

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

[Accessed 12 Sep 2020]

### **[Addressing COVID-19 in humanitarian settings: a call to action](#)**

Authors: Jude Alawa, Nawara Alawa, Adam Coutts, Richard Sullivan, Kaveh Khoshnood and Fouad M. Fouad

Citation: Conflict and Health 2020 14:64

Content type: Commentary

Published on: 10 September 2020

#### *Abstract*

Refugees and internally displaced persons in humanitarian settings are particularly susceptible to the spread of infectious illnesses such as COVID-19 due to overcrowding and inadequate access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities. Countries facing conflict or humanitarian emergencies often have damaged or fragmented health systems and little to no capacity to test, isolate, and treat COVID-19 cases. Without a plan to address COVID-19 in humanitarian settings, host governments, aid agencies, and international organizations risk prolonging the spread of the virus across borders, threatening global health security, and devastating vulnerable populations. Stakeholders must coordinate a multifaceted response to address COVID-19 in humanitarian settings that incorporates appropriate communication of risks, sets forth resource-stratified guidelines for the use of limited testing, provides resources to treat affected patients, and engages displaced populations.

## **Contemporary Clinical Trials**

Volume 96 September 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/96/suppl/C>

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## **The CRISPR Journal**

Volume 3, Issue 4 / August 2020

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/3/4>

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## **Current Genetic Medicine Reports**

Volume 8, issue 3, September 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/8-3>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases**

October 2020 - Volume 33 - Issue 5

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **Developing World Bioethics**

Volume 20, Issue 3 Pages: 115-171 September 2020

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

*ORIGINAL ARTICLES*

### **[Prioritising African perspectives in psychiatric genomics research: Issues of translation and informed consent](#)**

[Eunice Kamaara](#), [Camillia Kong](#), [Megan Campbell](#)

Pages: 139-149

First Published: 14 November 2019

### **[Investigating assumptions of vulnerability: A case study of the exclusion of psychiatric inpatients as participants in genetic research in low- and middle-income contexts](#)**

[Andrea C. Palk](#), [Mary Bitta](#), [Eunice Kamaara](#), [Dan J. Stein](#), [Irina Singh](#)

Pages: 157-166

First Published: 14 January 2020

### **Development in Practice**

Volume 30, Issue 5, 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Development Policy Review**

Volume 38, Issue 5 Pages: 539-681 September 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology**

Volume 15, Issue 6, 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>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Disasters**

Volume 44, Issue 4 Pages: 619-752 October 2020  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>  
*Papers*

### **[The internal brain drain: foreign aid, hiring practices, and international migration \[Haiti\]](#)**

Nicolas Lemay-Hébert, [Louis Herns Marcelin](#), [Stéphane Pallage](#), [Toni Cela](#)  
Pages: 621-640  
First Published: 28 June 2019

### **[Humanitarian aid and local power structures: lessons from Haiti's 'shadow disaster'](#)**

[Kaiting Jessica Hsu](#), [Mark Schuller](#)  
Pages: 641-665  
First Published: 25 June 2019

## **EMBO Reports**

Volume 21 Issue 9 3 September 2020  
<https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

## **Emergency Medicine Journal**

<https://bmcemergmed.biomedcentral.com/articles>  
[Accessed 12 Sep 2020]  
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## **Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Volume 26, Number 9—September 2020  
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>  
[Reviewed earlier]

## **Epidemics**

Volume 32 September 2020  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/32/suppl/C>  
[Reviewed earlier]

## **Epidemiology and Infection**

Volume 148 - 2020  
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue>  
[Reviewed earlier]

## **Ethics & Human Research**

Volume 42, Issue 4 Pages: 1-40 July–August 2020  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/current>

### ***Pregnant Women Covid-19 Vaccine Challenge Trials Lotteries***

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Ethics & International Affairs**

Summer 2020 (34.2) July 2020

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2020/summer-2020-34-2/>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **The European Journal of Public Health**

Volume 30, Issue 4, August 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/30/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Food Policy**

Volume 95 August 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/94/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Food Security**

Volume 12, Issue 4, August 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/12/4>

#### ***Worldwide disruptions of food systems and the search of enduring food security amidst Covid-19***

Most of the articles in this Special Issue are short, Opinion articles. There are however two research papers, and the Special Issue starts with a large Opinion-Overview prepared by the Editorial Board of Food Security.

Contributions from many institutions have reached us to form this special issue:

:: from numerous Universities from the global North and South (Pennsylvania State University, University of Pretoria, Leibniz University in Hannover, McGill University, Montana State University, Nanjing Agricultural University, Nanyang Technological University Singapore, National University of Singapore, Sheffield Hallam University, Zhejiang University, Lappeenranta University of Technology, University of Sydney, and Wageningen University;

:: from many Institutes (CIAT, CIMMYT, CIP, GIGA-Germany, ICRISAT, IDS, IFPRI, INRAE, and the World Vegetable Center), and, beyond the academia,

:: from International Organisations (WHO);

:: NGOs and Foundations: the M S Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai, India; Oxfam; and Seed System.

These contributions may be broadly distributed in four groups: the impacts of the ongoing pandemic on food security, the resilience mechanisms to such crises, the development of resilient food systems, and the policies to be considered.

### **Forced Migration Review (FMR)**

FMR 643 June 2020

<https://www.fmreview.org/issue64>

***Climate crisis and local communities / Trafficking and smuggling / COVID-19: early reflections***

June 2020

FMR issue 64 includes two main feature themes, one on Climate crisis and local communities and one on Trafficking and smuggling, plus a 'mini-feature' on early reflections on COVID-19 in the context of displacement.

**Forum for Development Studies**

Volume 47, 2020 - Issue 2

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

***Issue Theme: Challenges in an era of new North-South divides. Research in the time of Covid-19***

[Reviewed earlier]

**Gates Open Research**

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

[Accessed 12 Sep 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

**Genome Medicine**

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

[Accessed 12 Sep 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

**Geoheritage**

Volume 12, Issue 3, September 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/12/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Global Health Action**

Volume 12, 2019 Issue 1

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/12/sup1?nav=toCList>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)**

2020 | Volume 8 | Number 2 June 30, 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Global Public Health**

Volume 15, 2020 Issue 9  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Globalization and Health**

<http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/>  
*Articles*

#### **[Disease burden metrics and the innovations of leading pharmaceutical companies: a global and regional comparative study](#)**

*The recent innovation activities of global top-tier pharmaceutical companies in accordance with global and regional health concerns were investigated in order to identify their innovations contributing to popu...*

Authors: Ye Lim Jung, JeeNa Hwang and Hyoung Sun Yoo

Citation: Globalization and Health 2020 16:80

Content type: Research

Published on: 10 September 2020

### **Health Affairs**

Vol. 39, No. 9 September 2020  
<https://www.healthaffairs.org/toc/hlthaff/current>

#### ***Medicare Payment Incentives, Medicaid & More***

*Research Article Global Health Policy*

#### **[Restrictions On US Global Health Assistance Reduce Key Health Services In Supported Countries](#)**

Jennifer Sherwood, Matthea Roemer, Brian Honermann, Austin Jones, Greg Millett, and Michele R. Decker

Research Article COVID-19

#### **[Designing Pull Funding For A COVID-19 Vaccine](#)**

Christopher M. Snyder, Kendall Hoyt, Dimitrios Gouglas, Thomas Johnston, and James Robinson

### **Health and Human Rights**

Volume 22, Issue 1, June 2020  
<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-22-issue-1-june-2020/>

#### ***Special Section: Mental Health and Human Rights***

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Health Economics, Policy and Law**

Volume 15 - Issue 4 - October 2020  
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue>  
[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **Health Policy and Planning**

Volume 35, Issue 6, July 2020  
<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/35/6>  
[Reviewed earlier]

**Health Research Policy and Systems**  
<http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content>  
[Accessed 12 Sep 2020]  
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**Human Gene Therapy**  
Volume 31, Issue 15-16 / August 2020  
<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/31/15-16>  
[Reviewed earlier]

**Human Rights Quarterly**  
Volume 42, Number 3, August 2020  
<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/42690>  
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[Reviewed earlier]

**Humanitarian Exchange Magazine**  
Number 77, March 2020  
<https://odihpn.org/magazine/responding-to-ebola-in-the-democratic-republic-of-congo/>  
***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 Adelia Fairbanks, who argues for an acceptance strategy in the DRC to improve security and access for responding agencies.

### **Infectious Agents and Cancer**

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

[Accessed 12 Sep 2020]

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### **Infectious Diseases of Poverty**

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

[Accessed 12 Sep 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

### **International Health**

Volume 12, Issue 5, September 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/inthealth/issue/12/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **International Human Rights Law Review**

Volume 9 (2020): Issue 1 (May 2020)

<https://brill.com/view/journals/hrlr/9/1/hrlr.9.issue-1.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **The International Journal of Children's Rights**

Volume 28 (2020): Issue 3 (Aug 2020)

<https://brill.com/view/journals/chil/28/3/chil.28.issue-3.xml>

***Special Issue: Article 5 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child: Families, Guidance and Evolving Capacities***

[Reviewed earlier]

### **International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health**

Vol 7, No 7 (2020) July 2020

<https://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/64>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction**

Volume 46 June 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/46/suppl/C>  
[Reviewed earlier]

**International Journal of Epidemiology**

Volume 49, Issue 3, June 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue/49/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

**International Journal of Heritage Studies**

Volume 26, Issue 9, 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare**

Volume 13 Issue 3 2020

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2056-4902/vol/13/iss/3>

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**International Journal of Infectious Diseases**

August 2020 Volume 97, p1-404

[https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712\(20\)X0009-9](https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712(20)X0009-9)

[Reviewed earlier]

**International Migration Review**

Volume 54 Issue 3, September 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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

January-June 2020 Volume 18 | Issue 1 Page Nos. 1-95

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**JAMA Network**

**[COVID-19 Update September 12, 2020](#)**

*These articles on COVID-19 were published across the JAMA Network in the last week.*

## **JAMA**

September 8, 2020, Vol 324, No. 10, Pages 919-1016

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/currentissue>

*Preliminary Communication*

### **[Effect of an Inactivated Vaccine Against SARS-CoV-2 on Safety and Immunogenicity Outcomes - Interim Analysis of 2 Randomized Clinical Trials](#)**

Shengli Xia, BS; Kai Duan, PhD; Yuntao Zhang, PhD; et al.

free access has active quiz

JAMA. 2020;324(10):951-960. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.15543

This interim analysis of 2 randomized trials compares adverse reactions and neutralizing antibody responses to inactivated coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vs adjuvant-only control vaccination, and compares the outcomes at varying vaccine doses among healthy adults in China.

...Conclusions and Relevance In this interim report of the phase 1 and phase 2 trials of an inactivated COVID-19 vaccine, patients had a low rate of adverse reactions and demonstrated immunogenicity; the study is ongoing. Efficacy and longer-term adverse event assessment will require phase 3 trials.

Trial Registration Chinese Clinical Trial Registry Identifier: [ChiCTR2000031809](#)

*Editorial*

### **[An Inactivated Virus Candidate Vaccine to Prevent COVID-19](#)**

Mark J. Mulligan, MD

... In summary, this preliminary report by Xia et al<sup>10</sup> provides important interim safety, tolerability, and immune response results for a  $\beta$ -propiolactone-inactivated whole-virus vaccine against COVID-19. These interim data are of interest given the urgent global need for protective COVID-19 vaccines. With 7.8 billion individuals worldwide at risk for SARS-CoV-2 infection and COVID-19 morbidity and mortality, humanity needs as many safe and protective COVID-19 vaccines as possible.

*Viewpoint*

### **[Unwavering Regulatory Safeguards for COVID-19 Vaccines](#)**

Anand Shah, MD; Peter W. Marks, MD, PhD; Stephen M. Hahn, MD

free access has active quiz has multimedia has audio

JAMA. 2020;324(10):931-932. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.15725

This Viewpoint from the FDA reviews the minimum safety and efficacy standards COVID-19 vaccine candidates would need to meet to be considered for approval, and affirms its commitments to evaluating both in diverse populations and to postmarketing surveillance as means to ensure that approval will meet the highest safety and regulatory standards based on science and evidence, not politics.

### **[Improving Physician Communication About Treatment Decisions - Reconsideration of "Risks vs Benefits"](#)**

Daniel J. Morgan, MD; Laura D. Scherer, PhD; Deborah Korenstein, MD

has audio

JAMA. 2020;324(10):937-938. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.0354

This Viewpoint emphasizes the importance of precise language to help patients make evidence-informed decisions in shared decision-making, and argues that references to "chances of harms and benefits" will be more understandable to patients than discussions of "probabilities of risks and benefits."

Conversations with Dr Bauchner: Changing Language to Improve Physician Communication About Treatment Decisions

### **JAMA Pediatrics**

September 2020, Vol 174, No. 9, Pages 815-916

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

*Viewpoint*

#### **[Inclusion of Children in Clinical Trials of Treatments for Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)**

Thomas J. Hwang, AB; Adrienne G. Randolph, MD, MSc; Florence T. Bourgeois, MD, MPH

free access

JAMA Pediatr. 2020;174(9):825-826. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2020.1888

This Viewpoint discusses the exclusion of children from coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) clinical trials and why that could harm treatment options for children.

*Viewpoint*

#### **[Ending the Diagnostic Odyssey—Is Whole-Genome Sequencing the Answer?](#)**

Ann Chen Wu, MD, MPH; Pamela McMahon, PhD; Christine Lu, PhD

JAMA Pediatr. 2020;174(9):821-822. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2020.1522

This Viewpoint describes the implications of pending legislature authorizing Medicaid payments for whole-genome sequencing.

*Original Investigation*

#### **[All-Cause Mortality Among Children in the US Foster Care System, 2003-2016](#)**

Barbara H. Chaichati, MD, PhD; Joanne N. Wood, MD, MSHP; Nandita Mitra, PhD; et al.

JAMA Pediatr. 2020;174(9):896-898. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2020.0715

This cross-sectional analysis uses data from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System to investigate mortality rates among children in the US foster care system compared with those of the general population.

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

August 2020 - Volume 18 - Issue 8

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

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### **Journal of Adolescent Health**

September 2020 Volume 67, Issue 3, p307-460

[https://www.jahonline.org/issue/S1054-139X\(20\)X0009-7](https://www.jahonline.org/issue/S1054-139X(20)X0009-7)

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### **Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research**

Vol. 68 (2020)

<https://www.jair.org/index.php/jair>

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### **Journal of Community Health**

Volume 45, Issue 4, August 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10900/45/4>

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### **Journal of Cultural Heritage**

Volume 44 Pages 1-324 (July–August 2020)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-cultural-heritage/vol/44/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development**

2020 Volume 10 Issue 3

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2044-1266/vol/10/iss/3>

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### **Journal of Development Economics**

Volume 146 September 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-development-economics/vol/146/suppl/C>

***Special Section on Child Development in India***

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### **Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics**

Volume 15 Issue 4, October 2020

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

*Ethical Issues in Informed Consent*

**[Informing Informed Consent for HIV Research](#)**

[Laura M. Campbell](#), [Emily W. Paolillo](#), [Robert Bryan](#), [Jennifer Marquie-Beck](#), [David J. Moore](#), [Camille Nebeker](#), [Raeanne C. Moore](#) First Published June 19, 2020; pp. 235–243

**[Research Consent Models Used in Prospective Studies of Neurologically Deceased Organ Donors: A Systematic Review](#)**

[Frederick D’Aragon](#), [Karen E. A. Burns](#), [Amanda Yaworski](#), [Amanda Lucas](#), [Erika Arseneau](#), [Emilie Belley-Cote](#), [Sonny Dhanani](#), [Anne-Julie Frenette](#), [François Lamontagne](#), [François Lauzier](#), [Aemal Akhtar](#), [Simon Oczkowski](#), [Bram Rochweg](#), [Maureen O. Meade](#) for the Canadian Critical Care Trials Group and the Canadian National Transplant Research Program  
First Published February 13, 2020; pp. 244–251

**[Comparison of Video, App, and Standard Consent Processes on Decision-Making for Biospecimen Research: A Randomized Controlled Trial](#)**

[Erin Rothwell](#), [Erin Johnson](#), [Bob Wong](#), [Aaron Goldenberg](#), [Beth A. Tarini](#), [Naomi Riches](#), [Louisa A. Stark](#), [Christina Pries](#), [Carrie Langbo](#), [Elizabeth Langen](#), [Jeffrey Botkin](#)

First Published April 3, 2020; pp. 252–260

*Ethical Issues researching Tribal Communities*

**Fostering Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications Research in Tribal Communities: The Center for the Ethics of Indigenous Genomic Research**

Vanessa Y. Hiratsuka, Julie A. Beans, Justin Reedy, Joseph M. Yracheta, Michael T. Peercy, Bobby Saunkeah, R. Brian Woodbury, Marcia O'Leary, Paul G. Spicer

First Published September 9, 2019; pp. 271–278

*Empirical Studies on Research Integrity and Research Misconduct*

**A Scenario-Based Methodology for Analyzing the Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues in Genomic Data Sharing**

Rebekah McWhirter, Lisa Eckstein, Don Chalmers, Christine Critchley, Jane Nielsen, Margaret Otlowski, Dianne Nicol

First Published May 19, 2020; pp. 355–364

**Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health**

September 2020 - Volume 74 - 9

<https://jech.bmj.com/content/74/9>

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**Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine**

Volume 13, Issue 3 Pages: 179-249 August 2020

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

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**Journal of Global Ethics**

Volume 16, Issue 1, 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (JHCPU)**

Volume 31, Number 3, August 2020

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/42831>

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**Journal of Human Trafficking**

Volume 6, Issue 4, 2020

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

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**Journal of Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Management**

Volume 10 Issue 1 2020

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2042-6747/vol/10/iss/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health**

Volume 22, Issue 4, August 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10903/22/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies**

Volume 18, 2020\_ Issue 3

*Article*

[The Special Needs of Victims of Torture or Serious Violence: A Qualitative Research in EU](#)

Monica Luci & Daniela Di Rado

Pages: 405-420

Published online: 22 Oct 2019

**Journal of Infectious Diseases**

Volume 222, Issue 3, 1 August 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/jid/issue/222/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Journal of International Development**

Volume 32, Issue 6 Pages: 831-1006 August 2020

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/10991328/current>

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**Journal of Medical Ethics**

September 2020 - Volume 46 - 9

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*The Editors' Perspectives*

#### **COVID-19: A teachable moment for vaccines and trust**

Sarah S. Long

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*Commentary*

#### **The Urgent Need for Transparent and Accountable Procurement of Medicine and Medical Supplies in Times of COVID-19 Pandemic**

Authors: Jillian Clare Kohler and Tom Wright

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*Abstract*

The COVID-19 pandemic has unleashed unprecedented and complex public policy issues. One that has emerged as a challenge for many countries globally is how to ensure the efficient and effective procurement of quality medical supplies. Existing corruption pressures on procurement—everything from undue influence to the outright bribery of public officials—has been amplified by the pandemic, and thus demands commensurate policy responses. We argue that transparency and accountability in procurement are essential to preventing the corruption risks that threaten the health and well-being of populations.

### **Journal of Public Health Management & Practice**

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### **Journal of Public Health Policy**

Volume 41, Issue 3, September 2020

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Volume 2, Issue 2 (2019)

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<https://royalsocietypublishing.org/toc/rsif/current>  
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### **Journal of Travel Medicine**

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### **The Lancet**

Sep 12, 2020 Volume 396 Number 10253 p735-798, e25-e29  
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*Editorial*

#### **[Global collaboration for health: rhetoric versus reality](#)**

The Lancet  
*[See Week in Review above for full text]*

### **The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health**

Aug 2020 Volume 4 Number 8 p555-640, e26-e34  
<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanchi/issue/current>  
*Review*

#### **[Chronic comorbidities in children and adolescents with perinatally acquired HIV infection in sub-Saharan Africa in the era of antiretroviral therapy](#)**

Lisa J Frigati, et al

#### *Viewpoint*

#### **[Sexual health education for adolescents and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities: recommendations for accessible sexual and reproductive health information](#)**

Rosemary Claire Roden, Elizabeth Koss Schmidt, Cynthia Holland-Hall

### **Lancet Digital Health**

Sep 2020 Volume 2 Number 9 e441-e492  
<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/landig/issue/current>  
*Editorial*

#### **[Transparency during global health emergencies](#)**

The Lancet Digital Health

Medical research and publishing communities have been admonished for the lack of transparency in the reporting of COVID-19 data, exemplified by two recent retractions of COVID-19 papers published in The Lancet and The New England Journal of Medicine. These studies reported proprietary data from electronic health records allegedly obtained from hundreds of hospitals around the world by the company, Surgisphere. Post-publication analysis of these papers revealed multiple inconsistencies in the data and questions about the provenance of the data sources. When these concerns were put to

the authors of the papers, it was revealed that the data could not be shared with the public nor an independent auditor, and so the veracity of these data could not be guaranteed.

The Surgisphere misconduct case resulted in the loss of precious resources and time during a critical global emergency. The case also brought into sharp focus the desperate need to accelerate efforts for greater data oversight and transparency in medical research. Disclosure of raw data can protect against potential misconduct. More importantly, as [Cosgriff and colleagues](#) highlight, data sharing will enhance global collaboration and will promote real-time analysis for improved control of future outbreaks like COVID-19. So why is COVID-19 data not being shared with medical researchers?...

*Comment*

**[Approaching autonomy in medical artificial intelligence](#)**

Danielle S Bitterman, Hugo J W L Aerts, Raymond H Mak

*Viewpoint*

**[Artificial intelligence in medical imaging: switching from radiographic pathological data to clinically meaningful endpoints](#)**

Ohad Oren, Bernard J Gersh, Deepak L Bhatt

**[The myth of generalisability in clinical research and machine learning in health care](#)**

Joseph Futoma, Morgan Simons, Trishan Panch, Finale Doshi-Velez, Leo Anthony Celi

**Lancet Global Health**

Sep 2020 Volume 8 Number 9 e1101-e1241

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/issue/current>

*Editorial*

**[Water and sanitation in a post-COVID world](#)**

The Lancet Global Health

*Articles*

**[Potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria in low-income and middle-income countries: a modelling study](#)**

Alexandra B Hogan, et al

*Summary*

Background

COVID-19 has the potential to cause substantial disruptions to health services, due to cases overburdening the health system or response measures limiting usual programmatic activities. We aimed to quantify the extent to which disruptions to services for HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria in low-income and middle-income countries with high burdens of these diseases could lead to additional loss of life over the next 5 years.

Methods

Assuming a basic reproduction number of 3·0, we constructed four scenarios for possible responses to the COVID-19 pandemic: no action, mitigation for 6 months, suppression for 2 months, or suppression for 1 year. We used established transmission models of HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria to estimate the additional impact on health that could be caused in selected settings, either due to COVID-19 interventions limiting activities, or due to the high demand on the health system due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Findings

In high-burden settings, deaths due to HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria over 5 years could increase by up to 10%, 20%, and 36%, respectively, compared with if there was no COVID-19 pandemic. The greatest impact on HIV was estimated to be from interruption to antiretroviral therapy, which could occur during a period of high health system demand. For tuberculosis, the greatest impact would be from reductions in timely diagnosis and treatment of new cases, which could result from any prolonged period of COVID-19 suppression interventions. The greatest impact on malaria burden could be as a result of interruption of planned net campaigns. These disruptions could lead to a loss of life-years over 5 years that is of the same order of magnitude as the direct impact from COVID-19 in places with a high burden of malaria and large HIV and tuberculosis epidemics.

#### Interpretation

Maintaining the most critical prevention activities and health-care services for HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria could substantially reduce the overall impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Funding

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Wellcome Trust, UK Department for International Development, and Medical Research Council.

### **[Mapping geographical inequalities in access to drinking water and sanitation facilities in low-income and middle-income countries, 2000–17](#)**

Local Burden of Disease WaSH Collaborators

### **[Real-world effectiveness of rotavirus vaccines, 2006–19: a literature review and meta-analysis](#)**

Eleanor Burnett, Umesh D Parashar, Jacqueline E Tate

#### **Lancet Infectious Diseases**

Sep 2020 Volume 20 Number 9 p993-1100, e215-e249

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/issue/current>

*Editorial*

#### **[Air travel in the time of COVID-19](#)**

The Lancet Infectious Diseases

*Articles*

#### **[Individual quarantine versus active monitoring of contacts for the mitigation of COVID-19: a modelling study](#)**

Corey M Peak, et al

#### **Lancet Public Health**

Sep 2020 Volume 5 Number 9 e460-e511

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

*Editorial*

#### **[Will the COVID-19 pandemic threaten the SDGs?](#)**

The Lancet Public Health

*[See Week in Review above for full text]*

#### **Lancet Respiratory Medicine**

Sep 2020 Volume 8 Number 9 p831-934, e70-e72  
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Volume 24, Issue 8, August 2020  
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### **Medical Decision Making (MDM)**

Volume 40 Issue 6, August 2020  
<http://mdm.sagepub.com/content/current>  
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### **The Milbank Quarterly**

*A Multidisciplinary Journal of Population Health and Health Policy*  
Volume 98, Issue 3 Pages: 619-1020 September 2020  
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*Perspectives Free Access*

#### **[Population Health in the Time of COVID-19: Confirmations and Revelations](#)**

ANA V. DIEZ ROUX

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First Published: 18 August 2020

Milbank Quarterly Classics

#### **[Revisiting Compression of Morbidity and Health Disparities in the 21st Century](#)**

PAULA M. LANTZ

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First Published: 18 August 2020

### **Nature**

Volume 585 Issue 7824, 10 September 2020  
[http://www.nature.com/nature/current\\_issue.html](http://www.nature.com/nature/current_issue.html)  
*Comment / 08 September 2020*

#### **[Don't ignore genetic data from minority populations](#)**

*Efforts to build representative studies are defeated when scientists discard data from certain groups. Instead, researchers should work to balance statistical needs with fairness.*

Chief Ben-Eghan, Rosie Sun[...] & Simon Gravel

*Review Article | 09 September 2020*

#### **[Illuminating the dark spaces of healthcare with ambient intelligence](#)**

Albert Haque, Arnold Milstein & Li Fei-Fei

*Abstract*

Advances in machine learning and contactless sensors have given rise to ambient intelligence—physical spaces that are sensitive and responsive to the presence of humans. Here we review how this technology could improve our understanding of the metaphorically dark, unobserved spaces of healthcare. In hospital spaces, early applications could soon enable more efficient clinical workflows and improved patient safety in intensive care units and operating rooms. In daily living spaces, ambient intelligence could prolong the independence of older individuals and improve the management of individuals with a chronic disease by understanding everyday behaviour. Similar to other technologies, transformation into clinical applications at scale must overcome challenges such as rigorous clinical validation, appropriate data privacy and model transparency. Thoughtful use of this technology would enable us to understand the complex interplay between the physical environment and health-critical human behaviours.

### **Nature Biotechnology**

Volume 38 Issue 9, 1 September 2020

<https://www.nature.com/nbt/volumes/38/issues/9>

*Editorial* | 28 August 2020

#### **[Thank you for sharing](#)**

The pandemic has highlighted long-standing, deep-rooted challenges to the sharing of biological samples. Greater attention is needed to mechanisms for incentivizing materials transfer.

*News* | 04 September 2020

#### **[Massive data initiatives and AI provide testbed for pandemic forecasting](#)**

Initiatives to gather massive epidemiological datasets aim to cut through national COVID-19 stats in a bid to understand the new coronavirus and aid public health policymakers.

Cormac Sheridan

### **Nature Communications**

<https://www.nature.com/subjects/health-sciences/ncomms>

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### **Nature Genetics**

Volume 52 Issue 9, 1 September 2020

<https://www.nature.com/ng/volumes/52/issues/9>

*Editorial* | 02 September 2020

#### **[Crop genomes and beyond](#)**

Increasing amounts of crop genomic resources, along with new technical achievements in genome analysis, can facilitate basic and translational research in agriculture, and expand the ability to meet the global challenge of food production and security.

*Article* | 27 July 2020 | Open Access

#### **[European maize genomes highlight intraspecies variation in repeat and gene content](#)**

De novo genome assemblies of four European flint maize lines and comparison with two US Corn Belt genomes provide insights into the dynamics of intraspecies variation in repeat and gene content in maize genomes.

Georg Haberer, Nadia Kamal[...] & Klaus F. X. Mayer

## **Nature Medicine**

Volume 26 Issue 9, 1 September 2020

<https://www.nature.com/nm/volumes/26/issues/9>

### ***Guidelines for AI in clinical trials***

The image on the cover illustrates the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) to enhance healthcare delivery. In this issue, new extensions of SPIRIT and CONSORT guidelines dedicated to randomized clinical trials involving AI delineate the reporting standards for these interventions, and Nimri and colleagues report the results of a randomized clinical trial evaluating the performance of an AI for optimizing insulin dosing in patients with type 1 diabetes.

*Editorial* | 09 September 2020

### **Setting guidelines to report the use of AI in clinical trials**

Delivering the potential of artificial intelligence in clinical decision-making will require testing interventions in well-designed randomized clinical trials and reporting these results in a standardized and transparent fashion.

Artificial intelligence (AI) methods developed in the past decades have made invaluable contributions to biomedical research. Recent technological progress in machine learning and deep learning algorithms, and their application in solving clinical questions, are expanding the possibilities for enhancing healthcare delivery and hold great promise for transforming clinical research. Several proof-of-concept studies have illustrated the capacity of these models, when trained on sufficiently large datasets, to attain image-based [diagnosis](#) accuracy compatible with clinical applications or to select optimal [treatment](#) regimens for hospitalized patients, among other tasks. However, the utility of most of these algorithms remain largely theoretical, and they have mostly been tested in controlled settings that cannot recapitulate the complexities of the real world.

At this crossroads, when the value of AI approaches for patient management is put to the test, it is crucial that steps be taken to ensure the highest quality in the reporting of prospective randomized clinical trials that involve AI-based interventions. With this goal in mind, the CONSORT-AI and SPIRIT-AI Steering Groups coordinated a Delphi process involving multiple stakeholders — trialists, statisticians, clinical and translational researchers, patients, regulators and editors — to elaborate specific guidelines aimed at increasing transparency of study protocols and reporting for randomized clinical trials involving AI. The resulting checklists, [CONSORT-AI](#) and [SPIRIT-AI](#), published in this issue along with their respective explanatory documents, represent an extension to the parental CONSORT and SPIRIT guidelines that have raised the impact and quality of study protocols and reporting for randomized clinical trials.

The new extensions incorporate a series of items that were inadequately covered or not covered at all by current guidance, such as how AI is integrated in the clinical pathway or aspects related to code availability or assessment of performance. As with the original clinical guidelines, the CONSORT-AI and SPIRIT-AI extensions provide a set of principles in a burgeoning field of research, and will evolve and be revised as technological advances and clinical needs require. We at Nature Medicine consider it crucial to follow a standardized, transparent and rigorous report procedure for AI interventions in clinical research to ensure the correct steps are taken and the field advances in the right direction. Therefore, consistent with our mission to nurture high-quality reporting of clinical research, we endorse

the CONSORT-AI and SPIRIT-AI guidelines and will require that submissions of manuscripts describing the results of clinical trials using AI algorithms in the clinical decision-making process be reported in accordance with these standards. An example using the CONSORT-AI extension can be seen in the [ADVANCE4U](#) study in this issue — a randomized non-inferiority trial comparing insulin dosing for youths with type 1 diabetes calculated by an AI-based decision-support system with that of physicians. The study has been reported in accordance with the new guidelines, including completion of the CONSORT-AI checklist.

In the process of elaborating the extensions, it became clear that the incorporation of AI technologies in clinical care also creates new challenges that will need to be overcome to narrow the gap between simulated and real-world medical AI. Some of these challenges are tackled in a series of commissioned Comments in this issue. Eric Topol provides a [snapshot](#) of where medical AI stands and highlights the limitations and challenges that these algorithms and study designs need to overcome to be effectively implemented in clinical care. Melissa McCradden and colleagues propose a [step-wise process](#) to ensure a positive impact of this technology in patient care, which includes considerations of data access and protection, model performance and deployment, and oversight. For these models to ensure safety and fairness in clinical care, it is also essential that the design of algorithms be devoid of any bias that might introduce structural inequity in the predictions, as Kellie Owens and Alexis Walker [write](#). Similarly, Atul Butte and colleagues also propose a framework, the [MI CLAIM](#) guidelines, describing the minimal reporting elements that are required for ensuring the transparency, reproducibility and utility of AI algorithms in medicine.

Clinical research is on the brink of a new phase where innovation has enormous potential to bring new opportunities for advancing healthcare delivery. There are, however, risks that need to be anticipated, and necessary steps must be taken to ensure that AI-enabled solutions prioritize the needs of all patients and, in doing so, earn the trust of users. The CONSORT-AI and SPIRIT-AI guidelines lay the foundation for a responsible and transparent evaluation of these tools, and we look forward to seeing how the promise of AI-enhanced healthcare will be fulfilled.

*Comment* | 09 September 2020

### **[Welcoming new guidelines for AI clinical research](#)**

With only a limited number of clinical trials of artificial intelligence in medicine thus far, the first guidelines for protocols and reporting arrive at an opportune time. Better protocol design, along with consistent and complete data presentation, will greatly facilitate interpretation and validation of these trials, and will help the field to move forward.

Eric J. Topol

*Comment* | 09 September 2020

### **[Minimum information about clinical artificial intelligence modeling: the MI-CLAIM checklist](#)**

Here we present the MI-CLAIM checklist, a tool intended to improve transparent reporting of AI algorithms in medicine.

Beau Norgeot, Giorgio Quer[...], & Atul J. Butte

*Comment* | 09 September 2020

### **[Clinical research underlies ethical integration of healthcare artificial intelligence](#)**

Familiar concepts from research ethics can guide the meaningful and rigorous translation of artificial intelligence (AI) tools into clinical practice.

Melissa D. McCradden, Elizabeth A. Stephenson & James A. Anderson

*Comment* | 09 September 2020

**[Those designing healthcare algorithms must become actively anti-racist](#)**

Many widely used health algorithms have been shown to encode and reinforce racial health inequities, prioritizing the needs of white patients over those of patients of color. Because automated systems are becoming so crucial to access to health, researchers in the field of artificial intelligence must become actively anti-racist. Here we list some concrete steps to enable anti-racist practices in medical research and practice.

Kellie Owens & Alexis Walker

*Comment* | 10 July 2020

**[The ethics of deferred consent in times of pandemics](#)**

In the current COVID-19 pandemic, many researchers are applying to research ethics committees for deferred-consent procedures for protocols that aim either to test treatments or to obtain tissue or samples from research participants. However, the deferred-consent procedure has not been developed for pandemics. In this Comment, we interpret existing guidance documents and argue when and under which conditions deferred consent can be considered ethically acceptable in a pandemic.

Rieke van der Graaf, Marie-Astrid Hoogerwerf & Martine C. de Vries

*Consensus Statements*

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**[Guidelines for clinical trial protocols for interventions involving artificial intelligence: the SPIRIT-AI extension](#)**

The CONSORT-AI and SPIRIT-AI extensions improve the transparency of clinical trial design and trial protocol reporting for artificial intelligence interventions.

Samantha Cruz Rivera, Xiaoxuan Liu[...] & Samuel Rowley

Consensus Statement | 09 September 2020 | Open Access

**[Reporting guidelines for clinical trial reports for interventions involving artificial intelligence: the CONSORT-AI extension](#)**

The CONSORT-AI and SPIRIT-AI extensions improve the transparency of clinical trial design and trial protocol reporting for artificial intelligence interventions.

Xiaoxuan Liu, Samantha Cruz Rivera[...] & Samuel Rowley

**Nature Reviews Genetics**

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<https://www.nature.com/nrg/volumes/21/issues/9>

*Comment* | 29 June 2020

**[How digital tools can advance quality and equity in genomic medicine](#)**

As highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic, digital solutions are becoming essential for the provision of clinical genetics services. However, as this Comment emphasizes, the use of digital tools alone can exacerbate genomic and technological disparities and must be balanced with the merits of face-to-face interactions.

Yvonne Bombard & Robin Z. Hayeems

### **Nature Reviews Immunology**

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<https://www.nature.com/nri/volumes/20/issues/9>

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### **Nature Reviews Drug Discovery**

Volume 19 Issue 9, 1 September 2020

<https://www.nature.com/nrd/volumes/19/issues/9>

*Comment* | 12 May 2020

#### **[Digital technologies for medicines: shaping a framework for success](#)**

Regulatory agencies can provide advice to support developers of digital technologies for medicines use, but what are the best strategies to maximize the chance of a successful regulatory interaction? Here, EMA and industry representatives comment on the experience so far.

Francesca Cerreta, Armin Ritzhaupt[...] & Spiros Vamvakas

### **New England Journal of Medicine**

September 10, 2020 Vol. 383 No. 11

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

*Perspective*

Fundamentals of U.S. Health Policy

#### **[Health Equity — Are We Finally on the Edge of a New Frontier?](#)**

Michele K. Evans, M.D.

### **Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly**

Volume 49 Issue 5, October 2020

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### **Pediatrics**

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*Commentaries*

#### **[Let Us Be Vigilant: COVID-19 Is Poised to Obliterate Gains in Healthy Child Development Globally](#)**

Benard P. Dreyer

Pediatrics, Sep 2020, 146 (3) e2020012591

### **Pharmaceutics**

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## **PharmacoEconomics**

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### **[Providing TB and HIV outreach services to internally displaced populations in Northeast Nigeria: Results of a controlled intervention study](#)**

Suraj A. Abdullahi, Marina Smelyanskaya, Stephen John, Haruna I. Adamu, Emperor Ubochioma, Ishaya Kennedy, Fatima A. Abubakar, Haruna A. Ago, Robert Stevens, Jacob Creswell

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*Research Article*

### **[Changes in the HIV continuum of care following expanded access to HIV testing and treatment in Indonesia: A retrospective population-based cohort study](#)**

Yane N. Tarigan, Richard J. Woodman, Emma R. Miller, Rudi Wisaksana, F. Stephen Wignall, Paul R. Ward

Research Article | published 11 Sep 2020 PLOS ONE

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0239041>

### **[The acceptance of Covid-19 tracking technologies: The role of perceived threat, lack of control, and ideological beliefs](#)**

Anna Wnuk, Tomasz Oleksy, Dominika Maison

Research Article | published 11 Sep 2020 PLOS ONE

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0238973>

### **[India nudges to contain COVID-19 pandemic: A reactive public policy analysis using machine-learning based topic modelling](#)**

Ramit Debnath, Ronita Bardhan

Research Article | published 11 Sep 2020 PLOS ONE  
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0238972>

**[Preliminary steps of the development of a Minimum Uniform Dataset applicable to the international wheelchair sector](#)**

María Luisa Toro-Hernández, Nancy Augustine, Padmaja Kankipati, Patricia Karg, Karen Rispin, Richard M. Schein, Krithika Kandavel, Megan E. D'Innocenzo, Mary Goldberg, Jonathan Pearlman  
Research Article | published 11 Sep 2020 PLOS ONE  
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0238851>

**PNAS - Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America**

<http://www.pnas.org/content/early/>

**[Improving data access democratizes and diversifies science](#)**

Abhishek Nagaraj, Esther Shears, and Mathijs de Vaan  
PNAS first published September 8, 2020.  
<https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2001682117>

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**Preventive Medicine**

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<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/public-health/vol/185/suppl/C>  
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**[The promise of big data for precision population health management in the US](#)**

A. Han, A. Isaacson, P. Muennig

**Public Health Ethics**

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### **Refugee Survey Quarterly**

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<http://rsq.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>  
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### **Research Ethics**

Volume 16 Issue 1-2, January-April 2020  
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### **Risk Analysis**

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## **Science**

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### ***Special Issue Genetic Variation***

*Introduction to special issue*

#### **The custom transcriptome**

Laura M. Zahn

The panorama of human phenotypes arises from a mix of common and rare genetic variants, some of which affect how genes are expressed and spliced throughout the body. More than a decade ago, scientists aiming to better understand the effects of genetic diversity in healthy individuals launched the Genotype-Tissue Expression (GTEx) Consortium. Here, Science unveils the third and final phase of the project, presenting the results from the analysis of the version 8 (v8) GTEx release.

The v8 data release includes an increased number of tissues and individuals, which allows for more accurate mapping of putatively causal variants and identifies cell type-specific differences in gene expression. The increased size of the study also provides the power to link genetic variation to gene expression, both proximally and distally in the genome, so that cis and trans effects as well as population- and sex-specific differences in gene expression can be detected.

The efforts of the GTEx Consortium have led to the development of numerous tools, including Watershed, and have provided a comprehensive resource for the scientific community. The GTEx project has established a foundation to elucidate how genetic variants affect gene regulation and quantitative traits in humans. Such studies of genetic variation and tissue specificity inform on properties of the genome—including noncoding elements and the telomeres found at chromosome ends—and help us understand how gene variants influence aging and disease. This work sets the stage for future exploration into the effects of the common and rare variants that underlie the gamut of humanity.

### *Policy Forum*

#### **An ethical framework for global vaccine allocation**

By Ezekiel J. Emanuel, Govind Persad, Adam Kern, Allen Buchanan, Cécile Fabre, Daniel Halliday, Joseph Heath, Lisa Herzog, R. J. Leland, Ephrem T. Lemango, Florencia Luna, Matthew S. McCoy, Ole F. Norheim, Trygve Ottersen, G. Owen Schaefer, Kok-Chor Tan, Christopher Heath Wellman, Jonathan Wolff, Henry S. Richardson

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*The Fair Priority Model offers a practical way to fulfill pledges to distribute vaccines fairly and equitably*  
*Summary*

Once effective coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccines are developed, they will be scarce. This presents the question of how to distribute them fairly across countries. Vaccine allocation among countries raises complex and controversial issues involving public opinion, diplomacy, economics, public health, and other considerations. Nevertheless, many national leaders, international organizations, and

vaccine producers recognize that one central factor in this decision-making is ethics (1, 2). Yet little progress has been made toward delineating what constitutes fair international distribution of vaccine. Many have endorsed “equitable distribution of COVID-19...vaccine” without describing a framework or recommendations (3, 4). Two substantive proposals for the international allocation of a COVID-19 vaccine have been advanced, but are seriously flawed. We offer a more ethically defensible and practical proposal for the fair distribution of COVID-19 vaccine: the Fair Priority Model.

#### *Reports*

#### **[Long-term forest degradation surpasses deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon](#)**

By Eraldo Aparecido Trondoli Matricardi, David Lewis Skole, Olívia Bueno Costa, Marcos Antonio Pedlowski, Jay Howard Samek, Eder Pereira Miguel

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#### *Degradation exceeds deforestation*

Forest degradation is a ubiquitous form of human disturbance of the forest landscape. Activities such as selective logging and extraction fall short of total deforestation but lead to loss of biomass and/or fragmentation. On the basis of remote sensing data at 30-meter spatial resolution, Matricardi et al. analyzed the extent of forest degradation across the entire Brazilian Amazon over a ~22-year period up to 2014. They found that the extent and rate of forest degradation was equal to or greater than deforestation, which has important implications for carbon, biodiversity, and energy balance.

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#### *Abstract*

Although deforestation rates in the Brazilian Amazon are well known, the extent of the area affected by forest degradation is a notable data gap, with implications for conservation biology, carbon cycle science, and international policy. We generated a long-term spatially quantified assessment of forest degradation for the entire Brazilian Amazon from 1992 to 2014. We measured and mapped the full range of activities that degrade forests and evaluated the relationship with deforestation. From 1992 to 2014, the total area of degraded forest was 337,427 square kilometers (km<sup>2</sup>), compared with 308,311 km<sup>2</sup> that were deforested. Forest degradation is a separate and increasing form of forest disturbance, and the area affected is now greater than that due to deforestation.

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#### **[The ethics of AI in health care: A mapping review](#)**

Jessica Morley, Caio C.V. Machado, Christopher Burr, Josh Cowls, ... Luciano Floridi

Article 113172

#### *Abstract*

This article presents a mapping review of the literature concerning the ethics of artificial intelligence (AI) in health care. The goal of this review is to summarise current debates and identify open questions for future research. Five literature databases were searched to support the following research question:

how can the primary ethical risks presented by AI-health be categorised, and what issues must policymakers, regulators and developers consider in order to be 'ethically mindful'? A series of screening stages were carried out—for example, removing articles that focused on digital health in general (e.g. data sharing, data access, data privacy, surveillance/nudging, consent, ownership of health data, evidence of efficacy)—yielding a total of 156 papers that were included in the review.

We find that ethical issues can be (a) epistemic, related to misguided, inconclusive or inscrutable evidence; (b) normative, related to unfair outcomes and transformative effectiveness; or (c) related to traceability. We further find that these ethical issues arise at six levels of abstraction: individual, interpersonal, group, institutional, and societal or sectoral. Finally, we outline a number of considerations for policymakers and regulators, mapping these to existing literature, and categorising each as epistemic, normative or traceability-related and at the relevant level of abstraction. Our goal is to inform policymakers, regulators and developers of what they must consider if they are to enable health and care systems to capitalise on the dual advantage of ethical AI; maximising the opportunities to cut costs, improve care, and improve the efficiency of health and care systems, whilst proactively avoiding the potential harms. We argue that if action is not swiftly taken in this regard, a new 'AI winter' could occur due to chilling effects related to a loss of public trust in the benefits of AI for health care.

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