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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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Rohingya Crisis: Fourth Year

[SRSG Pramila Patten Remarks on "Rohingya Crisis in its Fourth Year: Challenges in Securing a Sustainable Solution" 16 September 2020](#)

Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
16 September, 2020

:: First, allow me to commend the Government and people of Bangladesh for their sustained efforts, since the crisis of 2017, to provide relief and refuge to members of the Rohingya community who fled persecution in Myanmar, and continue to flee – even as we speak.

:: Three years since the mass exodus of Rohingya civilians from Myanmar, their future looks as uncertain as ever.

:: In 2019, the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar reaffirmed what I had witnessed firsthand during my visits to the camps in Cox's Bazar in 2017 and 2018, where women and girls still bore visible scars from the sexual violence they had endured. The report concluded that: "Rape and sexual violence are part of a deliberate strategy to intimidate, terrorize or punish a civilian population, and are used as a tactic of war."

Today, the response of Bangladesh to the Rohingya displacement crisis is at an inflection point. While ultimately, the solution to the plight of the Rohingya lies in Myanmar with repatriation remaining a priority solution promoted by Bangladesh, Myanmar appears unwilling to create the conditions needed to encourage refugees to return and repatriations efforts have stalled.

Today more than ever before, the international community must not only maintain support for refugees and their host communities but must also expand the search for solutions in order to alleviate the suffering of the Rohingya population and the overall pressure on Bangladesh.

Our collective efforts must be directed to ensuring the dignity and well-being of the Rohingya today, as well as preserving their hopes and improving prospects for their futures. This means working towards lasting solutions not only in Myanmar itself, but also through study and work opportunities outside of countries of asylum, and third-country pathways for those with the most acute vulnerabilities, including victims of sexual violence.

Repatriation and lasting peace will not be possible without concerted efforts to bring the perpetrators to justice, remove implicated individuals from positions of command responsibility and power, and build public trust in national institutions...

Beyond individual and state accountability, the Fact-Finding Mission recommends the international community embargo Myanmar business interests and impose targeted sanctions against companies tied to the Tatmadaw as this could serve to cut off financial and other support for Myanmar's armed forces.

Indeed, at an individual level, there may be options to impose sanctions against military officers and their family members residing abroad. The United States has already imposed financial sanctions and visa restrictions on top military leaders and units linked to serious human rights abuses. **At this critical juncture, we need the sustained commitment of the international community to hold the perpetrators of these atrocities to account...**

In Myanmar and Bangladesh, women and girls face heightened risks of trafficking and sexual exploitation. In Bangladesh, the recent lockdown measures imposed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 have adversely affected protection and response efforts, including access to "women-friendly spaces" and gender-based violence case management. COVID-19 should not allow the survivors – or their needs and rights – to be forgotten. Now more than ever, the international community must support refugee-receiving countries to ensure that services, protection, and redress are provided, and to support efforts to re-settle the most vulnerable...

The Rohingya crisis enters its fourth year at a time of unprecedented global disruption caused by a worldwide pandemic that has devastated lives, healthcare systems, economies and societies. Despite these turbulent times, the international community must stand in solidarity with the survivors of grave international crimes to ensure access to justice and redress, which is foundational for recovery, reintegration and peace.

Although justice has been delayed, it must not be denied, particularly to a community that has been described as "one of the most persecuted people on earth".
Thank you.

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Governance – Justice: Venezuela

[Venezuela: UN report urges accountability for crimes against humanity](#)

GENEVA (16 September 2020) – Human Rights Council

The Venezuelan State must hold to account those responsible for extrajudicial executions, enforced disappearances, arbitrary detentions and torture, and prevent further acts of this nature from taking place, the UN Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela said in its first report, published today.

The Mission investigated 223 cases, of which 48 are included as in-depth case studies in the 411-page report. It reviewed an additional 2,891 cases to corroborate patterns of violations and crimes.

While recognising the nature of the crisis and tensions in the country, and the responsibilities of the State to maintain public order, the Mission found the Government, State agents, and groups working with them had committed egregious violations. It identified patterns of violations and crimes that were

highly coordinated pursuant to State policies, and part of a widespread and systematic course of conduct, thus amounting to crimes against humanity.

The Mission found that high-level State authorities held and exercised power and oversight over the security forces and intelligence agencies identified in the report as responsible for these violations. President Maduro and the Ministers of the Interior and of Defence were aware of the crimes. They gave orders, coordinated activities and supplied resources in furtherance of the plans and policies under which the crimes were committed.

"The Mission found reasonable grounds to believe that Venezuelan authorities and security forces have since 2014 planned and executed serious human rights violations, some of which – including arbitrary killings and the systematic use of torture – amount to crimes against humanity," said Marta Valiñas, chairperson of the Mission...

[Statement from the OAS General Secretariat on the UN Report on Crimes against Humanity in Venezuela](#)

Organization of American States

Press Releases Sep 16, 2020

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) expresses its support to the United Nations Human Rights Council for the publication of the report of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, published on September 16, 2020.

In this report, the Venezuelan regime is urged to account for flagrant and systematic violations of human rights, which qualify as crimes against humanity. This is based on the evidence collected by the mission that verifies that the highest authorities of the State exercised control over those who carried out said violations, and that Nicolás Maduro and the Ministers of the Interior and Defense were aware of the crimes, having issued the orders, coordinated activities and supported actions by which these crimes were committed. **The violations confirmed include: extrajudicial executions, forced disappearances, arrests and torture for political reasons, violence against protesters and the complicity of a judicial power reluctant to investigate the facts substantively.** All of this suggests a pattern of widespread and systematic actions of repression and violations of human rights as State policies that constitute crimes against humanity. The report concludes by recommending that the International Criminal Court consider the possibility of taking legal action against those responsible.

The General Secretariat supports and echoes these recommendations. These, as well as the corroborated crimes, are consistent with what is contained in the Report of the General Secretariat of the OAS and the Panel of Independent International Experts on the Possible Commission of Crimes against Humanity in Venezuela of May 30, 2018. In this regard, the OAS report also identifies the chain of command for these crimes, 11 officials for their immediate political responsibility and another 146 subordinates for executing orders. In an unprecedented initiative, and based on the OAS Report, 6 States Parties to the Rome Statute referred the case of Venezuela to the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court and requested an investigation on September 26, 2018.

The recommendations made today by the Human Rights Council are also consistent with the report on Venezuela issued on June 22, 2018 by the then-United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein. It maintains that **"given that the State does not seem to have the**

capacity or the will to prosecute those responsible for the serious human rights violations, there are solid reasons to consider a greater involvement of the International Criminal Court in this matter.”

In this regard, while the General Secretariat expresses its approval of the report, we cannot fail to point out the delays in demanding accountability. In dealing with human rights, the speed of the actions of the organizations dedicated to their defense is urgent. It is literally a matter of life and death.

The General Secretariat wants to add some data that allow for a complete understanding of the origin, execution, and political consequences of these crimes. Venezuela is today a failed and fragmented State, both in its territorial and administrative dimensions. Responsibility for these crimes extends to foreign operators and agents, especially Cubans who operate in Venezuela in tasks of repression, torture and intelligence, as has been pointed out by victims of the regime.

For these reasons, we cannot fail to mention our concern about the presence of representatives of the Maduro dictatorship in the United Nations Human Rights Council. The inconsistency could not be more glaring in light of the report just presented by the Council itself. We urge the international community to act on this.

Likewise, the international community must stop granting the regime options to legitimize itself through clearly fraudulent elections, as certain international actors have done, acting in coordination with local political actors who are accomplices of the dictatorship. It is absurd to think that criminals against humanity who suppress and eliminate opposition and dissent can organize free and fair elections. It is also absurd to say that those who participate in the elections can be considered as fragmented opposition; collaboration with the dictatorship makes them part of the dictatorship, not of the opposition.

Therefore, this report must lead the international community to act in a joint and coordinated manner to exert the corresponding pressure, bring criminals to justice and free the Venezuelan people from so much oppression.

It is not a time for ambiguity, it is a time for justice; it is not time to find terms of coexistence with the Venezuelan dictatorship, it is time to reestablish democracy in the country.

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Governance – Ethics: Artificial Intelligence

[Major progress in UNESCO’s development of a global normative instrument on the ethics of AI](#)

17/09/2020

UNESCO in March this year asked 24 leading experts with multidisciplinary experience in the ethics of artificial intelligence to develop a draft recommendation on the ethics of AI. UNESCO then launched a wide process of consultations to obtain the many points of view of stakeholders. This involved experts from 155 countries, members of the public (through a global online survey), United Nations agencies,

major stakeholders from the sector such as Google, Facebook and Microsoft, and the world of academe with the University of Stanford and the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

The resulting draft recommendation was today submitted to UNESCO's 193 Member States. Negotiations are planned ahead of its planned final adoption by Member States at the Organization's General Conference in November 2021

The draft recommendation submitted to the international community establishes a number of over-arching concepts:

- :: Proportionality:** AI technologies must not exceed what is necessary to achieve legitimate aims or objectives, and should be appropriate to the context.
- :: Human oversight and determination:** humans are ethically and legally responsible for all stages in the life-cycle of AI systems.
- :: Stewardship of the environment and peace:** throughout their life-cycle, AI systems must contribute to the peaceful interconnectedness of all living creatures with each other and respect the natural environment, notably with regard to the extraction of raw materials
- :: Gender-inclusion:** AI technologies must not reproduce the gender inequalities found in the real world, notably with regard to salaries, representation, access, and stereotyping. Political actions, including measures of positive discrimination, are required to avoid these major pitfalls.

UNESCO will assist governments and civil society players (corporations, members of the public etc.) in developing concrete awareness-raising campaigns and ethical impact assessment tools for AI in all fields...

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[Outcome document: first draft of the Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence](#)

Corporate author: Ad Hoc Expert Group (AHEG) for the Preparation of a Draft text of a Recommendation the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence [6]

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"A World in Disorder"

[A World in Disorder. Global Preparedness Monitoring Board - Annual Report 2020](#)

World Health Organization 2020 :: 52 pages

FOREWARD

Never before has the world been so clearly forewarned of the dangers of a devastating pandemic, nor previously had the knowledge, resources and technologies to deal with such a threat. Yet, never before has the world witnessed a pandemic of such widespread and destructive social and economic impact.

The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed a collective failure to take pandemic prevention, preparedness and response seriously and prioritize it accordingly. It has demonstrated the

fragility of highly interconnected economies and social systems, and the fragility of trust. It has exploited and exacerbated the fissures within societies and among nations. It has exploited inequalities, reminding us in no uncertain terms that there is no health security without social security. COVID-19 has taken advantage of a world in disorder...

...In issuing its warning in last year's inaugural report, the GPMB stressed the inadequacy of systems and financing required to detect and respond to health emergencies. As COVID-19 has proven, these systems remain dangerously deficient and under-resourced. This pandemic has also called out the human dimensions of health security, the actions of leaders and citizens that are so critical to vigorous preparedness and response.

Our report this year highlights responsible leadership and citizenship, as well as the adequacy of systems and resources, as key factors for success. **It puts a special emphasis on the factor that binds these four elements together into an effective whole: the principles and values of governance that ensure the right choices, decisions and actions are taken at the right time. It points out that none are safe until all are safe and calls for a renewed commitment to multilateralism and to WHO and the multilateral system...**

...The pandemic is far from over. Some countries have been relatively successful in suppressing the virus, protecting their populations, saving millions of lives. Others have not. Close to a million lives have been lost to COVID-19. The devastating economic and societal impact of COVID-19 reminds us, yet again, of the centrality of investment in pandemic preparedness to human security, and the need to reconsider how national security budgets are spent.

We have already learned many crucial lessons that demand immediate action if we are to say with any confidence, "never again". But learning without action is pointless, and unsustained commitment is futile. As we warned in our last report, "For too long, we have allowed a cycle of panic and neglect when it comes to pandemics: we ramp up efforts when there is a serious threat, then quickly forget about them when the threat subsides."

Again, we say: "It is well past time to act." And we identify the commitments and actions leaders and citizens must take - boldly, decisively, immediately, and with new energy animated by the grim recognition that inaction kills.

H.E. Gro Harlem Brundtland

Co-Chair, Former Prime Minister, Norway, and Former Director- General, World Health Organization

Mr Elhadj As Sy

Co-Chair, Chair, Kofi Annan Foundation Board, and Former Secretary-General, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In our 2019 Annual Report, 'A World at Risk', we warned of the very real threat of 'a rapidly spreading pandemic due to a lethal respiratory pathogen'², and the need for determined political leadership at national and global levels. We called for seven urgent actions to prepare the world for health emergencies:

- *Heads of government must commit and invest*
- *Countries and regional organizations must lead by example*
- *All countries must build strong systems*

- *Countries, donors and multilateral institutions must be prepared for the worst*
- *Financing institutions must link preparedness with financial risk planning*
- *Development assistance funders must create incentives and increase funding for preparedness*
- *The United Nations must strengthen coordination mechanisms*

Progress in implementing these actions has been limited. It is not as if the world has lacked the opportunity to take these steps. There have been numerous calls for action in these areas over the last decade, yet none have generated the changes needed. Financial and political investments in preparedness have been insufficient, and we are all paying the price.

Conclusion & commitment

The COVID-19 pandemic is providing a harsh test of the world’s preparedness. The Board concludes that little progress has been made on any of the actions called for in last year’s report and that this lack of leadership is exacerbating the pandemic. Failure to learn the lessons of COVID-19 or to act on them with the necessary resources and commitment will mean that the next pandemic, which is sure to come, will be even more damaging.

We recognize that the GPMB must also change. Our monitoring and advocacy for preparedness must better reflect the contribution of sectors other than health, the importance of social protection, and be based on improved and predictive measures of preparedness.

GPMB Commitment

As the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board, we pledge to support good governance of global health security by fulfilling our mandate to independently monitor preparedness across all sectors and stakeholders, report regularly on progress, and continuously advocate for effective action.

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Humanitarian Crisis: Seafarers

[A humanitarian crisis at sea: all United Nations Member States must resolve the crew change crisis](#)

IMO International Maritime Organization
 14/09/2020

UN agencies and programmes involved in the maritime sector, human rights, trade, travel and transportation have called on all UN Member States, through a [joint statement](#), to take urgent action to resolve the humanitarian crew change crisis faced by the world's seafarers.

Trapped on their ships due to travel restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 300,000 seafarers cannot be repatriated, and an equal number of unemployed seafarers ashore cannot work, because they are unable to board ships.

Those on board have had their contracts extended, sometimes beyond 17 months, and are facing fatigue and physical and mental health issues. The International Maritime Organization (IMO), International Labour Organization (ILO) and International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) have received thousands of urgent calls for help from seafarers and their families.

The maritime shipping sector faces a humanitarian crisis. The Joint Statement calls on all Governments to immediately recognize seafarers as key workers, and to take swift and effective action to eliminate obstacles to crew changes, so as to address the humanitarian crisis faced by the shipping sector, ensure maritime safety and facilitate economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Statement warns that the rights of seafarers, as enshrined in the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC 2006), as amended, and other international instruments, have not been fully respected by all governments, mostly importantly the maximum period of service on board (11 months) and also their rights to shore leave, annual leave, repatriation, and access to medical care onboard and ashore. The current rise in seafarer fatigue threatens the safety of maritime navigation..

It is therefore essential that all governments urgently recognize seafarers as key workers and take immediate, concrete action to eliminate obstacles to crew changes, so addressing this humanitarian crisis, ensuring maritime safety and sustainable shipping, and facilitating economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Joint Statement outlines a series of 15 different and related measures that Governments must take, including:

- :: designating seafarers as "key workers" providing an essential service, to facilitate safe and unhindered embarkation and disembarkation from their ships;
- :: undertaking national consultations involving all relevant ministries, agencies and departments, to identify obstacles to crew changes, and establish and implement measurable, time-bound plans to increase the rate of such crew changes;
- :: implementing protocols for crew changes, drawing upon the latest version of the Recommended framework of protocols for ensuring safe ship crew changes and travel during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic;
- :: refraining from authorising any new extension of seafarers' employment agreements beyond the maximum period of 11 months, in accordance with the MLC, 2006; and
- :: facilitating the diversion of ships from their normal trading routes to ports where crew changes are permitted.

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COVID-19 Impact: Child Poverty

[Impact of COVID-19 on multidimensional child poverty](#)

Save the Children, UNICEF

Technical Note - September 2020

PDF: <https://data.unicef.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Technical-Note-Save-the-Children-UNICEF-COVID-and-impact-on-multidimensional-child-poverty.pdf>

Abstract

Child poverty is more than the lack of monetary means. Although measures such as household income are important, they provide only a partial view of the plight of children living in poverty. **Therefore to understand the full extent of child poverty as well as the impact of COVID-19 on it, we**

must look at children’s ability to access health, education, nutrition, water and sanitation and housing services.

Approximately 150 million additional children are living in multidimensional poverty – without access to these essential services – due to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the analysis jointly carried out by Save the Children and UNICEF. Using data on access to education, healthcare, housing, nutrition, sanitation and water from more than 70 countries, the authors find that around 45 per cent of children were severely deprived of at least one of these critical needs before the coronavirus pandemic even hit. And although the current data paint a dire picture, the situation for children living in multidimensional poverty is likely to worsen unless national governments and the international community step up to soften the blow.

[Technical Note excerpt]

...The situation in health is a bit more complicated. Health services (whether they are immunization, preventive, or curative) have been disrupted to varying degrees in different countries. We have information on this from periodic country office reporting against an evolving questionnaire to assess the socio-economic impact of the pandemic as well as disruption of social services (<https://data.unicef.org/resources/rapid-situation-tracking-covid-19-socioeconomic-impacts-data-viz/>).

We also have information on the determinants of the probability that children will or will not be immunized based on their background characteristics. For children who had attained the age to be fully immunized before the pandemic struck, their immunization is not taken away. However, for children who were less than 12 months of age and should have been immunized during the first half of this year, we can combine the information on service disruption and probability of being vaccinated, to estimate how many additional children should be considered severely and moderately deprived of vaccination. In order to maximize the use of prior information, this probability is combined for each child depending on whether they have already received some vaccination prior to their first birthday to obtain a ranking of children from the most likely to the least likely to be immunized.

Both the likelihood they would be severely or moderately deprived is estimated, at the level of the prevailing national immunization rate. This would yield the “pre-COVID” likely rate of deprivation. This number is used as a baseline among the younger cohort. Then, the country specific rate of disruption of immunization services is used to estimate the percentage and number of additional children deprived in immunization based on the ranking of likelihood of being immunized.

For instance, if services declined by 10 %, the immunization rate (nationally) would also decline and the incidence of deprivation in health due to immunization would go up. For each country a range, based on country-specific data or from neighboring countries with similar COVID-19 incidence, is estimated using a minimum and maximum estimation of service disruption...

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COVID-19 Vaccines: Allocation “Values Framework”

[WHO SAGE values framework for the allocation and prioritization of COVID-19 vaccination, 14 September 2020](#)

World Health Organization

14 September 2020 :: 13 pages

PDF: [WHO-2019-nCoV-SAGE Framework-Allocation and prioritization-2020.1-eng.pdf](#)

Executive Summary

This Values Framework offers guidance globally on the allocation of COVID-19 vaccines between countries, and to offer guidance nationally on the prioritization of groups for vaccination within countries while supply is limited. The Framework is intended to be helpful to policy makers and expert advisors at the global, regional and national level as they make allocation and prioritization decisions about COVID-19 vaccines. This document has been endorsed by the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE).

The Framework articulates the overall goal of COVID-19 vaccine deployment, provides six core principles that should guide distribution and twelve objectives that further specify the six principles (Table 1). To provide recommendations for allocating vaccines between countries and prioritizing groups for vaccination within each country, the Values Framework needs to be complemented with information about specific characteristics of available vaccine or vaccines, the benefit-risk assessment for different population groups, the amount and pace of vaccine supply, and the current state of the epidemiology, clinical management, and economic and social impact of the pandemic. Hence, the final vaccination strategy will be defined by the characteristics of vaccine products as they become available.

SAGE is currently engaged in the process of applying the Values Framework to emerging evidence on specific vaccines, and the evolving epidemiology and economic impact of the pandemic. The first stage of this process was the identification of populations and sub-populations which would be appropriate target groups for prioritization under the various values-based objectives in the Framework (Table 2), before data on Phase 3 vaccine performance are not yet available. Specific priority group recommendations for specific vaccines will be made as vaccine products become authorized for use; initial vaccine specific policy recommendations are expected in the final quarter of 2020 or early 2021, depending on timing of and findings from phase 3 vaccine trials.

The Framework also complements the principles on equitable access and fair allocation of COVID-19 health products developed for the ACT Accelerator COVAX facility.

Framework Goals and Principles at a Glance

Overarching goal

COVID-19 vaccines must be a global public good. The overarching goal is for COVID-19 vaccines to contribute significantly to the equitable protection and promotion of human well-being among all people of the world.

Principles

Human Well-Being

Protect and promote human well-being including health, social and economic security, human rights and civil liberties, and child development.

Equal Respect

Recognize and treat all human beings as having equal moral status and their interests as deserving of equal moral consideration.

Global Equity

Ensure equity in vaccine access and benefit globally among people living in all countries, particularly those living in low-and middle-income countries.

National Equity

Ensure equity in vaccine access and benefit within countries for groups experiencing greater burdens from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Reciprocity

Honor obligations of reciprocity to those individuals and groups within countries who bear significant additional risks and burdens of COVID-19 response for the benefit of society.

Legitimacy

Make global decisions about vaccine allocation and national decisions about vaccine prioritization through transparent processes that are based on shared values, best available scientific evidence, and appropriate representation and input by affected parties.

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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 :: 30 369 778 [week ago: 28 329 790]

Confirmed deaths :: 948 795 [week ago: 911 877]

Weekly Epidemiological Update

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

14 September 2020

Global epidemiological situation

In the week from 7 through 13 September, there were over 1.8 million new cases of COVID-19, comparable to the previous seven days (Table 1); while deaths increased slightly as compared to the previous week, with over 40 600 deaths reported.

The Region of the Americas has consistently registered the greatest number of reported cases for many weeks. It continues to account for nearly half of the global total of cases even as cases have declined in the reporting week. The African Region also showed a decline in reported cases this week and was the only region to report a decline in deaths.

The European region reported the third-highest number of new cases, amounting to 16% of the global total, and is the region with the second-highest cumulative number of cases per million population (5 172 cases per million population).

In recent weeks schools have been re-opening in a number of countries throughout the six WHO regions. WHO has published both a Question and Answer and guidance on considerations for school-related public health measures in the context of COVID-19...

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 17 September 2020

:: The Polio Oversight Board (POB) held its second meeting of the year virtually to discuss the programme's financial requirements for 2021, to receive an update on the recommendations of the GPEI Governance Review and to consider a proposal to develop a new polio programme strategy. [Read more](#) on the meeting [10 pages].

:: When the COVID-19 pandemic struck, the acute challenges it posed to both polio and immunization activities presented an unprecedented opportunity to coordinate and reimagine collaboration. Given the new context, the focus of the work shifted to develop an interim Programme of Work for Integrated Actions in the context of COVID-19 (iPOW). [The draft iPOW](#) summarizes the current level of integration between GPEI and EPI and, more importantly, identifies critical actions across key priority areas of work to drive synergies and materialize efficiency gains by building on initiatives accelerated by COVID-19 to ensure a successful resumption of all immunization activities. iPOW is open for stakeholder consultation until October 1st, 2020.

:: The GPEI established an nOPV2 Working Group to manage and coordinate the rapid and effective rollout of nOPV2. The group includes representatives from each of the GPEI partner organizations and focuses on research, regulatory, supply, communications, policy, and implementation readiness activities. Take a look at an [updated information sheet](#) detailing the structures and linkages of the Working Group.

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

:: **Afghanistan:** two WPV1 cases, one WPV1 positive environmental sample and nine cVDPV2 cases

:: **Pakistan:** two WPV1 cases, eight WPV1 positive environmental samples and seven cVDPV2 cases

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

:: **Somalia:** one cVDPV2 case and two positive environmental samples

:: **Sudan:** one cVDPV2 case

:: **Mali:** one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample

:: **Central African Republic:** one cVDPV2 case

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Emergencies

Ebola – DRC+

Last *WHO Situation Report* published 23 June 2020

Last *WHO DON* published 3 July 2020

Editor's Note:

After this edition, we will "retire" this special section – with great appreciation to all who contributed to bringing this PHEIC under control!

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WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 19 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 19 Sep 2020]

Burkina Faso [in French]

:: L'Organisation mondiale de la Santé encourage les pays de la Région africaine à promouvoir des médicaments traditionnels sûrs et efficaces 18 septembre 2020

Afghanistan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Angola - *No new digest announcements identified*

Burundi - *No new digest announcements identified*

Cameroon - *No new digest announcements identified*

Central African Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

Ethiopia - *No new digest announcements identified*

Iran floods 2019 - *No new digest announcements identified*

Iraq - *No new digest announcements identified*

Libya - *No new digest announcements identified*

Malawi 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*

Niger - *No new digest announcements identified*

occupied Palestinian territory - *No new digest announcements identified*

HIV in Pakistan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Sao Tome and Principe Necrotizing Cellulitis (2017) - *No new digest announcements identified*

Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Ukraine - *No new digest announcements identified*

Zimbabwe - *No new digest announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 19 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

:: Syrian Arab Republic: COVID-19 Humanitarian Update No. 18 As of 17 September 2020

Yemen

- *No new digest announcements identified*

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

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

COVID-19

:: Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report 44: occupied Palestinian territory, issued 17 September 2020, information for period: 5 March - 17 September 2020

East Africa Locust Infestation

:: Desert Locust situation update - 18 September 2020

The Desert Locust situation continues to improve in Southwest Asia and there are initial signs of improvement in parts of East Africa. Nevertheless, it remains serious in **Yemen** and other areas of the Horn of Africa. The developing situation is being watched closely along both sides of the Red Sea where it could deteriorate as a result of swarm breeding...

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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 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

18 September 2020

DSG/SM/1448

[Time Is Now for Bold Choices, Investment in Sustainable Development Goals, Deputy Secretary-General Stresses, as Efforts Centre on Decade of Action](#)

17 September 2020
SC/14308

[Conflict Zone Populations Face Gravest Threat of Hunger amid COVID-19, Aid Experts Tell Security Council, Warning Food Insecurity Worldwide Expected to Double by Year's End](#)

16 September 2020
SC/14306

[Amid Rising COVID-19 Infection Rates, Medical Supply Shortages in Syria, More Testing Key to Gauging Extent of Outbreak, Humanitarian Chief Tells Security Council](#)

15 September 2020
SC/14301

[Amid Increased Fighting, Threat of Famine in Yemen, Warring Parties Must Work towards Nationwide Ceasefire Declaration, Top Officials Tell Security Council](#)

With fighting intensifying in Yemen and the threat of famine looming large as donor countries fail to deliver on their humanitarian pledges, the parties to the conflict — which flared in 2015 — must choose the path of peace and work with the United Nations to finalize a joint declaration on a nationwide ceasefire, briefers told the Security Council today.

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 19 Sep 2020]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

Top News

[Syria: Violations and abuses rife in areas under Turkish-affiliated armed groups – Bachelet](#)

GENEVA (18 September 2020) – The human rights situation in parts of north, northwest and northeast Syria under the control of Turkish forces and Turkish-affiliated armed groups is grim, with violence and criminality rife, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet warned on Friday.

While human rights and international humanitarian law violations against civilians continue across Syria, the UN Human Rights Office has noted an alarming pattern in recent months of grave violations in these areas, including in Afrin, Ras al-Ain, and Tel Abyad, where increased killings, kidnappings, unlawful transfers of people, seizures of land and properties and forcible evictions have been documented...

[In her global human rights update, Bachelet calls for urgent action to heighten resilience and protect people's rights](#)

45th session of the Human Rights Council

Item 2: Global Human Rights Update

Statement by Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

14 September 2020

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Council News

[Human Rights Council adopts resolution on situation of human rights in Belarus](#)

18/09/2020

Venezuela: UN report urges accountability for crimes against humanity

16/09/2020

UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria: No clean hands – behind the frontlines and the headlines, armed actors continue to subject civilians to horrific and increasingly targeted abuse

15/09/2020

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News

Committee on the rights of the child opens online limited eighty-fifth session

14 September 2020

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

SRSR/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

SRSR/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News

16 September, 2020

SRSR Pramila Patten Remarks on “Rohingya Crisis in its Fourth Year: Challenges in Securing a Sustainable Solution” 16 September 2020

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News

[UN experts urge Iran to release human rights defenders from prison during COVID-19](#)

16 September 2020

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 19 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 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Press releases/Announcements

Press release

09/18/2020

[WHO and UNICEF recommit to accelerating health and well-being at all ages](#)

New partnership calls for key actions in universal health coverage, mental health, emergencies and nutrition

[See Milestones ahead for detail]

Statement

09/18/2020

[UNICEF Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia Afshan Khan's remarks at the Human Rights Council's Urgent Debate on Belarus](#)

As delivered

Press release

09/17/2020

[Over 12 million children, caregivers and teachers reached by UNICEF and Millicom \(TIGO\) to strengthen child rights across Latin America during COVID 19](#)

Press release

09/16/2020

[150 million additional children plunged into poverty due to COVID-19, UNICEF, Save the Children say](#)

New analysis reveals the number of children living in multidimensional poverty – without access to education, health, housing, nutrition, sanitation, or water – has increased by 15 per cent since the start of the pandemic

Press release

09/15/2020

[UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore remarks at a press conference on new updated guidance on school-related public health measures in the context of COVID-19](#)

As prepared

Press release

09/15/2020

[Geneva Palais briefing note on situation for children affected by fire at Moria camp in Lesvos, and UNICEF response](#)

Press release

09/15/2020

[UNICEF uses online gaming to showcase potential, skills and creativity of refugee and migrant children](#)

Press release

09/14/2020

[UNESCO, UNICEF and WHO issue considerations for school-related public health measures in the context of COVID-19](#)

Statement

09/14/2020

[Remarks by Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director at the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board \(GPMB\) Annual Report Launch](#)

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

[Critical underfunding exacerbated by COVID-19 pushing displaced people to the edge](#)

18 Sep 2020

[Grandi concludes Syria visit with pledge to maintain assistance to the most vulnerable](#)

18 Sep 2020

[Greece: update on Lesbos situation after Moria fires](#)

18 Sep 2020

[Seven-month ordeal at sea takes toll on Rohingya refugees in Indonesia](#)

15 Sep 2020

[UN refugee chief concludes Jordan visit with call for solidarity amid COVID crisis](#)

15 Sep 2020

[UNHCR scales up immediate shelter support for Moria asylum seekers; urges for long-term solutions to address overcrowding on Greek islands](#)

15 Sep 2020

[UNHCR alarmed by refugee killings in Northern Uganda, calls for investigation](#)

14 Sep 2020

[UNHCR and Religions for Peace form Multi-Religious Council of Leaders to tackle global displacement challenges](#)

14 Sep 2020

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

[Migrants Stranded in Lebanon Amid Worsening Crisis Return Home with IOM Assistance](#)

2020-09-18 12:58

Beirut – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is continuing to assist stranded migrants in Lebanon to return to their countries of origin this week as 48 Ethiopian migrants boarded two flights Thursday (17 September) and early Friday (18 September) bound for Addis...

[Pacific Governments Begin Regional Policy Dialogue on Climate Change, Migration and Human Security](#)

2020-09-18 10:03

Suva – Government Officials from around the Pacific region started a series of virtual policy discussions this week (16/09) that will examine how climate change and disasters will affect mobility trends in the Pacific Islands.

[IOM Report: Ethiopia Records More Than 1.8 Million Internally Displaced in 2020](#)

2020-09-15 12:55

Addis Ababa – There are now more than 1.8 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Ethiopia, a new report on internal displacement released by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) has revealed.

[Urgent Action Needed to Address Conditions in Detention in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: IOM Director General](#)

2020-09-15 09:59

Geneva - The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is alarmed about the deteriorating situation of Ethiopian migrants detained by authorities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in what media reports present as inhumane conditions. Footage and pleas for help have been...

UNAIDS [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

18 September 2020

[COVID-19 brings Jamaican people living with HIV closer together](#)

16 September 2020

[Pacific Unite concert promotes solidarity during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

15 September 2020

[Somalia: building a stronger primary health care system](#)

15 September 2020

[Shelter for key populations in Kyrgyzstan](#)

WHO & Regional Offices [to 19 Sep 2020]

[WHO and UNICEF recommit to accelerating health and well-being at all ages](#)

New partnership calls for key actions in universal health coverage, mental health, emergencies and nutrition

18 September 2020 *News release* Geneva

[See Milestones above for detail]

[Keep health workers safe to keep patients safe: WHO](#)

17 September 2020 *News release* Geneva

The World Health Organization (WHO) is calling on governments and health care leaders to address persistent threats to the health and safety of health workers and patients.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded all of us of the vital role health workers play to relieve suffering and save lives," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. "No country, hospital or clinic can keep its patients safe unless it keeps its health workers safe. WHO's Health Worker Safety Charter is a step towards ensuring that health workers have the safe working conditions, the training, the pay and the respect they deserve."

The pandemic has also highlighted the extent to which protecting health workers is key to ensuring a functioning health system and a functioning society.

The Charter, released today for World Patient Safety Day, calls on governments and those running health services at local levels to take five actions to better protect health workers. These include steps to protect health workers from violence; to improve their mental health; to protect them from physical and biological hazards; to advance national programmes for health worker safety, and to connect health worker safety policies to existing patient safety policies...

WHO's three messages for UN75

15 September 2020 *News release* Geneva, Switzerland

...The first is about equitable access to COVID-19 tools...

...The second message is about maintaining the momentum towards achieving the sustainable development goals. The pandemic risks unravelling decades of gains made in health and development...

...Finally, we must prepare for the next pandemic together, now. COVID-19 has shown us that the world was woefully unprepared – despite the many warning signs and warnings...

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: 19 September 2020 Expert panel endorses protocol for COVID-19 herbal medicine clinical trials

:: 17 September 2020 WHO encouraged by South Africa's declining COVID-19 trend

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

:: Self-testing for HIV at home – successful project in Bulgaria 18-09-2020

:: COVID-19: Regional coherence and a spirit of collective support are crucial 18-09-2020

:: WHO/Europe and the Turkic Council sign a new Memorandum of Understanding strengthening new partnerships in the region 16-09-2020

:: Statement by Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe, 70th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe 16-09-2020

:: In brief: the 70th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe (RC70) 15-09-2020

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: Statement by WHO's Regional Director on a resurgence of COVID-19 cases in the Region

15 September 2020 – Today, the situation in the Eastern Mediterranean Region is extremely worrying, with more people being infected every day. In some countries, including Iraq, Morocco, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates, the significant increase in the number of cases is especially concerning, and highlights an urgent need for more rigorous action. While an upsurge of cases was expected...

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: 17 September 2020 | *Media Release*

Asia Pacific health and finance ministers stress importance of universal health coverage in COVID-19 era and beyond

:: 16 September 2020 | *Feature story*

How countries in Asia and the Pacific are working towards universal health coverage and combating COVID-19

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

17 September 2020

[New High-Level Commission will ensure promises made at Nairobi Summit are kept as COVID-19 pandemic threatens to turn back the clock for women's health and rights](#)

A new High-Level Commission of advocates, experts and activists was established today to help commitments to women's health and rights made at the November 2019 Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 stay on track, even during the...

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest from News Centre

18 Sep

[Practical Guide on Stakeholder Engagement and the 2030 Agenda now available in English, Spanish and French](#)

The multi-stakeholder nature of the 2030 Agenda demands an enabling environment for participation by all, as well as new ways of working in partnerships to mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources at all levels.

18 Sep

[Tuna Traceability Declaration](#)

The UNSG's Special Envoy for the Ocean, Ambassador Peter Thomson, participated in the Tuna Traceability Declaration event organized by the World Economic Forum and the Global Tuna Alliance the 16 September 2020.

18 Sep

[Global Fund for Coral Reefs—Mobilizing Action and Resources for Coral Reef Survival and Strengthened Resilience of Reef-dependent Communities](#)

The UNSG's Special Envoy for the Ocean, Ambassador Peter Thomson, participated in the Global Fund for Coral Reefs High Level event the 16 September 2020...

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Publications

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 19 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 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases/Speeches

17 Sep 2020 | *Press release*

[Run for their lives: Free app challenges users to outrun a pangolin, tiger and elephant in clarion call for conservation](#)

15 Sep 2020 | *Speech*

[Protecting nature is entirely within humanity's reach. The work must start now.](#)

16 Sep 2020 | *Press release*

[A new United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund for Coral Reefs](#)

15 Sep 2020 | *Press release*

[Nature: Humanity at a crossroads, UN warns](#)

15 Sep 2020 | *Video*

[UNEP Executive Director message for World Ozone Day 2020](#)

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Updates

17 September 2020

[Central Asia countries share experience and strategies for COVID-19 response and resilience](#)

Central Asian member states shared experience and challenges for COVID-19 response and resilience at the virtual dialogue on 17 September. The platform for discussion was provided by the EU-funded Central Asia Initiative "Strengthening disaster resilience"

15 September 2020

[Women's Leadership in the Pacific: Trailblazer opens world of disaster management to women](#)

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, women leaders in the Pacific have been able to carve a larger space to bring the voices and perspectives of women and girls to the policy tables and influence disaster preparedness and response. Ms Agnes Titus, of

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

News

[Site under maintenance]

UNESCO [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Latest News

[Major progress in UNESCO's development of a global normative instrument on the ethics of AI](#)

17/09/2020

[See Week in Review for detail]

[Documentary and digital heritage: resources to face COVID-19](#)

UNESCO's Memory of the World program raises the need to turn the pandemic into an opportunity to leverage cultural resources and as a starting point will launch a regional survey

15/09/2020

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Announcements

[Launch of the restoration of the Sursock Museum and Beirut's historic district](#)

15 September 2020.

As part of their joint mission to Beirut (14-16 September 2020), Marie-Laure Lavenir (ICOMOS), Peter Keller (ICOM) and Valéry Freland (ALIPH) had working meetings with the Director General of Antiquities (DGA) of Lebanon, the heads of several museums and libraries, and many representatives of civil society, including, in particular, the Lebanese committees of ICOM, ICOMOS, and the Blue Shield.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

[UNODC, FIFA partner to kick out corruption and foster youth development through football](#)

14/09/2020

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 19 Sep 2020]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News and Stories

[This year World Cleanup Day has a different meaning in Lebanon](#)

Saturday 19 September, 2020

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Gender equality and COVID-19

[Gender diversity is good for business says new ILO survey in the Philippines](#)

18 September 2020

A country survey jointly conducted in the Philippines by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and Australian initiative "Investing in Women" recognizes the benefits of gender diversity on business and provides recommendations to better integrate and leverage the female talent pipeline.

Social protection

[ILO: Developing countries should invest US\\$1.2 trillion to guarantee basic social protection](#)

17 September 2020

Closing the coverage gap, worsened by COVID-19, will require additional sources of financing says a new ILO study.

GENEVA (ILO News) – To guarantee at least basic income security and access to essential health care for all in 2020 alone, developing countries should invest approximately US\$1.2 trillion – on average 3.8 per cent of their GDP – says a new ILO policy brief.

COVID-19: Protecting workers in the workplace

[Stranded seafarers: A "humanitarian crisis"](#)

15 September 2020

ILO and other UN bodies want member States to take urgent action to help hundreds of thousands of seafarers left stranded by COVID-19 restrictions.

Labour migration

[ILO launches sixth Global Media Competition on Labour Migration and Fair Recruitment](#)

15 September 2020

This year, the participants are encouraged to highlight the impact of COVID-19 on migrant workers and their families.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News and Highlights

[Sustainable and resilient supply chains crucial to COVID-19 recovery](#)

17/9/20

[High-level WEF meeting explores post-pandemic future for global mobility](#)

15/9/20

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest Press Briefings

[A humanitarian crisis at sea: all United Nations Member States must resolve the crew change crisis](#)

14/09/2020

UN agencies and programmes involved in the maritime sector, human rights, trade, travel and transportation have called on all UN Member States to take urgent action to resolve the humanitarian crew change crisis faced by seafarers.

[See Week in Review above for detail]

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 19 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 19 Sep 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

News

By Ann Brady on 15 September 2020

[The virtuous circle of innovation management](#)

One of the many benefits of ISO's new standard on innovation management is that it delivers across the board, keeping businesses of all sizes agile, adaptable and resilient enough to cope with today's challenges. Here, experts from two companies –one big, one small – explain why ISO 56002 is a key driver ...

ISO 56002:2019 is a new management system standard that focuses on innovation. It states: "An organization can innovate more effectively and efficiently if all necessary activities and other interrelated or interacting elements are managed as a system." According to a [blog published by the American National Standards Institute](#), the ISO member for the USA: "An innovation management system can aid any organization in determining its vision, strategy and objectives in relation to innovation. It can also set the support and processes that help an organization reach its intended outcomes." The blog goes on to say that ISO 56002 is beneficial to any organization, "regardless of type, sector or size", in helping to "establish, implement, maintain, and continually improve, an innovation management system"...

By Roxanne Oclarino on 15 September 2020

[Blockchain's technology of trust](#)

Over recent years, blockchain has evolved into a transformational technology promising to offer secure, real-time transactions across different sectors and industries that will revolutionize the

way we do business. ISO is at the forefront of this technology to ensure that its users all speak the same language...

With increased transparency, improved economic efficiencies and higher standards of living as some of the key benefits of utilizing blockchain, there is a call for the development of an appropriate standards framework to establish market confidence for this technology. ISO/TC 307 heeds this call by developing International Standards and emphasizing the critical role standardization plays in building consensus amongst the stakeholders of this technology.

The committee's Chair, Craig Dunn, says the aim of ISO/TC 307 is to meet the growing need for standardization in blockchain...

News

[Smarter cooking technology for better living](#)

By Kath Lockett on 15 September 2020

Traditional open-fire stoves are to blame for much of the pollution that leads to millions of deaths in the developing world. Safer options are available, and ISO is supporting the technology that may finally make clean cookstoves a reality...

ISO technical committee [ISO/TC 285](#) promotes clean and efficient cooking solutions with a special focus on the developing world. "It's critical that communities have access to affordable, efficient, reliable and durable cookstoves that embrace the latest technologies and standards," says Richard Ebong, Chair-elect of ISO/TC 285, "but it's also essential that we work cooperatively with cookstove manufacturers to continually improve their products." To ensure healthier communities, people need access to cookstoves that have been properly tested against known baseline criteria, he explains, and ISO is in the business of providing that baseline...

So far, four deliverables have been published by ISO/TC 285 covering performance, safety and durability ([ISO 19867-1](#)), voluntary performance targets for cookstoves ([ISO/TR 19867-3](#)), field-testing methods ([ISO 19869](#)) and a vocabulary that lays down the basic terminology for the field ([ISO/TR 21276](#)). Now, a technical report is underway to establish guidelines for the social impact assessment of using cookstoves. The future [ISO/TR 19915](#), Clean cookstoves and clean cooking solutions – Guidelines for social impact assessment, will provide guidance on how to evaluate the social impacts of improved cooking energy systems.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

News

All Regions COVID-19, Executive Council

[UNWTO Executive Council Backs Strong, United Plan for Global Tourism](#)

17 Sep 2020

All Regions Barometer, COVID-19

[International Tourist Numbers Down 65% in First Half of 2020, UNWTO Reports](#)

15 Sep 2020

All Regions COVID-19

[UNWTO Highlights Potential of Domestic Tourism to Help Drive Economic Recovery in Destinations Worldwide](#)

14 Sep 2020

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

[WIPO Launches Virtual Exhibition on Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property](#)

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) today launched "WIPO: AI and IP, A Virtual Experience," an immersive online exhibition using the latest 360 degree scanning technology to foster a more-comprehensive understanding of the relationship between IP policy and AI and the questions facing policymakers.

Sep 15, 2020 [PR/2020/862](#)

[WIPO Director General Gurry and Colombia President Duque Open "WIPO Conference on the Global Digital Content Market"](#)

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Director General Francis Gurry joined Colombia President Iván Duque in opening the three-day, virtual "WIPO Conference on the Global Digital Content Market," with each highlighting the importance of government support for the creative industries hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sep 15, 2020 [PR/2020/861](#)

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Announcements

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements

[The United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Funding In Response To The Venezuela Regional Crisis](#)

September 19, 2020

Statement by USAID Acting Administrator John Barsa

During a visit to Boa Vista, Brazil, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced nearly \$348 million in additional U.S. humanitarian assistance to respond to the consequences of the ongoing, regime-driven political and economic crisis in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, including \$205 million from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

[International Day of Democracy](#)

September 15, 2020

Statement by Acting USAID Administrator John Barsa

September 15 is the International Day of Democracy. On this day, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) underscores the ongoing and critical need to strengthen citizen-responsive democratic governance around the world. As an Agency, we support transparent and effective governments, unalienable rights, religious freedom, protection of life, and robust civil societies that can exercise their rights; hold their governments accountable; and protect the most vulnerable, including the unborn.

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [nee DFID] [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases. Announcements

[Progressing on a political process to end the Syrian conflict](#)

Statement by Ambassador Jonathan Allen, UK Chargé d’Affaires to the UN, at the Security Council briefing on Syria (Political)

Updated: 18 September 2020

[UN Human Rights Council 45: statement for the Urgent Debate on Belarus](#)

The UK's Minister for European Neighbourhood and the Americas, Wendy Morton, delivered this statement during the urgent debate on Belarus.

Updated: 18 September 2020

[Preventing famine in communities affected by conflict](#)

Statement by Ambassador Jonathan Allen, UK Chargé d’Affaires to the UN, at the Security Council briefing on protection of civilians in armed conflict

Updated: 17 September 2020

[Yemen has “never looked more likely to slide into famine”, Foreign Secretary warns](#)

New funding announced today takes the UK’s contribution to the crisis to over £1 billion.

Updated: 17 September 2020

ECHO [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News

[Coronavirus: EU allocates €150 million for the transport of essential medical items](#)

18/09/2020

The EU is providing financial support to 18 Member States and the UK to transport essential medical items to Europe with funding totalling €150 million, through the Emergency Support Instrument (ESI). ESI has allowed the EU to finance cargo...

[Greece: Further EU support for refugees on Lesbos](#)

15/09/2020

More EU countries are offering help to Greece through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism following the fire that affected the Moria refugee camp on the island of Lesbos. New offers of assistance have now been received from Slovakia, Hungary, France...

[EU channels further aid for refugees on Lesbos](#)

14/09/2020

Following a large fire that destroyed the Moria refugee camp on the Greek island of Lesbos, Greece has now requested further assistance through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. In an immediate response, Denmark, Austria, Finland, Sweden and...

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African Union [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

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

[Calling for Sustainable Education Innovations across Africa–Up](#)

September 18, 2020

The advent of COVID-19 has exacerbated challenges in Africa's education system and reinforces the need for fit for co

[The AU Disability Inclusion Guideline launched](#)

September 18, 2020

[African Union Nutrition Champion calls on leaders to embed nutrition within the COVID-19 response and recovery](#)

September 17, 2020

[Statement by the African Union Commissioner for Political Affairs on the International Day of Democracy](#)

September 15, 2020

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Secretariat News

[ASEAN seals roadmap for future-ready human resources](#)

16 September 2020 – Today, ASEAN Member States' labour and education ministers launched the Roadmap of ASEAN Declaration on Human Resources Development for the Changing World of Work at a high-level conference held by Viet Nam as ASEAN Chair 2020. The launching was witnessed by over 100 local participants in Ha Noi and also virtually [...]

European Commission [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest

Press release 18 September 2020

[Coronavirus Global Response: the Commission's contribution to the COVID-19 Vaccine Global Access Facility \(COVAX\)](#)

Today, the European Commission confirmed its participation in the COVAX Facility for equitable access to affordable COVID-19 vaccines, following its expression of interest on 31 August and its announcement of a contribution of €400 million.

Press release 18 September 2020

[Coronavirus: the Commission signs second contract to ensure access to a potential vaccine](#)

Today, a second contract with a pharmaceutical company entered into force following the contract's formal signature between Sanofi-GSK and the Commission.

Press release 18 September 2020

[Coronavirus: EU allocates €150 million for the transport of essential medical items](#)

OECD [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

News

17-September-2020

[Global development efforts should increase focus on fragile states in light of COVID-19 crisis](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic is aggravating inequality, poverty and insecurity in vulnerable, or fragile, countries and territories, making it more important than ever to focus development efforts on such places, according to a new OECD report.

16-September-2020

[Building confidence crucial amid an uncertain economic recovery](#)

With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to threaten jobs, businesses and the health and well-being of millions amid exceptional uncertainty, building confidence will be crucial to ensure that economies recover and adapt, says the OECD's Interim Outlook.

14-September-2020

[More can be done to ensure a green recovery from COVID-19 crisis](#)

Many countries are making "green" recovery measures a central part of stimulus packages to drive sustainable, inclusive, resilient economic growth and improve well-being in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis. However some countries are also implementing measures that risk having a negative environmental impact and locking in unsustainable growth, according to new OECD analysis discussed by member country ministers today.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

[Statement from the OAS General Secretariat on the UN Report on Crimes against Humanity in Venezuela](#)

Sep 16, 2020

[Joint Summit Working Group Works to Reduce Corruption Risks during COVID-19 Crisis](#)

Sep 14, 2020

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Group of 77 [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News – Selected Items

16 September 2020

[The WCO celebrates World Ozone Day](#)

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 19 Sep 2020]

http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm

WTO News and Events

[WTO members narrow field of DG candidates](#)

18 September 2020

The WTO took another step towards selecting its next Director-General today (18 September) as General Council Chair David Walker of New Zealand and his two co-facilitators in the selection process disclosed which of the eight candidates(*) had secured the broadest and deepest support from the WTO membership and should consequently advance to the next stage of the process.

[DDG Wolff: Time for all countries to work to improve the rules of multilateral trade](#)

17 September 2020

Now is the time for all countries, including the biggest traders, to work to improve the rules of the multilateral trading system, Deputy Director-General Alan Wolff said on 17 September. In virtual remarks delivered to the World Knowledge Forum 2020 in Seoul, Korea, DDG Wolff said WTO members need to look for areas of common ground, with areas of potential agreement including, but also going beyond, new global rules on electronic commerce and disciplines on harmful fisheries subsidies. His remarks are below.

[WTO issues report on measures to expedite access to COVID-19 critical goods, services](#)

16 September 2020

The WTO Secretariat has published a new information note on how WTO members have used trade measures to expedite access to critical medical goods and services as part of their responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 19 Sep 2020]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 19 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]

[Pandemic Threatens Human Capital Gains of the Past Decade, New Report Says](#)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17, 2020 – The COVID-19 pandemic threatens hard-won gains in health and education over the past decade, especially in the poorest countries, a new World Bank Group analysis finds. Investments...

Date: September 18, 2020 Type: Press Release

[Investing in Human Capital a Top Priority for Ukraine Amid Pandemic, says World Bank](#)

KYIV, September 16, 2020 – The COVID-19 pandemic threatens hard-won gains in health and education over the past decade, especially in the developing countries...

Date: September 16, 2020 Type: Press Release

[World Bank Sets Ambitious Targets for Green and Resilient Economic Growth in Africa](#)

WASHINGTON, September 15, 2020— Today, the World Bank released the Next Generation Africa Climate Business Plan (NG-ACBP), which sets out a blueprint to help Sub-Saharan African economies achieve...

Date: September 15, 2020 Type: Press Release

[Food Security and COVID-19](#)

Alarmed by a potential rise in food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic, many countries and organizations are mounting special efforts to keep agriculture safely running as an essential business, markets...

Date: September 14, 2020 Type: Brief

IMF [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

News, Announcements

September 18, 2020

[IMF Executive Board Approves Policy Safeguards for High Levels of Combined Access to Resources from the General Resources Account and the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust](#)

September 18, 2020 Washington, DC: The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved on September 9 policy safeguards to apply when financing requests entail high levels of combined access to resources from the General Resources Account (GRA) and the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust (PRGT). This should help ensure a more coherent application of policy safeguards in Fund lending across the membership...

September 14, 2020

[Supporting Migrants and Remittances as COVID-19 Rages On – IMF Blog](#)

African Development Bank Group [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

[Africa needs urgent trade finance boost in the wake of COVID-19, report finds](#)

18-Sep-2020 - There is an urgent need for financing to reenergize Africa's trade in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the latest trade finance report released jointly by the African Development Bank and the African Export-Import Bank. According to the report, only 40% of Africa's trade is bank-intermediated – a far lower share than the global average of 80%. The trade finance gap also remains unacceptably high at \$81 billion in 2019.

[Global and African Leaders Welcome Launch of GCA Africa as “Historic Moment to Accelerate Adaptation” on the Continent](#)

16-Sep-2020 - The Global Center on Adaptation today announced the launch of its regional office in Côte d'Ivoire. Hosted by the African Development Bank at its headquarters in the Ivorian capital Abidjan, GCA Africa will work with partners across the continent to scale and accelerate adaptation action that protects African communities from the impacts of climate change. GCA Africa will focus on programs and action, knowledge acceleration and capacity building and agenda-setting that respond to the acute challenges from the changing climate facing African...

[African Leaders for Nutrition call on leaders to embed nutrition within the Covid-19 response and recovery](#)

15-Sep-2020 - The African Leaders for Nutrition (ALN) have unveiled a position paper calling upon African Heads of State and Governments to ensure that financing for nutrition is included in their country's COVID-19 response and recovery plans.

[Despite COVID-19 pandemic, Africa still a prime investment destination, participants affirm at AfDB webinar for Asian audiences](#)

14-Sep-2020 - Participants at a webinar to present the African Development Bank's African Economic Outlook Supplement to Asian audiences on Monday have endorsed the report as critical for post-COVID-19 Africa. The supplement revises the growth projections and outlook for Africa for 2020 and

2021 and highlights the impact of COVID–19 on Africa’s socio-economic landscape. It recommends policy responses to safely reopen economies and accelerate growth recovery.

Asian Development Bank [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-
[18 Sep 2020](#)

[ADB Vows to be Developing Asia's Partner for Recovery From COVID-19](#)

ADB is committed to partnering with developing economies in Asia and the Pacific to achieve their recovery goals from the COVID-19 pandemic, President Masatsugu Asakawa said in an address to ADB’s Board of Governors today.

[17 Sep 2020](#)

[Finance and Health Ministers Pledge Support for Universal Health Coverage](#)

More than 40 finance and health ministers and deputy ministers from across Asia and the Pacific stressed the importance of universal health coverage and the need for stronger collaboration to mobilize healthcare financing during the...

[16 Sep 2020](#)

[Donors Agree Replenishment of More Than \\$4 Billion for ADB's Grant Funds](#)

Donors have agreed to a replenishment in excess of \$4 billion for ADB’s Asian Development Fund (ADF) 13 and Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF) 7, for the 4-year period from 2021 to 2024.

[15 Sep 2020](#)

[Developing Asia's Economic Growth to Contract in 2020](#)

Economies across developing Asia will contract this year for the first time in nearly six decades but recovery will resume next year, as the region starts to emerge from...

[15 Sep 2020](#)

[Promoting Wellness Key to Developing Asia's Post-COVID-19 Recovery - ADB](#)

Policies that promote and facilitate health and overall wellness are vital for Asia and the Pacific’s recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the theme chapter...

[14 Sep 2020](#)

[Partnerships Critical to Overcome COVID-19 Crisis, Says ADB President](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic has reinforced the need for stronger and more strategic partnerships in Asia and the Pacific, ADB President Masatsugu Asakawa said at the launch of a new report released today.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

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level announcements are added each week]

News

No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

News

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[Member States to nominate candidates for next IFAD President](#)

Islamic Development Bank [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

News

[IsDB Event at UNGA: Harnessing the Power of Science, Technology and Innovation to Achieve the SDGs](#)

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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 19 Sep 2020]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

Yémen

[Déclaration commune des ONG sur le Yémen](#)

Posté le 16 septembre 2020

Nous allons désormais vers une septième année de guerre, et la population yéménite ne peut que supposer que le monde l'a oublié.

Cameroun

[Réfugiés centrafricains et communautés locales s'entraident](#)

Posté le 11 septembre 2020

Dans l'Est du Cameroun, à la frontière avec la République centrafricaine, les communautés-hôtes camerounaises et les réfugiés centrafricains cohabitent dans un environnement fertile et pourtant en proie à des vulnérabilités chroniques.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 19 Sep 2020]
<https://newsroom.amref.org/category/press-releases/>
Selected Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 19 Sep 2020]
<https://aravind.org/>
Aravind News
No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 19 Sep 2020]
<http://www.brac.net/#news>
Latest
COVID-19

[August Khichuri Index for Bangladesh](#)

September 15, 2020

by [Nahrin Rahman Swarna](#) and [KAM Morshed](#) and [Sarah-Jane Saltmarsh](#)

Khichuri is a popular all-day meal in most Bangladeshi homes. What does the cost of a plate of khichuri tell us about the changes in the affordability of food? Learn about the Khichuri Index, and how the pandemic is affecting Bangladesh's economy.

Clubhouse International [to 19 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 19 Sep 2020]
<https://www.drc.dk/news>
NEWS
No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 19 Sep 2020]
<http://www.ecpat.net/news>
News from ECPAT
No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 19 Sep 2020]
<http://www.fountainhouse.org/>
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

All news

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[Communities facing conflict, climate change and environmental degradation walk a tightrope of survival](#)

As delivered by ICRC President Peter MaurerMr.

17-09-2020 | Statement

[African Union: Examining human cost of migration policies in Africa during COVID-19](#)

A webinar examining the human cost of migration policies in Africa amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

16-09-2020 | News release

[Central Sahel: Spike in violence leads to higher deaths, more than 1 million fleeing homes](#)

Increasing violence in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger led to 62 per cent spike in deaths and displaced more than a million people in the past year.

14-09-2020 | News release

IFRC [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

Asia Pacific, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan

[Asia Survey: 1 in 2 blame foreigners and rule-breakers for COVID-19](#)

Kuala Lumpur/Geneva, 17 September 2020 – A major new survey in four Asian countries reveals nearly one in two people blame specific groups for spreading COVID-19. The survey shows that people are blaming particular groups for spreading the coronavirus ...

17 September 2020

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Story

[Shielding Yemen's Most Vulnerable from COVID-19](#)

September 15, 2020

International Medical Corps' Yemen team has helped provide important local community backing for a new strategy to protect those facing great risk of contracting the COVID-19 coronavirus: elderly, disabled and chronically ill Yemenis forced by war and circumstance to flee their homes and take shelter in crowded displacement camps. The concept, developed by the London ...

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Media highlights {Selected}

Press Releases

[As Mike Pompeo visits Colombia tomorrow, the International Rescue Committee raises the alarm on ongoing social unrest, increasing xenophobia and a worsening economy, and calls for greater funding](#)

September 18, 2020

[The IRC and tech partners launch digital initiative to combat misinformation for Venezuelan refugees and displaced populations in Colombia](#)

September 17, 2020

[Federal Court's termination of TPS leaves 300,000 in limbo; risks further destabilization of multiple countries](#)

September 14, 2020

IRCT [to 19 Sep 2020]

<https://irct.org/>

Latest News

News 16 Sep 2020

[IRCT jointly appeals to Human Rights Council on deteriorating human rights situation in Bahrain](#)

IRCT has jointly signed a letter to call on Member and Observer States of the United Nation's Human Right's Delegates in conjunction with the upcoming 45th session of the UN Human Rights Council (HRC). Bahrain is currently cracking down on its citizens through torture and executions.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News, Blog

[Annual Report 2019: Islamic Relief supporters have helped 120 million people over the past 35 years](#)

Published: 16 September, 2020

[Islamic Relief has eased the physical and mental health struggles of 30,000 children in Gaza](#)

Published: 16 September, 2020

[Yemen continues to suffer the effects of severe flooding and the spread of Covid-19](#)

Published: 16 September, 2020

[“We shouldn’t be working alone, we need to collaborate together”: Interfaith work and the Covid-19 pandemic](#)

Published: 16 September, 2020

[Financing the livestock value chain: Using Sharaka Bil Mawashi for Udhiyya](#)

Published: 15 September, 2020

Landsea [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

News Releases & Alerts

September 16, 2020

[News Alert: U.S. Government Must Implement Global Fragility Act to Mitigate Rise in Global Violence](#)

Delayed Global Fragility Act implementation increases humanitarian need and harms the world’s most vulnerable...

September 15, 2020

[183 Organizations Send Letter to President Trump and Secretary Pompeo Asking to Restore the US Resettlement Program to its Historic Norms](#)

Washington, DC – Today, Mercy Corps joins 182 other organizations in sending a letter to President Trump and Secretary...

September 14, 2020

[Joint INGO Statement on Yemen – 75th Session of the UN General Assembly](#)

We are now sleepwalking towards a seventh year of war, and the people of Yemen can only surmise that the world has..

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Mediterranean migration

"Enough is enough": Time to stop the cycle of suffering for refugees on Greek islands

Project Update 17 Sep 2020

Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic

MSF works to prevent spread of COVID-19 among indigenous people in Mato Grosso do Sul

Project Update 17 Sep 2020

Central African Republic

In times of COVID-19, malaria remains the number one killer of children in CAR

Project Update 15 Sep 2020

Operation Smile [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Program Schedule

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

OXFAM [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected News/Announcements

She Leads: women in conflict ridden countries are paving the path to peace

18 September 2020

Wherever women are, peace is. Women and peace are synonyms.

Women from 11 conflict and post conflict countries share stories of fight to rebuild their countries and find peace a new photo collection that will be published on World Peace Day on Monday, 21 September.

Small group of rich nations have bought up more than half the future supply of leading COVID-19 vaccine contenders

17 September 2020

Wealthy nations representing just 13 percent of the world's population have already cornered more than half (51 percent) of the promised doses of leading COVID-19 vaccine candidates, Oxfam warned today as the health and finance ministers of G20 countries meet to discuss the global pandemic.

Nearly 80% of Afghanistan's peace tables exclude women

15 September 2020

Nearly eighty percent of Afghanistan's past peace meetings since 2005 have left women completely out, a new joint report by Oxfam, Cordaid, and InclusivePeace, found today. As intra-Afghan peace talks with the Taliban kick off in Doha this week, without the meaningful participation of women, any sustainable peace efforts are at risk of failure.

Joint INGO Statement on Yemen – 75th session of the UN General Assembly

14 September 2020

Six months ago UN Secretary General called in March for a global ceasefire tied to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are now sleepwalking towards a seventh year of war, and the people of Yemen can only surmise that the world has forgotten them.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

Pact [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

News

[PIH Rolls Out Electronic Medical Records at J.J. Dossen Hospital in Liberia](#)

Faster registration and better access to medical records are streamlining care at the rural hospital, and are hallmarks of PIH's multi-country effort to improve how health data is collected, stored and used. Build Systems | September 18, 2020

['Critical Hope': PIH Engage Helping Students Advocate for Health as a Human Right](#)

Partners In Health's grassroots network of community organizers is calling for health care as a human right through advocacy, community building and fundraising. Advocacy | September 17, 2020

PATH [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

News

18 September 2020 - Cyprus, Lebanon

[LEBANON: TWO CHILDREN DIE AT SEA AS DESPERATE FAMILIES SEEK TO ESCAPE WORSENING ECONOMIC CRISIS](#)

17 September 2020 - United States

[**Save the Children committed to protecting most vulnerable children from threat of US West Coast wildfires**](#)

17 September 2020 - United Kingdom, United States

[**150 million additional children plunged into poverty due to COVID-19, UNICEF, Save the Children say**](#)

16 September 2020 - Syria, United Kingdom

[**A British child rescued by government officials from Syria asked whether others in a Save the Children centre could come too, the charity said today**](#)

16 September 2020 - Thailand

[**Youth Demand Climate Change Action In Asia Pacific**](#)

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

All News

No new digest content identified.

Tostan [to 19 Sep 2020]

<http://www.tostan.org>

News/Events

[**System Change 3rd Webinar**](#)

Sep 17, 2020

Scaling Systems Change Local Leadership for Global Transformation Tuesday, September 29 8AM PTD / 11 AM ETD / 3 PM GMT Tostan CEO Elena Bonometti hosts an interactive conversation with Mayor Yvonne Aki-Sawyer Obe of Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Women for Women International [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Blogs & Updates

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 19 Sep 2020]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

[**World Vision staff victims of attack on humanitarian convoy in the Democratic Republic of**](#)

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September 16th 2020

[**World Vision is saddened by recent attacks on humanitarian workers in northern Syria**](#)

September 16th 2020

[Youths Champion Climate Change Resistance in Asia Pacific](#)

[September 16th 2020](#)

[Children's rights organizations raise alarm over intercommunal violence and deteriorating ... South Sudan](#)

[September 15th 2020](#)

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation

https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press_release

Press Release | September 14, 2020

[Researchers Targeting AI Bias, Sex Worker Advocate, and Global Internet Freedom Community Honored at EFF's Pioneer Award Ceremony](#)

San Francisco – The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) is honored to announce the 2020 Barlow recipients at its Pioneer Award Ceremony: artificial intelligence and racial bias experts Joy Buolamwini, Dr. Timnit Gebru, and Deborah Raji; sex worker activist and tech policy and content moderation researcher Danielle Blunt; and the global...

Freedom House [to 19 Sep 2020]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

Latest Updates

[Freedom House Presents 2020 Freedom Award to Hong Kong and Sudan Protesters](#)

Press release September 16, 2020

[Register Now](#)

The special online Freedom Awards event will feature special remarks from former Belarusian presidential candidate Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya.

Hong Kong's prodemocracy movement and two groups from Sudan—the Sudanese Professionals Association, represented by Samahir Ali Othman Almubarak, and the Organization of the December Revolution Martyrs' Families, represented by Dr. Amira Babiker Ahmed Osman—will receive the 2020 Freedom Award at [Freedom House's annual awards event](#) on September 16, beginning at 6:45 p.m. EDT.

Human Rights Watch [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

September 18, 2020

[Mourning the Death of Feminist Icon Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg](#)

[Amanda Klasing](#), Interim Co-Director, Women's Rights Division

My heart is broken. The death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg is almost too much to process. Justice Ginsberg, the second woman appointed to the US Supreme Court, was more than a feminist icon, she was a collective feminist grandmother to women, girls, non-binary people – to everyone who struggles to imagine themselves as having a powerful voice for change.

September 17, 2020

Commentary

Thailand's 'Bad Students' are Rising Up for Democracy and Change

Sunai Phasuk

Senior Researcher, Asia Division

Africa September 17, 2020

News Release

South Africa: Widespread Xenophobic Violence

Europe/Central Asia September 17, 2020

Commentary

Reality Check on Human Rights in Uzbekistan

Hugh Williamson

Director, Europe and Central Asia Division

Transparency International [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press

Citizens report corruption in COVID-19 humanitarian aid, quarantine, health care

Since January, Transparency International's Advocacy and Legal Advice Centres (ALACs) operating in 60 countries have received over 1,500 reports of corruption and other irregularities related to the...

14 September 2020

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ChildFund Alliance [to 19 Sep 2020]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

News/ Statements

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 19 Sep 2020]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

News

A Time for Renewal: Calling for a Strengthened Multilateral System

18 Sep 2020

Mary Robinson, Ban Ki-moon, Hina Jilani, Ricardo Lagos, Graça Machel and Juan Manuel Santos join global leaders to call for decisive action to defend and rejuvenate multilateralism, in an open letter to Heads of Governments.

Ethical Leadership

Speech

[We must end fossil fuel use alongside a revolution in nature-based solutions to truly build back a safer and fairer world](#)

16 Sep 2020

Juan Manuel Santos warns that nature-based solutions and the protection of biodiversity are not a substitute for accelerating the phase-out of fossil fuels.

Climate Change

News

[Elders join UN75 Global Governance Forum](#)

15 Sep 2020

On 16 and 17 September, Mary Robinson, Ban Ki-moon, Gro Harlem Brundtland, Hina Jilani and Juan Manuel Santos will join the UN75 Global Governance Forum.

Ethical Leadership

News

[COVID-19: a call for urgent action to prepare for the next pandemic](#)

14 Sep 2020

In a foreword for the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board's report "A World in Disorder", co-chairs Gro Harlem Brundtland and Elhadj As Sy lament the world's collective failure to take seriously pandemic prevention and call for urgent action

UHC

News

[Juan Manuel Santos: We do not have to choose between a healthy economy and a healthy planet](#)

15 Sep 2020

Juan Manuel Santos calls on G20 leaders to show real leadership in fostering a green recovery from COVID-19, in an address to a virtual session of the F20 High-Level Forum.

Climate Change

Evidence Aid [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

[Cardiovascular conditions and COVID-19 \(multiple reviews\)Added September 19, 2020](#)

[BAME population and severity of COVID-19Added September 19, 2020](#)

[Cutaneous manifestations and COVID-19 \(search done on 30 May 2020\)Added September 19, 2020](#)

[Computer-based versus in-person interventions for stress in workers: comparative effects are uncertainAdded September 19, 2020](#)

[Sinonasal pathophysiology and COVID-19 \(multiple reviews\)Added September 15, 2020](#)

[Quarantine might help control the spread of COVID-19 \(search done on 23 June 2020\)Added September 15, 2020](#)

[Surgical and cancer patients during the COVID-19 pandemic \(search done on 4 April 2020\)Added September 15, 2020](#)

[Acute kidney injury and COVID-19 \(search done before 7 April 2020\)Added September 15, 2020](#)

[Technology-based interventions to support the informal caregivers of stroke survivorsAdded September 15, 2020](#)

[Venous thromboembolism and COVID-19: guidance on prevalence, incidence and treatmentAdded September 14, 2020](#)

Gavi [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

News releases

16 September 2020

[A record-breaking year for childhood immunisation](#)

Looking back over last year, [Gavi's 2019 Annual Progress Report](#) is the fourth in a series of five covering this strategic period. Highlighting key data points, milestones and partnerships, the report offers insights into our progress during what was, in many ways, a banner year for the Vaccine Alliance.

Getty Conservation Institute [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

News/Updates

News

[Global Fund Partnership Has Saved 38 Million Lives – but COVID-19 Could Wipe Out Progress](#)

14 September 2020

A new report by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is a call to action to urgently invest to protect decades of progress against HIV, TB and malaria that are being derailed as a knock-on effect of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 19 Sep 2020]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources, events, content

Upcoming events

[Webinar: Addressing statelessness in Europe](#)

September 22, 2020 - 11:00am to 12:00pm

Online

[Shifting the Power Paradigm – Increasing Resources for and Representation of L/NGOs and CSOs in Protection Coordination Mechanisms – Challenges and Opportunities](#)

September 28, 2020 - 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Online

[Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities and Older Persons in the Humanitarian Response to GBV](#)

September 29, 2020 - 10:00am to 11:00am

InterAction [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Global & Public Policy Positions Global & Public Policy Positions

[InterAction, NGO Leaders Join Congress in Launching WASH Caucus](#)

Kelsey Harris | Sep 16, 2020

Humanitarian Practice

[Contest: Results-Based Protection Good Practice Examples](#)

Keri Baughman | Sep 15, 2020

Challenges to Civil Society

[A Crisis Beyond COVID-19](#)

Andy Wilson | Sep 15, 2020

InterAction Quoted

[Global Food Security: When America Leads, Lives are Saved](#)

Sam Worthington | Sep 15, 2020

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Publications/Events

Our Impact

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 19 Sep 2020]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

Our Impact

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 19 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 19 Sep 2020]

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

News/Blog/Events

[Why the Syria crisis shows us the Triple Nexus is a myth](#)

14 September 2020

In 2016, world political leaders along with NGOs, civil society figures, academia and private sector institutions held the first [World Humanitarian Summit \(WHS\)](#) to discuss the world's crises and to innovate on new ways of addressing them. The WHS concluded with initiatives to boost the collaboration and coherence of humanitarian response, development, and peace processes to end human suffering and ensure durable solutions, under the so-called 'triple nexus'.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 19 Sep 2020]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

News/Events

[Web Conference: Healthy People on a Healthy Planet](#)

On 25 September, 2020 (13:30 – 15.00) our director Prof. Karl Blanchet will join a panel discussion as part of the web conference "Healthy People on a Health Planet, Five years on from the SDGs in the COVID-19 era" organised by the [Irish Global Health Network](#).

The web conference brings together a host of speakers working in global health and will take place over two days for a three-hour period from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm each day, with an additional side event at 5pm on September 24 for young professionals.

More information about the conference programme is available [here](#), to attend the web conference register [here](#).

Groupe URD [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Publications, Events

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 19 Sep 2020]

<https://ihsa.info/>

Resources – Weekly Blog Posts Selections

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 19 Sep 2020]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news, events

No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 19 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 19 Sep 2020

Latest Research

Essay

[**Women's importance in enacting, implementing, and defending the Affordable Care Act**](#)

[Nancy-Ann DeParle](#) and [Jeanne Lambrew](#)

Friday, September 18, 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Economics

[From Survival to Revival: How to Help Small Businesses through the COVID-19 Crisis](#)

Steven Hamilton

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Business & Industry

[New data shows small businesses in communities of color had unequal access to federal COVID-19 relief](#)

Sifan Liu and Joseph Parilla

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Essay

[The fate of women's rights in Afghanistan](#)

John R. Allen and Vanda Felbab-Brown

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Report

[What works for women microentrepreneurs?](#)

Ana Revenga and Meagan Dooley

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Center for Global Development [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Publications, News and Events

September 16, 2020

[Sound Banks for Healthy Economies: Challenges for Policymakers in Latin America and the Caribbean in Times of Coronavirus](#)

The purpose of this report is twofold: to identify and discuss a set of challenges, and to develop key recommendations. The overarching goal is to provide support to policymakers in the region who may face difficult decisions to ensure that banks play a constructive role and support families and firms through and beyond the current crisis.

Andrew Powell and Liliana Rojas-Suarez

September 16, 2020

[Closing Gender Pay Gaps](#)

We convened a virtual roundtable to discuss how public and private sector actors can better understand and work together to narrow gender gaps in pay. To operationalize recommendations raised during the discussion, here we present 6 actions for governments that draw on principles of openness and 6 actions for businesses to champion.

Megan O'Donnell , Ugonma Nwankwo , Ania Calderon and Callie Strickland

September 15, 2020

[A Rosetta Stone for Human Capital](#)

How can we accurately measure the global distribution of skills when people in different countries take different tests? We develop a new methodology to non-parametrically link scores from distinct

populations. By administering an exam combining items from different assessments to 2,300 primary students in India, we estimate conversion functions among four of the world's largest standardized tests spanning 80 countries.

Dev Patel and Justin Sandefur

September 14, 2020

[Link It, Open It, Use It: Changing How Education Data Are Used to Generate Ideas](#)

In this note, I discuss a new approach to how national administrative education data—records of school census, public exams, school inspection, teacher payroll, and other operational matters, collected on routine basis—are integrated, shared, and used to generate knowledge.

Jack Rossiter

September 14, 2020

[The Impact of COVID-19 on Small and Medium-sized Enterprises: Evidence from Two-wave Phone Surveys in China](#)

This paper examines both the short-term and mid-term impact of COVID-19 restrictions on small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), based on two waves of phone interviews with a previously surveyed large SME sample in China.

Rouchen Dai , Hao Feng , Junpeng Hu , Quan Jin , Huiwen Li , Ranran Wang , Ruixin Wang , Lihe Xu and Xiaobo Zhang

CSIS [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Reports

Report

[Measuring Service Contract Performance](#)

September 18, 2020 | Andrew Philip Hunter, Gregory Sanders Services account for over 41 percent of DoD contract obligations. This CSIS report looks at a million contracts to evaluate how three factors influence performance: service complexity, contract-management capacity, and vendor's history working with a DoD contracting.

Report

[Key Trends in the Global Economy through 2030](#)

September 16, 2020 | William Alan Reinsch, Jack Caporal, Matthew P. Goodman, Scott Miller This report outlines the makeup of the US Economy, key trends in global supply chains, and the future of the digital economy. It is the first of four reports of the CSIS Trade Commission that call for action to revitalize and affirm American leadership in the world.

Report

[Affirming American Leadership: A Call to Action](#)

September 16, 2020 | Frederick W. Smith, William E. Brock The CSIS Trade Commission on Affirming American Leadership sets out bold recommendations for the U.S. workforce, U.S. innovation policy, and the international trading system to revitalize and affirm U.S. leadership.

ODI [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

[Social protection and the future of work: a gender analysis](#)

Working and discussion papers | September 2020 | Francesca Bastagli and Abigail Hunt

This working paper explores how social protection can help support women's empowerment as labour markets evolve.

[Adapting data collection and utilisation to a Covid-19 reality: monitoring, evaluation and learning approaches for adaptive management](#)

Briefing papers | September 2020 | Jessica Ziegler and Paige Mason

A discussion of key considerations for remote collection and the use of data for adaptive management during the Covid-19 pandemic.

[USAID Wildlife Asia as a case study in adaptive rigour: monitoring, evaluation and learning for adaptive management](#)

Briefing papers | September 2020 | Jessica Ziegler

A case study of how USAID's Wildlife Asia programme has operationalised the concepts of adaptive rigour and adaptive management.

[Contribution analysis for adaptive management](#)

Briefing papers | September 2020 | Marina Apgar, Kevin Hernandez and Giel Ton

A discussion of practical learning about the use of contribution analysis for adaptive management.

[Outcome mapping: learning brief](#)

Briefing papers | September 2020 | Stephanie Buell, Haneen Malallah and Paige Mason

A discussion of the use of outcome mapping as a monitoring, evaluation and learning approach to track behavioural change and inform adaptation.

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 19 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 19 Sep 2020]

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

Publications

[Newark Housing Pulse](#)

This chartbook presents a comprehensive overview of the local housing market in Newark, New Jersey's nine zipcodes based on data from the American Community Survey, CoreLogic's Market Trends and the Bureau of Labor Statistics Employment Situation Report. The report includes comparison data on the United States, the state of New Jersey, Essex County and six other US cities: Camden, Jersey City and Trenton, NJ and

[Michael Neal](#), [Caitlin Young](#), [Sarah Stochak](#), [Laurie Goodman](#), [Alanna McCargo](#)

September 18, 2020

Research Report

[As the COVID-19 Recession Extended into the Summer of 2020, More Than 3 Million Adults Lost Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance Coverage and 2 Million Became Uninsured](#)

The Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey offers a snapshot of how the COVID-19 pandemic and recession affected households as the recession extended into the summer and millions of adults remained unemployed. We use the Household Pulse Survey to measure changes in insurance coverage between April 23–May 12 and July 9–21, 2020 and better understand how the recession impacted insurance coverage. We find that

[Anuj Gangopadhyaya](#), [Michael Karpman](#), [Joshua Aarons](#)

September 18, 2020

Brief

[Assessing Juvenile Diversion Reforms in Kentucky](#)

In 2014, Kentucky fundamentally transformed its juvenile justice system with the goal of improving outcomes for youth and families, protecting public safety, and controlling youth corrections costs. Among other changes, comprehensive reform legislation (Senate Bill 200) expanded and enhanced the state's precourt diversion process administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). The new law required

[Samantha Harvell](#), [Leah Sakala](#), [Daniel Lawrence](#), [Robin Olsen](#), [Constance Hull](#)

September 17, 2020

Research Report

[Updated Estimates of the New Mexico Uninsured and Health Care Reform Options to Expand Marketplace Coverage and Improve Affordability](#)

In this brief, we present new research estimating New Mexico's nonelderly uninsured population in 2020, as well as new analyses of seven reform options intended to increase health coverage and improve affordability. We estimate that the COVID-19 recession has increased the number of uninsured New Mexicans relative to a year ago. As recent increases in Medicaid, CHIP, and Marketplace coverage indicate,

[Matthew Buettgens](#), [Jessica Banthin](#), [Michael Simpson](#), [Linda J. Blumberg](#), [Robin Wang](#)

September 16, 2020

Research Report

[NNIP Partners' Role in the Social Determinants of Health](#)

The social determinants of health, and the structural inequities that influence them, create a disproportional effect on the health and well-being of people with low incomes and communities of color. Collaborations across organizations and sectors are important to address the social determinants of health. This brief explains how cross-sector partnerships can help; describes the significant role of locally

[Camille H. Anoll](#)

September 16, 2020

Brief

[**Envisioning a National Preservation Strategy**](#)

Addressing a national housing crisis—the mismatch between the supply and demand of rental homes for households with modest incomes—requires a comprehensive strategy to produce new affordable units, preserve existing inventory, and protect at-risk residents. Because more affordable units are lost than are produced, preservation must be a higher priority in this strategy. This essay proposes such a robust

[Erika C. Poethig](#), [Julia Stasch](#), [Michael Stegman](#), [Aaron Shroyer](#)

September 14, 2020

Brief

[**Moving Families Forward: Initial Findings from a Two-Generation Program in Bangor, Maine**](#)

Since late 2017, the Urban Institute’s Housing Opportunities and Services Together team has partnered with public housing authority BangorHousing and the Boys & Girls Club of Bangor, Maine, in a formative evaluation of Families Forward, a locally designed and funded two-generation program that builds on BangorHousing’s Family Self-Sufficiency Program. Our initial findings show that families enrolled in

[Susan J. Popkin](#), [Olivia Arena](#), [Jessica Shakesprere](#), [Elsa Falkenburger](#), [Eona Harrison](#)

September 14, 2020

Research Report

The Wistar Institute [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

Press Release

Sep. 14, 2020

[**Wistar Appoints Ami Patel, Ph.D., as Caspar Wistar Fellow**](#)

Caspar Wistar Fellowship launches the careers of up-and-coming biomedical researchers as top scientific leaders.

World Economic Forum [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Media

[**Nearly 9 in 10 People Globally Want a More Sustainable and Equitable World Post COVID-19**](#)

News 16 Sep 2020

[**No More Business as Usual: Green Deal Needed in Europe’s Recovery, Say Company Leaders**](#)

News 16 Sep 2020

[Chinese Premier Li Addresses Global Business Leaders for First Time Since Pandemic Outbreak](#)

News 15 Sep 2020

[World Economic Forum and City of Los Angeles Release Principles for Making Inclusive Aerial Mobility a Reality in Cities](#)

News 15 Sep 2020

[World Economic Forum Announces Co-Chairs of 4th Sustainable Development Impact Summit](#)

News 14 Sep 2020

[New Factories of the Future Light the Way of 'Next Normal' in Manufacturing](#)

News 14 Sep 2020

[Leaders sign unique roadmap for stakeholder capitalism in the Middle East and North Africa](#)

News 14 Sep 2020

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

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

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

[Gates Foundation's Annual Goalkeepers Report Shows COVID-19 Has Stalled 20 Years of Progress, Calls for Global Response to End the Pandemic](#)

Report shows how economic damage has reinforced inequities and derailed achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals; spotlights countries innovating to meet challenges

Blue Meridian Partners [to 19 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 19 Sep 2020]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press Release

September 18, 2020

[**Statement from President Clinton on the Passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg**](#)

Co Impact [to 19 Sep 2020]

www.co-impact.io

Co-Impact is a global philanthropic collaborative for systems change focused on improving the lives of millions of people around the world.

No new digest content identified.

Ford Foundation [to 19 Sep 2020]

<https://www.fordfoundation.org/press-room/>

The Latest

No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News

September 17, 2020

[**Getty Publications Presents Imogen Cunningham: A Retrospective By Paul Martineau**](#)

This stunning volume marks the most comprehensive retrospective of Imogen Cunningham's work in more than thirty-five years.

September 14, 2020

[**Louise and Walter Arensberg's Groundbreaking Collection Is Celebrated With A New Book Release From Getty Publications**](#)

GHIT Fund [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press Release

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Stories

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Research Sep 16 2020

[Neurons in the Brainstem Entice Mice to Keep Snacking](#)

Scientists have identified mouse neurons that make food and drink palatable, feeding a cycle of consumption.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

September 17, 2020 *News Release*

[Democratic Nominee Biden Holds Slight Lead Over President Trump in Arizona, while the Candidates are Virtually Tied in Florida and North Carolina, KFF/Cook Polls Find](#)

Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden holds a slight lead over President Trump in Arizona (45% to 40%), while the two candidates are within the margin of sampling error in Florida (Biden 43%, Trump 42%) and North Carolina (Biden 45%, Trump 43%), finds new KFF/Cook Political Report polls of voters in three critical Sun Belt states carried by President Trump in his 2016 victory.

September 16, 2020 *News Release*

[Analysis of Epic Electronic Health Record Data Shows People of Color Fare Worse than White Patients at Every Stage of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Including Higher Rates of Infection, Hospitalization and Death](#)

People of color were more likely to test positive for COVID-19 and to require a higher level of care at the time of diagnosis compared to White patients, according to a new analysis from Epic Health Research Network and KFF. They also were more likely to be hospitalized and die...

September 15, 2020 *News Release*

[New Brief Highlights Disparities in Fertility Services Driven by Cost and Gaps in Coverage](#)

A new KFF brief provides a comprehensive overview of the coverage and use of fertility services in the United States, highlighting cost and insurance coverage gaps as key barriers faced by low-income people, Black and Hispanic people, LGBTQ individuals, infertile couples and single individuals seeking these services. The coronavirus pandemic...

September 14, 2020 *News Release*

[From the Federal Response to COVID-19 to Ongoing Efforts to Repeal the ACA and Proposals for Lowering Drug Prices, President Trump Has an Extensive Record on Health Care](#)

Since taking office in 2017, President Trump has laid down an extensive record on health care, including his response to the COVID-19 pandemic, his early and ongoing efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, his annual budget proposals to curb spending on Medicare and Medicaid, his executive orders...

Kellogg Foundation [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

News & Events

[Counter Corruption through Behavioral Insights](#)

September 17, 2020

Grantee Research

Behavioral insights—the study of how people make and justify decisions—can help edutainment change individual behaviors to counter corruption in Nigeria, using a simple methodology outlined by the [Behavioral Insights Team](#) in a [blog post](#). The key is being specific about the audience and what people can do instead of corrupt behavior, addressing the reasons why people justify corruption, and using evidence-based strategies to help them act differently. Using edutainment to counter narratives that justify corruption, according to the MacArthur-supported report, has potential to make a difference in the behaviors of different audiences.

[Potential of Regulation for Biometric Tech](#)

September 15, 2020

Grantee Research

In a report of eight case studies, AI Now Institute investigates regulatory approaches to biometric surveillance. The report examines current regulation of biometric technology and the potential and limits of future legal regulations. AI Now, supported by MacArthur, calls attention to questions and research that still need to be addressed for future interventions in biometric recognition technology.

Holding the Prosecutor's Office Accountable

September 14, 2020

Grantee Research

The National Prosecutor's Office in Mexico aims to hold politicians and security officials accountable and build public trust in the criminal justice system, and a report from the Washington Office on Latin America analyzes its effectiveness. Established in 2014 to address governmental impunity, the office is independent from the executive branch, but has not yet realized its potential. The MacArthur-supported report highlights major concerns and recommends increasing civil society participation in the National Prosecutor's Office and addressing reports of corruption and human rights complaints.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 19 Sep 2020]

<https://mellon.org/>

Mellon News, Press Releases

COVID-19 Response

Literary Arts Emergency Fund Awards More than \$3.5 Million to 282 Organizations, Magazines, and Presses across the US in Historic Relief Effort

New York, NY (September 15, 2020)— The Literary Arts Emergency Fund, launched and administered by the Academy of American Poets, the Community of Literary Magazine & Presses (CLMP), and the National Book Foundation, will be distributing \$3,530,000 million in emergency funding to 282 nonprofit literary arts organizations, magazines, and presses across the nation that have experienced severe financial losses due to COVID-19. The organizations and presses to receive support reported \$27,635,559 in financial losses to date and are projecting \$48,137,391 in financial losses in the year ahead.

Leaders of the three organizations—Jennifer Benka, Mary Gannon, and Lisa Lucas—united to raise funds and establish the Literary Arts Emergency Fund in response to the lack of institutional support for the nonprofit organizations and presses that sustain literary culture in the U.S. by presenting poets and writers at events and by publishing and distributing thousands of poems, stories, and essays in books, magazines, and through open online archives. They also employ writers as teaching artists who bring literature into classrooms; offer workshops, festivals, and conferences; support the creative practice of poets and writers by providing millions of dollars in grants and fellowships; and honor the achievements of poets and writers, giving their work visibility. Together, these organizations reach more than 75 million readers each year...

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

News

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation announces 2020 Moore Inventor Fellows

September 16, 2020

Fellowship established to honor one of Silicon Valley's founders recognizes early-career, scientist-inventors across the country.

Today, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation announced the 2020 cohort of [Moore Inventor Fellows](#). The fellowship supports scientist-inventors who create new tools and technologies with a high potential to accelerate progress in the foundation's areas of interest: scientific discovery, environmental conservation and patient care.

"The Moore Inventor Fellowship recognizes the power of innovation to solve problems and reimagine our world," said Harvey V. Fineberg, M.D., Ph.D., president of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. "We are pleased to recognize the spectrum of disciplines, ideas and approaches embodied in this group of fellows."

While their backgrounds and fields of expert knowledge are varied, the fellows all share a common curiosity about our world and a passion for transformative ideas. This year's inventions have potential applications in: targeted radiotherapy of cancers; creation of ultra-secure and low power communications networks; affordable point of care infection diagnosis; new energy sources enabling autonomous monitoring in remote areas; and illuminating previously inaccessible layers of biological specimens...

Open Society Foundations [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases & Statements

September 15, 2020

[Pew Funds Six Teams to Pursue Cutting-Edge Biomedical Research](#)

PHILADELPHIA—The Pew Charitable Trusts announced today the six pairs of researchers who will make up its 2020 class of Innovation Fund investigators.

These investigators—alumni of Pew's [biomedical programs](#) in the United States and Latin America—will partner on interdisciplinary research to tackle some of the most complex questions in human biology and disease. The teams will combine their expertise, ranging from virology to neuroscience and from biophysics to computational biology, in their efforts to advance innovative research and improve human health...

Rockefeller Foundation [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

[Statement by Dr. Rajiv. J. Shah, President of The Rockefeller Foundation On the Passing of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg](#)

Saturday, September 19, 2020 – Humanity has lost one of our brightest, fiercest advocates for a more equitable world. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was an icon for the ages...

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News and Highlights

Policy & Ethics | Opinion

[We Can't Allow the CDC to Be Tainted by Politics](#)

If science doesn't drive the agency's crucial weekly reports about disease prevalence and mortality, we'll lose a key tool for fighting this pandemic

By [Richard E. Besser](#) on September 15, 2020

The CDC's Mortality and Morbidity Weekly Report, familiarly known as the MMWR, has been around for nearly a century, and is sacrosanct in the public health community. Loaded with reliable, timely data and analyses and authored by the world's top scientists, it is required reading, especially during a pandemic.

To meddle with, delay or politicize these reports would be a form of scientific blasphemy as well as a breach of public trust that could undermine the nation's efforts to fight the coronavirus. If public health officials lose confidence in this vital tool and doubt the substance of these reports, the U.S. response to the coronavirus pandemic will have been dealt yet another setback that stands to play out with greater suffering and more deaths in communities across the country....

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 19 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..."

September 18, 2020

[How Covid-19 Has Driven Philanthropists to Change Lanes \[Valerie Conn blog\]](#)

September 16, 2020

[In Memoriam: Bill Gates, Sr.—Who Brought Curiosity and Vision to Science Philanthropy](#)

"Private life has its rewards," Bill Gates, Sr. wrote in his stirring, soaring memoir, *Showing Up for Life*, "but I think it's important—and makes one's life richer—to be a part of something larger."...

Valerie Conn, President, Science Philanthropy Alliance

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 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Opinion | 16 September 2020

[Could Covid-19 be fuelling drug resistance?](#)

Gemma Buckland Merrett

Science Lead, Drug-Resistant Infections Wellcome

We need to understand the impact of Covid-19 on wider health issues to shape better public health responses and limit long-term consequences. Drug resistance is one of these, Gemma Buckland-Merrett explains.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Press Room

September 17, 2020

[Foundations Pool \\$36 Million for Black-Led Organizing Groups](#)

Source: The Chronicle of Philanthropy

Council on Foundations [to 19 Sep 2020]

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

Newsroom

[New Report Outlines How Philanthropy is Responding to 2020 Crises](#)

September 17, 2020

The public health, racial justice, and economic crises of 2020 have affected millions of Americans and laid bare the glaring inequities in our systems and institutions.

A new report from Council on Foundations, Philanthropy California, and Dalberg Advisors outlines how the US philanthropic sector is responding to the 2020 crises — and the opportunities to shift practices and share power to enable communities and the industry to #BuildBackBetter.

We surveyed 250 foundation leaders and conducted more than a dozen in-depth interviews to assess how the sector is changing in three ways: resourcing, priorities, and internal operations. Across all three, we found shifts in practices yet few examples of increases in power sharing.

We found some significant shifts in practices including:

:: Resources – 60% of respondents have or plan to increase giving beyond 2020 planned levels with an average increase of 17%;

:: Priorities – an average of 26% of 2020 giving is now expected to go towards Covid-19 response and recovery, with a focus on programs to support communities; and
:: Internal operations – 85% of respondents are making changes to grantmaking practices to support existing grantees, including loosening restrictions and reducing reporting requirements.

[READ THE REPORT](#)

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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

15 September 2020 Volume 173, Issue 6

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

Original Research

[Postmarketing Safety of Vaccines Approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration - A Cohort Study](#)

Noam Tau, MD, Dafna Yahav, MD, and Daniel Shepshelovich, MD

Vaccinations are an important public health strategy that has reduced morbidity and mortality from many infectious diseases. Postmarketing surveillance helps to detect vaccine-related adverse events or long-term complications. This cohort study describes the prevalence and types of safety issues reported for vaccines approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration between 1996 and 2015.

Conclusion:

Over a 20-year period, vaccines were found to be remarkably safe. A large proportion of safety issues were identified through existing postmarketing surveillance programs and were of limited clinical significance. These findings confirm the robustness of the vaccine approval system and postmarketing surveillance.

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 19 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 19 Sep 2020)

[What makes advocacy work? Stakeholders' voices and insights from prioritisation of maternal and child health programme in Nigeria](#)

The Nigerian government introduced and implemented a health programme to improve maternal and child health (MCH) called Subsidy Reinvestment and Empowerment programme for MCH (SURE-P/MCH). It ran from 2012 and...

Authors: Benjamin Uzochukwu, Chioma Onyedinma, Chinyere Okeke, Obinna Onwujekwe, Ana Manzano, Bassej Ebenso, Enyi Etiaba, Nkoli Ezuma and Tolib Mirzoev

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2020 20:884

Content type: Research article
Published on: 18 September 2020

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 19 Sep 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 19 Sep 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 19 Sep 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 19 Sep 2020)

[Maternal vaccinations coverage and reasons for non-compliance - a cross-sectional observational study](#)

Maternal influenza and pertussis vaccinations have been proven safe and effective in reducing maternal and infant morbidity and mortality. Though recommended, not all pregnant women receive these important vac... [Israel]

Authors: David Drezner, Michal Youngster, Hodaya Klainer and Ilan Youngster

Citation: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2020 20:541

Content type: Research article

Published on: 16 September 2020

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 19 Sep 2020)

[Spatial access inequities and childhood immunisation uptake in Kenya](#)

Poor access to immunisation services remains a major barrier to achieving equity and expanding vaccination coverage in many sub-Saharan African countries. In Kenya, the extent to which spatial access affects i...

Authors: Noel K. Joseph, Peter M. Macharia, Paul O. Ouma, Jeremiah Mumo, Rose Jalang'o, Peter W. Wagacha, Victor O. Achieng, Eunice Ndung'u, Peter Okoth, Maria Muñiz, Yaniss Guigoz, Rocco Panciera, Nicolas Ray and Emelda A. Okiro

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:1407

Content type: Research article

Published on: 15 September 2020

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 19 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>

[Reviewed earlier]

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 19 Sep 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 96 September 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/96/suppl/C>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

The CRISPR Journal

Volume 3, Issue 4 / August 2020

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/3/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 30, Issue 6, 2020

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

New sectoral perspectives on international NGOs: scale, dynamics and influences. Guest Editors: Nicola Banks, Lau Schulpen, and Dan Brockington

Article

[New sectoral perspectives on international NGOs: scale, dynamics and influences](#)

[Nicola Banks](#), [Lau Schulpen](#) & [Dan Brockington](#)

Pages: 695-705

Published online: 18 Sep 2020

Introduction

The public narrative surrounding international NGOs (INGOs) often envisions sectors in crisis. Right-wing media narratives highlight growing popular hostility towards INGOs and record declining giving to development causes across the global North (Henson and Lindstrom [2013](#); Heinrich, Kobayashi, and Bryant [2016](#); Gulrajani [2017](#)). Well-publicised safeguarding scandals in 2018 fuelled these fires,

tarnishing the “legitimacy” of once impeccable brands. These have given strength to the idea that public faith in NGOs as altruistic and trustworthy actors is misguided. Yet this collection demands we be careful of any predictions of actual changes from these events and narratives among the existing allies of international NGOs. The Covid-19 crisis will undoubtedly cause casualties in the sector. But the underlying picture is more robust, and complex, than a crisis narrative can capture. Often there are simply no data on trends in actual levels of support. Where they do exist they do not portray a crisis...

Article

[Not one, but many “publics”: public engagement with global development in France, Germany, Great Britain, and the United States](#)

Jennifer Hudson, David Hudson, Paolo Morini, Harold Clarke & Marianne C. Stewart

Pages: 795-808

Published online: 18 Sep 2020

ABSTRACT

Using new panel data from the Aid Attitudes Tracker (2013–18), this article draws on a set of 18 actions to map public engagement with global poverty in France, Germany, Great Britain and the United States. It introduces a new engagement segmentation comprised of five distinct groups – the totally disengaged, marginally engaged, informationally engaged, behaviourally engaged, and fully engaged. The data provide evidence of both aggregate and individual-level change in engagement over time but with an important distinction: respondents in less engaged groups are less likely to move out of these groups and tend to stay unengaged. Respondents in more engaged groups are more likely to move in and out of engagement.

Article

[In INGOs we trust? How individual determinants and the framing of INGOs influences public trust](#)

John-Michael Davis, Spencer Henson & Liam Swiss

Pages: 809-824

Published online: 18 Sep 2020

ABSTRACT

Recent scandals in the media have questioned the legitimacy of and public trust in international NGOs (INGOs). Yet, little research has explored the complex relationships that influence public trust in INGOs. This article addresses this knowledge gap by analysing data from an experimental survey of English-speaking Canadian residents to explore how trust varies based on the different ways INGOs are framed and the individual determinants that influence public trust. The results reveal critical factors influencing the trust of Canadians in INGOs and inform strategies to regain public trust to safeguard their role on the world development stage.

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

Volume 21 Issue 9 3 September 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Emergency Medicine Journal

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

[Accessed 19 Sep 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

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 5 Pages: 1-40 September–October 2020

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

Participants with autism • Big data and pragmatic trials • Covid-19 research

Articles

[Big Data, Biomedical Research, and Ethics Review: New Challenges for IRBs](#)

Agata Ferretti, Marcello Ienca, Samia Hurst, Effy Vayena

Pages: 17-28

First Published: 16 September 2020

ABSTRACT

The increased use of big data in the medical field has shifted the way in which biomedical research is designed and carried out. The novelty of techniques and methods brought by big data research brings new challenges to institutional review boards (IRBs). Yet it is unclear if IRBs should be the responsible oversight bodies for big data research and, if so, which criteria they should use. A large but heterogenous set of ethics guidelines and normative responses have emerged to address these issues. In this study, we conducted a scoping review of soft-law documents and guidelines with the aim of assessing ongoing normative efforts that are proliferating in this domain. We also synthesize a set of recurrent guidelines that could work as a baseline to create a harmonized process for big data research ethics.

[Ethical and Regulatory Concerns in Pragmatic Clinical Trial Monitoring and Oversight](#)

Michelle K. Roberts et al

Pages: 29-37

First Published: 16 September 2020

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/95/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 19 Sep 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

Genome Medicine

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

[Accessed 19 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

[HIV/AIDS research in Africa and the Middle East: participation and equity in North-South collaborations and relationships](#)

HIV/AIDS has attracted considerable research attention since the 1980s. In the current context of globalization and the predominance of cooperative work, it is crucial to analyze the participation of the countries and regions where the infection is most prevalent. This study assesses the participation of African countries in publications on the topic, as well as the degree of equity or influence existing in North-South relations.

Authors: Gregorio González-Alcaide, Marouane Menchi-Elanzi, Edy Nacarapa and José-Manuel Ramos-Rincón

Content type: Research

17 September 2020

Health Affairs

Vol. 39, No. 9 September 2020

<https://www.healthaffairs.org/toc/hlthaff/current>

Medicare Payment Incentives, Medicaid & More

[Reviewed earlier]

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 35, Issue 7, August 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/35/6>

Original Articles

[Budget line items for immunization in 33 African countries](#)

[Ulla K Griffiths](#), [Jennifer Asman](#), [Alex Adjagba](#), [Marina Yo](#), [James O Oguta](#) ...

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 35, Issue 7, August 2020, Pages 753–764,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czaa040>

Abstract

The Global Strategy for Women’s Children’s and Adolescents’ Health emphasizes accountability as essential to ensure that decision-makers have the information required to meet the health needs of their populations and stresses the importance of tracking resources, results, and rights to see ‘what works, what needs improvement and what requires increased attention’. However, results from accountability initiatives are mixed and there is a lack of broadly applicable, validated tools for planning, monitoring and evaluating accountability interventions. This article documents an effort to transform accountability markers—including political will, leadership and the monitor–review–act cycle—into a measurement tool that can be used prospectively or retrospectively to plan, monitor and evaluate accountability initiatives. It describes the development process behind the tool including the literature review, framework development and subsequent building of the measurement tool itself. It also examines feedback on the tool from a panel of global experts and the results of a pilot test conducted in Bauchi and Gombe states in Nigeria. The results demonstrate that the tool is an effective aid for accountability initiatives to reflect on their own progress and provides a useful structure for future planning, monitoring and evaluation. The tool can be applied and adapted to other accountability mechanisms working in global health.

[The development of a new accountability measurement framework and tool for global health initiatives](#)

[Adriane Martin Hilber](#), [Patricia Doherty](#), [Andrea Nove](#), [Rachel Cullen](#), [Tunde Segun](#) ...

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 35, Issue 7, August 2020, Pages 765–774,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czz170>

Health Research Policy and Systems

<http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content>

[Accessed 19 Sep 2020]

Research

[An analysis of the strategic plan development processes of major public organisations funding health research in nine high-income countries worldwide](#)

There have been claims that health research is not satisfactorily addressing healthcare challenges. A specific area of concern is the adequacy of the mechanisms used to plan investments in health research. How...

Authors: Cristina Morciano, Maria Cristina Errico, Carla Faralli and Luisa Minghetti

Citation: Health Research Policy and Systems 2020 18:106

Published on: 18 September 2020

[Transforming the practice of medicine through team science](#)

The translation of biomedical research discoveries into clinical practice is marked by extended timelines (averaging 17 years) and multiple sequential process steps. However, even after a drug, device, diagnostic tool or unique therapeutic procedure successfully navigates through clinical testing to approval, real barriers remain in applying and scaling the innovation in practice.

Authors: Jason H. Pitzen, Heidi L. Dieter, Darren L. Gronseth, Amber K. Dahl, Venessa L. Boyle, Tharana Maran, C. Michel Harper Jr and Gregory J. Gores

Citation: Health Research Policy and Systems 2020 18:104

Content type: Study Protocol

Published on: 17 September 2020

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>

[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 19 Sep 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

Infectious Diseases of Poverty

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

[Accessed 19 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 4 2020

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2056-4902/vol/13/iss/4>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

International Journal of Infectious Diseases

September 2020 Volume 98, p1-502

[https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712\(20\)X0010-5](https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712(20)X0010-5)

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Collection

[Herd immunity and vaccination of children for COVID-19](#)

Thirumalaisamy P. Velavan, Andrew J. Pollard, Peter G. Kremsner

p14–15

Published online: June 22, 2020

[COVID-19 and routine childhood immunization in Africa: Leveraging systems thinking and implementation science to improve immunization system performance](#)

Abdu A. Adamu, Rabiu I. Jalo, Desire Habonimana, Charles S. Wiysonge

p161–165

Published online: June 24, 2020

[Advancing COVID-19 vaccines – avoiding different regulatory standards for different vaccines and need for open and transparent data sharing](#)

Eskild Petersen, Christian Wejse, Alimuddin Zumla
p501–502

Published online: August 18, 2020

[See COVID above for abstracts]

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 19, 2020](#)

These articles on COVID-19 were published across the JAMA Network in the last week.

JAMA

September 15, 2020, Vol 324, No. 11, Pages 1019-1116

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/currentissue>

Original Investigation

[Association of Routine Infant Vaccinations With Antibody Levels Among Preterm Infants](#)

Elsbeth D. M. Rouers, MD; Patricia C. J. Bruijning-Verhagen, MD, PhD; Pieter G. M. van Gageldonk, BSc; et al.

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JAMA. 2020;324(11):1068-1077. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.12316

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Sean T. O’Leary, MD, MPH; Jessica R. Cataldi, MD, MSCS; Megan C. Lindley, MPH; et al.

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This survey study assesses US pediatrician practices and office policies in response to parents who either refuse primary vaccinations or request to spread out individual vaccines in the primary series.

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[Conversations with Dr Bauchner](#): Coronavirus Update From the CDC – August 20, 2020

[Ethical Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccine Trials in Correctional Facilities](#)

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[Assessing knowledge, attitude, practice, and preparedness of hospital pharmacists in Lebanon towards COVID-19 pandemic: a cross-sectional study](#)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lebanese government has taken the proactive anticipatory measure to minimize the infection rates. Despite the pivotal role of the pharmacists working in hospital settings, hospital pharmacists have not been engaged in the emergency preparedness for hospitals. The primary objective of this survey is to assess the knowledge, attitude, and practice of hospital pharmacists in Lebanon towards COVID-19 pandemic and explore the level of health emergency preparedness of Lebanese hospitals in response to this outbreak.

Authors: Rony M. Zeenny, Elsy Ramia, Youssef Akiki, Souheil Hallit and Pascale Salameh

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[The impact of incorrect social information on collective wisdom in human groups](#)

Bertrand Jayles et al

Published:09 September 2020Article ID:20200496

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Abstract

A major problem resulting from the massive use of social media is the potential spread of incorrect information. Yet, very few studies have investigated the impact of incorrect information on individual and collective decisions. We performed experiments in which participants had to estimate a series of quantities, before and after receiving social information. Unbeknownst to them, we controlled the degree of inaccuracy of the social information through 'virtual influencers', who provided some incorrect information. We find that a large proportion of individuals only partially follow the social information, thus resisting incorrect information. Moreover, incorrect information can help improve group performance more than correct information, when going against a human underestimation bias. We then design a computational model whose predictions are in good agreement with the empirical data, and sheds light on the mechanisms underlying our results. Besides these main findings, we demonstrate that the dispersion of estimates varies a lot between quantities, and must thus be considered when normalizing and aggregating estimates of quantities that are very different in nature. Overall, our results suggest that incorrect information does not necessarily impair the collective wisdom of groups, and can even be used to dampen the negative effects of known cognitive biases.

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Alexandra L Phelan, Mark Eccleston-Turner, Michelle Rourke, Allan Maleche, Chenguang Wang

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Perspective

[Consent to Trainee Involvement in Pediatric Care](#)

Emily A. Largent, J.D., Ph.D., R.N.

Consent to the involvement of students, interns, and residents in the care of children has received scant attention as compared with consent for either care or research. But there are compelling reasons for routinely obtaining children's assent to trainee involvement.

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[Open science, communal culture, and women's participation in the movement to improve science](#)

Mary C. Murphy, Amanda F. Mejia, Jorge Mejia, Xiaoran Yan, Sapna Cheryan, Nilanjana Dasgupta, Mesmin Destin, Stephanie A. Fryberg, Julie A. Garcia, Elizabeth L. Haines, Judith M. Harackiewicz, Alison Ledgerwood, Corinne A. Moss-Racusin, Lora E. Park, Sylvia P. Perry, Kate A. Ratliff, Aneeta Rattan, Diana T. Sanchez, Krishna Savani, Denise Sekaquaptewa, Jessi L. Smith, Valerie Jones Taylor, Dustin B. Thoman, Daryl A. Wout, Patricia L. Mabry, Susanne Ressler, Amanda B. Diekmann, and Franco Pestilli

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Significance

Science is rapidly changing with the current movement to improve science focused largely on reproducibility/replicability and open science practices. Through network modeling and semantic analysis, this article provides an initial exploration of the structure, cultural frames of collaboration and prosociality, and representation of women in the open science and reproducibility literatures. Network

analyses reveal that the open science and reproducibility literatures are emerging relatively independently with few common papers or authors. Open science has a more collaborative structure and includes more explicit language reflecting communality and prosociality than does reproducibility. Finally, women publish more frequently in high-status author positions within open science compared with reproducibility. Implications for cultivating a diverse, collaborative culture of science are discussed.

Abstract

Science is undergoing rapid change with the movement to improve science focused largely on reproducibility/replicability and open science practices. This moment of change—in which science turns inward to examine its methods and practices—provides an opportunity to address its historic lack of diversity and noninclusive culture. Through network modeling and semantic analysis, we provide an initial exploration of the structure, cultural frames, and women’s participation in the open science and reproducibility literatures (n = 2,926 articles and conference proceedings). Network analyses suggest that the open science and reproducibility literatures are emerging relatively independently of each other, sharing few common papers or authors. We next examine whether the literatures differentially incorporate collaborative, prosocial ideals that are known to engage members of underrepresented groups more than independent, winner-takes-all approaches. We find that open science has a more connected, collaborative structure than does reproducibility. Semantic analyses of paper abstracts reveal that these literatures have adopted different cultural frames: open science includes more explicitly communal and prosocial language than does reproducibility. Finally, consistent with literature suggesting the diversity benefits of communal and prosocial purposes, we find that women publish more frequently in high-status author positions (first or last) within open science (vs. reproducibility). Furthermore, this finding is further patterned by team size and time. Women are more represented in larger teams within reproducibility, and women’s participation is increasing in open science over time and decreasing in reproducibility. We conclude with actionable suggestions for cultivating a more prosocial and diverse culture of science.

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In Depth Conservation Biology

[Global efforts to protect biodiversity fall short](#)

Erik Stokstad

Summary

A major report card on the state of biodiversity gives failing grades to the world's nations. The United Nations's Global Biodiversity Outlook 5, released this week, concludes the world has not met ambitious targets set 10 years ago to protect nature. The new assessment finds some bright spots, such as a substantial rise in the extent of protected areas. But only six of the U.N. Convention on Biological Diversity's 20 targets have been even partially reached and some indicators are headed the wrong way. There is still time to halt—and even reverse—the loss of biodiversity, the report concludes. But that will require rapid and substantial changes in agriculture, industry, and other activities. One such change would be including the value of biodiversity in economic decisions, such as infrastructure investment or farm subsidies. Observers hope the report's sobering conclusions will motivate countries to press for more progress and higher goals when they meet in May 2021 to set new targets for 2030.

Policy Forum

[Global citizen deliberation on genome editing](#)

By John S. Dryzek, Dianne Nicol, Simon Niemeyer, Sonya Pemberton, Nicole Curato, André Bächtiger, Philip Batterham, Bjørn Bedsted, Simon Burall, Michael Burgess, Gaetan Burgio, Yuriy Castelfranchi, Hervé Chneiweiss, George Church, Merlin Crossley, Jantina de Vries, Mahmud Farooque, Marit Hammond, Baogang He, Ricardo Mendonça, Jennifer Merchant, Anna Middleton, John E. J. Rasko, Ine Van Hoyweghen, Antoine Vergne
Science 18 Sep 2020 : 1435-1437

Global governance can be informed by a deliberative assembly composed of lay citizens

Summary

Genome editing technologies provide vast possibilities for societal benefit, but also substantial risks and ethical challenges. Governance and regulation of such technologies have not kept pace in a systematic or internationally consistent manner, leaving a complex, uneven, and incomplete web of national and international regulation (1). How countries choose to regulate these emergent technologies matters not just locally, but globally, because the implications of technological developments do not stop at national boundaries. Practices deemed unacceptable in one country may find a more permissive home in another: not necessarily through national policy choice, but owing to a persistent national legal and regulatory void that enables “ethics dumping” (2)—for example, if those wanting to edit genes to “perfect” humans seek countries with little governance capacity. Just as human rights are generally recognized as a matter of global concern, so too should technologies that may impinge on the question of what it means to be human. Here we show how, as the global governance vacuum is filled, deliberation by a global citizens' assembly should play a role, for legitimate and effective governance.

Reviews

[The ecological and evolutionary consequences of systemic racism in urban environments](#)

By Christopher J. Schell, Karen Dyson, Tracy L. Fuentes, Simone Des Roches, Nyeema C. Harris, Danica Sterud Miller, Cleo A. Woelfle-Erskine, Max R. Lambert

Science 18 Sep 2020

Imprints of racism

Cities create challenging environments for many nonhuman species, and the presence of nonhumans in cities influences the health and well-being of the humans with which they share the environment. Distinct urban conditions are created by landscape modification, but the history of this transformation is not equal across urban environments. Schell et al. review how systematic racist practices such as residential segregation, enacted in part through redlining, have led to an unequal distribution of “nature” within cities. These inequities continue to play out in both the ecological processes of cities and the welfare of their residents.

Abstract

Urban areas are dynamic ecological systems defined by interdependent biological, physical, and social components. The emergent structure and heterogeneity of urban landscapes drives biotic outcomes in these areas, and such spatial patterns are often attributed to the unequal stratification of wealth and power in human societies. Despite these patterns, few studies have effectively considered structural inequalities as drivers of ecological and evolutionary outcomes and have instead focused on indicator variables such as neighborhood wealth. In this analysis, we explicitly integrate ecology, evolution, and social processes to emphasize the relationships that bind social inequities—specifically racism—and biological change in urbanized landscapes. We draw on existing research to link racist practices, including residential segregation, to the heterogeneous patterns of flora and fauna observed by urban ecologists. In the future, urban ecology and evolution researchers must consider how systems of racial oppression affect the environmental factors that drive biological change in cities. Conceptual integration of the social and ecological sciences has amassed considerable scholarship in urban ecology over the past few decades, providing a solid foundation for incorporating environmental justice scholarship into urban ecological and evolutionary research. Such an undertaking is necessary to deconstruct urbanization's biophysical patterns and processes, inform equitable and anti-racist initiatives promoting justice in urban conservation, and strengthen community resilience to global environmental change.

Research Articles

[Evaluating scenarios toward zero plastic pollution](#)

By Winnie W. Y. Lau, Yonathan Shiran, Richard M. Bailey, Ed Cook, Martin R. Stuchtey, Julia Koskella, Costas A. Velis, Linda Godfrey, Julien Boucher, Margaret B. Murphy, Richard C. Thompson, Emilia Jankowska, Arturo Castillo Castillo, Toby D. Pilditch, Ben Dixon, Laura Koerselman, Edward Kosior, Enzo Favoino, Jutta Gutberlet, Sarah Baulch, Meera E. Atreya, David Fischer, Kevin K. He, Milan M. Petit, U. Rashid Sumaila, Emily Neil, Mark V. Bernhofen, Keith Lawrence, James E. Palardy
Science 18 Sep 2020 : 1455-1461

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Read about how organizational culture can advance social good, how researchers convinced the Indian government to adopt same-language subtitling for mass literacy, how corporate foundations can align with their companies, how artificial intelligence can apply causal models to become more effective, and other topics in the Summer 2020 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review.

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[Effective educational interventions for the promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights for school-age children in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review protocol](#)

Biological changes underlying the sexual and reproductive maturation of school-age children are linked with various sexual and reproductive health and rights risks. SRHR risks are predictors of poor SRHR outco...

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[Peace Is Synonymous With Women’s Rights](#)

María Fernanda Espinosa

María Fernanda Espinosa served as President of the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly.

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[New World Heritage sites 2019](#)

The 1972 World Heritage Convention is truly unique. It is the only legal instrument conceived to protect both cultural and natural heritage, based on the principle of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) – the value of a site that is irreplaceable and must be protected for the future.

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