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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.

Global Governance – United Nations at 75

DECLARATION ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Sep 21 2020

We, the Heads of State and Government representing the peoples of the world, have gathered on September 21, 2020, to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations. We do so with a sense of awe and deep respect for the founders who created this Organization. There is no other global organization with the legitimacy, convening power and normative impact as the United Nations. No other global organization gives hope to so many people for a better world and can deliver the future we want. The urgency for all countries to come together, to fulfill the promise of the nations united, has rarely been greater.

Born out of the horrors of World War II, the United Nations, as a common endeavor for humanity, was established to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war. Even in times of great global challenges and tension, our Organization has catalyzed decolonization, promoted freedom, shaped norms for international development, and worked to eradicate disease. The United Nations has helped mitigate dozens of conflicts, saved hundreds of thousands of lives through humanitarian action and provided millions of children with the education that every child deserves. It has worked to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, including the equal rights of women and men. The Charter of the United Nations, which is the cornerstone of international law, has declared the principle of sovereign equality of all States, respect of their territorial integrity, political independence and the right to self-determination of peoples. It has affirmed the principles of non-intervention in the internal affairs of States and the resolution of international disputes by peaceful means and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law. It has determined that all states shall refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations.

The achievements are many, and we owe the United Nations and its personnel much gratitude and respect, not least to those who have paid the ultimate price in the line of duty. Over the years, more than one million women and men have served under the UN flag in more than 70 peacekeeping operations. Every day, countries, citizens, private sector and civil society representatives use the platform provided by the United Nations to make life better for all of humanity.

However, the United Nations has had its moments of disappointment. **Our world is not yet the world our founders envisaged 75 years ago. It is plagued by growing inequality, poverty, hunger, armed conflicts, terrorism, insecurity, climate change, and pandemics. People in different corners of the world are forced to make dangerous journeys in search of refuge**

and safety. The least developed countries are falling behind, and we still have not achieved complete decolonization. All this calls for greater action, not less. When Member States lend their will and resources to the collective efforts of the Organization, powerful results have been seen. Through the Global Conversation launched by the Secretary-General this year, we have listened to the concerns and aspirations of the people. We are here to respond.

Our challenges are interconnected and can only be addressed through reinvigorated multilateralism. As we meet, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to reverberate around our world. In a matter of weeks, the pandemic manifested itself as the largest global challenge in the history of the United Nations. It has not only caused death and serious illness, but also global economic recession, increased poverty, anxiety, and fear. It has put enormous pressure on our societies, economies, and health systems. While none of us have been left untouched, people in vulnerable situations and the most vulnerable countries have been the hardest hit. The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us in the most powerful way that we are closely interconnected and only as strong as our weakest link. Only by working together and in solidarity can we end the pandemic and effectively tackle its consequences. Only together can we build resilience against future pandemics and other global challenges. **Multilateralism is not an option but a necessity as we build back better for a more equal, more resilient, and more sustainable world. The United Nations must be at the center of our efforts.**

Strengthening international cooperation is in the interest of both nations and peoples. The three pillars of the United Nations – peace and security, development, and human rights – are equally important, interrelated, and interdependent. We have come far in 75 years but much more remains to be done.

We have the tools and now we need to use them. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is our roadmap and its implementation a necessity for our survival. Urgent efforts are required. Therefore, we are not here to celebrate. We are here to take action. Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter, we are here to ensure the future we want, and the United Nations we need.

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We will leave no one behind. The next ten years, which have been designated as the Decade of Action, will be the most critical of our generation. It is even more important as we build back better from the COVID-19 pandemic. We need a strong UN development system and effective collaboration between the United Nations and the international financial institutions. We support the Secretary-General's efforts and measures in this regard. We are determined to implement the 2030 Agenda in full and on time. There is no alternative. The peoples have to be at the center of all our efforts. Particular attention must be given to people in vulnerable situations. Humanitarian access to those in need of assistance must be granted without obstacle or delay and in line with the humanitarian principles. We are guided by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international human right treaties and instruments and will ensure everyone's human rights and fundamental freedoms.

We will protect our planet. Without more determined action we will continue to impoverish our planet with less biodiversity and fewer natural resources. We will see more environmental threats and climate related challenges, including natural disasters, drought, desertification, food shortages, water scarcity, wildfires, sea-level rise, and depletion of the oceans. The time to act is now. Many countries, not least small island developing states, least developed countries and landlocked developing countries, are already among the most affected. We need to adapt to the circumstances and take transformative

measures. We have a historic opportunity to build back better and greener. We need to immediately curb greenhouse gas emissions and achieve sustainable consumption and production patterns in line with applicable State commitments to the Paris Agreement and in line with the 2030 agenda. This cannot wait.

We will promote peace and prevent conflicts. The ongoing armed conflicts and threats against international peace and security must be urgently resolved through peaceful means. We reiterate the importance of abiding by the Charter, principles of international law, and relevant resolutions of the Security Council. International arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament agreements and their architectures need to be upheld. The United Nations must better address all forms and domains of threats. Terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism are serious threats to international peace and security. The diplomatic toolbox of the Charter needs to be used to its full potential, including preventive diplomacy and mediation. We call on the Secretary-General to enhance this toolbox to prevent the outbreak, escalation and recurrence of hostilities on land, at sea, in space and in cyberspace. We fully support and promote the Secretary-General's initiative for a global ceasefire. International humanitarian law must be fully respected. To build, keep and sustain peace is now one of the main responsibilities of the United Nations.

We will abide by international law and ensure justice. The purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law remain timeless, universal and an indispensable foundation for a more peaceful, prosperous and just world. We will abide by the international agreements we have entered into and the commitments we have made. We will continue to promote respect for democracy and human rights, to enhance democratic governance and the rule of law by strengthening transparent and accountable governance and independent judicial institutions.

We will place women and girls at the center. Conflicts will not be resolved, and sustainable development not occur, without the equal and active participation of women at all levels. Human rights can never be fully upheld unless they are also enjoyed by all women and girls. Persistent gender inequalities and abuse, including sexual- and gender-based violence, have deprived us of a more just and better world. We will accelerate action to achieve gender equality, women's participation, and the empowerment of women and girls in all domains.

We will build trust. Growing inequality within and among countries is jeopardizing our efforts to ensure the future we want. Inequality leads to mistrust between countries, and to people's mistrust in institutions of governance. It also contributes to acts of xenophobia, racism, intolerance, hate speech and disinformation. We condemn all such acts. We will address the root causes of inequalities, including violence, human rights abuses, corruption, marginalization, discrimination in all its forms, poverty and exclusion, as well as lack of education and employment. It is our responsibility.

We will improve digital cooperation. Digital technologies have profoundly transformed society. They offer unprecedented opportunities and new challenges. When improperly or maliciously used, they can fuel divisions within and between countries, increase insecurity, undermine human rights, and exacerbate inequality. Shaping a shared vision on digital cooperation and a digital future that show the full potential for beneficial technology usage, and addressing digital trust and security, must continue to be a priority as our world is now more than ever relying on digital tools for connectivity and social-economic prosperity. Digital technologies have a potential to accelerate the realization of the 2030 Agenda. We must ensure safe and affordable digital access for all. The United Nations can provide a platform for all stakeholders to participate in such deliberations.

We will upgrade the United Nations. The world of today is very different from what it was when the United Nations was created 75 years ago. There are more countries, more people, more challenges but also more solutions. Our working methods need to keep pace and adapt. We support the ongoing reforms by the Secretary-General. They are creating a more agile, effective, and accountable organization that can deliver better in the field and adapt to global challenges. We reiterate our call for reforms of three of the principal organs of the United Nations. We commit to instill new life in the discussions on the reform of the Security Council and continue the work to revitalize the General Assembly and strengthen the Economic and Social Council. The review of the peacebuilding architecture has our full support.

We will ensure sustainable financing. Realizing our aspirations will require sustainable and predictable funding of the Organization. We will pay our assessed contribution in full and on time. Measures to better ensure this should be explored. We will further enhance transparency, accountability and efficient use of resources. The full and timely implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development is key for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Joint public-private financing plays a central role in our efforts to make the United Nations deliver better on its purposes.

We will boost partnerships. Today's challenges require cooperation not only across borders but also across the whole of society. We have to make the United Nations more inclusive and engage with all relevant stakeholders, including regional and sub-regional organizations, non-governmental organizations, civil society, the private sector, academia, and parliamentarians to ensure an effective response to our common challenges.

We will listen to and work with youth. Youth is the missing piece for peace and development. As we benefitted from the foresight of the founders of the United Nations, young people today will have to live with the consequences of our action and inaction. For too long, the voices of youth have been sidelined in discussions about their future. This has to change now through meaningful engagement with youth.

We will be prepared. The COVID-19 pandemic caught us off-guard. It has served as a wake-up call for improving our preparedness for not only health related crises but also other challenges and crises. We need to strengthen international cooperation, coordination, and solidarity. It is important to learn, share experiences and information to reduce risks and make our systems more resilient. While improving our global crisis prevention and response systems, there is an urgent need to accelerate development, production as well as equitable and affordable global access to new vaccines, medicines, and medical equipment. We applaud all healthcare and other frontline workers who put their own safety at risk when saving others, and pledge to put the people at the center of our response.

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What we agree today, will affect the sustainability of our planet as well as the welfare of generations for decades to come. Through reinvigorated global action and by building on the progress achieved in the last 75 years, we are determined to ensure the future we want. To achieve this, we will mobilize resources, strengthen our efforts and show unprecedented political will and leadership. We will work together with partners to strengthen coordination and global governance for the common future of present and coming generations.

We request the Secretary-General to report back before the end of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly with recommendations to advance our common agenda and to respond to current and future challenges.

We commit to take this declaration to our citizens, in the true spirit of We the Peoples.

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Global Governance – Post-Pandemic

[Secretary-General Highlights 'Essential' Failure of International Cooperation, in Address to Security Council Meeting on Post-Coronavirus Global Governance](#)

24 September 2020

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Countries have largely failed to cooperate in efforts to prevent the global spread of coronavirus, the top United Nations official warned the Security Council during a 24 September videoconference meeting, calling for a rethink of global governance and multilateralism.

"The pandemic is a clear test of international cooperation — a test we have essentially failed," Secretary-General António Guterres said, attributing the spread of the outbreak and excessive casualties to "a lack of global preparedness, cooperation, unity and solidarity".

Noting that 2020 marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations founding, he recalled that fragmentation and polarization, without effective mechanisms of multilateral governance 100 years ago, led to the First World War, followed by the second. "Our world is no longer bipolar or unipolar; it is moving towards multipolarity," he said, further cautioning that conflict, human rights abuses, humanitarian crises and stalled progress on development reinforce each other, while global response is more and more fragmented. The primary responsibility for making global governance work lies with Member States, including those on this Council, he added.

Describing post-pandemic global governance, he emphasized that will entail the establishment of a networked multilateralism based on strong links and cooperation between global and regional organizations, international financial institutions and other global alliances. Citing the strategic partnership between the United Nations and the African Union, he said it is a model to be replicated elsewhere. A new paradigm must also address cross-border challenges, from the climate crisis to rising inequality to cybercrime, involving interest groups, businesses, organizations and entire sectors that are outside traditional concepts of global governance, he said, emphasizing that it must also integrate women, the largest group left out in the cold.

The General Assembly Declaration on the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations adopted earlier this week has created space for reflection on the future of multilateral cooperation on the post-COVID world, he said, adding that he will report back with analysis and recommendations. "In a world of interconnected threats, solidarity is self-interest," he stressed...

...The representative of the United States said she was astonished and disgusted by the content of the discussion. "Shame on each of you," she told fellow members, saying they have

taken the opportunity to focus on political grudges rather than the critical issue at hand. COVID-19 remains a threat to the daily lives and livelihoods of billions around the world, she added, noting that her country has been unrelenting in its efforts to combat COVID-19, both at home and abroad. To date, the United States has allocated more than \$20 billion to benefit the international response, she said, pointing out that funding provided by generous United States taxpayers is saving lives in more than 120 countries around the world. The United States has also contributed more than \$900 million to the United Nations response, by far the most of any country to date, compared with Niger's \$4.6 million, South Africa's \$8.4 million, Indonesia's \$5 million, Viet Nam's \$9.5 million and Tunisia's \$600,000. She went on to state that China's decision to hide the origins of the virus, minimize its danger and suppress scientific cooperation transformed a local epidemic into a global pandemic. More importantly, those decisions cost hundreds of thousands of lives around the world. Equally troubling is the danger posed by corrupted international organizations, she said, recalling that WHO was for many years considered a centre of science over politics, and data over bias. That reputation lies in tatters today after WHO assisted the Chinese campaign to withhold cooperation and lie to the world, she said, calling for reform of that organization...

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Responsibility to Protect

[Silence in Face of Human Suffering Should Not Be Option in Twenty-First Century, Secretary-General Says, Marking 'Responsibility to Protect' Adoption Anniversary](#)

24 September 2020

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Following is the text of UN Secretary-General António Guterres' video statement for the fifteenth anniversary of the adoption of the responsibility to protect, today:

Fifteen years ago, at the World Summit, at a pivotal moment in our common pursuit of peace, leaders from every region unanimously adopted the responsibility to protect. Unable to prevent the horrific experiences of the previous decade, the world accepted the collective responsibility to do far more to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, and their incitement.

Since this landmark step, significant progress has been made in advancing the conceptualization and operationalization of the responsibility to protect. Yet, there continues to be a gap between words of commitment and the grim reality of vulnerable populations around the world. In far too many countries, we continue to see systematic and grave human rights violations; widespread impunity; hate speech, exclusion and discrimination. These can all increase the risk of atrocity crimes, including war crimes and crimes against humanity.

This year, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the risks faced by marginalized populations, including ethnic minorities, indigenous peoples, the forcibly displaced and those affected by armed conflict. There remains an urgent need to accelerate efforts to fulfil the aspiration of the responsibility to protect and turn it into a fully fledged reality.

Greater investment in prevention is critical; building a culture of respect for human rights is equally imperative; my Call to Action for Human Rights, in which both objectives are central, can help point the way.

In this century, silence in the face of human suffering should not be an option. Fifteen years on, let us not only reaffirm our commitment to protect populations from atrocity crimes, but live up to the unanimous call for action enshrined by the responsibility to protect.

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COVID-19 Response – Infodemic

Joint Statement

[Managing the COVID-19 infodemic: Promoting healthy behaviours and mitigating the harm from misinformation and disinformation](#)

WHO, UN, UNICEF, UNDP, UNESCO, UNAIDS, ITU, UN Global Pulse, and IFRC

23 September 2020 The Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is the first pandemic in history in which technology and social media are being used on a massive scale to keep people safe, informed, productive and connected. At the same time, the technology we rely on to keep connected and informed is enabling and amplifying an infodemic that continues to undermine the global response and jeopardizes measures to control the pandemic.

An infodemic is an overabundance of information, both online and offline. It includes deliberate attempts to disseminate wrong information to undermine the public health response and advance alternative agendas of groups or individuals. Mis- and disinformation can be harmful to people’s physical and mental health; increase stigmatization; threaten precious health gains; and lead to poor observance of public health measures, thus reducing their effectiveness and endangering countries’ ability to stop the pandemic.

Misinformation costs lives. Without the appropriate trust and correct information, diagnostic tests go unused, immunization campaigns (or campaigns to promote effective vaccines) will not meet their targets, and the virus will continue to thrive.

Furthermore, disinformation is polarizing public debate on topics related to COVID-19; amplifying hate speech; heightening the risk of conflict, violence and human rights violations; and threatening long-term prospects for advancing democracy, human rights and social cohesion.

In this context, the UN Secretary- General launched the United Nations Communications Response initiative to combat the spread of mis- and disinformation in April 2020. The UN also issued a Guidance Note on Addressing and Countering COVID-19 related Hate Speech (11 May 2020)...

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COVID-19 Response – Innovation in Philanthropy

[The Rockefeller Foundation Launches RF Catalytic Capital Inc.](#)

Builds on a History of Innovation and Partnerships to Address the World's Most Pressing Needs

NEW YORK | September 22, 2020 – With the cost of helping the world equitably recover from the Covid-19 pandemic reaching into the trillions—far exceeding the individual reach of both traditional philanthropies and most government—The Rockefeller Foundation today announced the launch of **RF Catalytic Capital Inc. (RFCC) to help scale up funding for solutions. Operating as a public charity, RFCC offers a new innovative way for foundations, impact investors, businesses, and governments to combine their resources to address this funding gap and bring about transformational change.**

“Covid-19 has exposed and accelerated unprecedented global inequities,” said Dr. Rajiv. J. Shah, President of The Rockefeller Foundation, “As the newest tool in the Foundation’s innovative-financing toolbox, RFCC marks the next chapter in the institution’s 107-year history”

The Foundation is known for convening unlikely partnerships and sparking innovations for transformative change that lift up hundreds of millions of poor and vulnerable children and families. RFCC builds on the Foundation’s long history of leveraging internal expertise and resources to marshal capital from outside organizations and investors to improve the lives of vulnerable families around the world. It also joins a series of landmark initiatives sparked over the last three years that include:

- :: Harnessing innovative financing mechanisms to scale distributed renewables globally;
- :: Co-founding the philanthropic collaborative Co-Impact, a model for collaborative philanthropy and social change at scale;
- :: Launching the Zero Gap Fund, to channel private investment to help tackle some of the world’s most pressing challenges, such as poverty, hunger, inequality, and climate change; and
- :: Supporting Impact Shares to create the groundbreaking NAACP Minority Empowerment ETF, YWCA Women’s Empowerment ETF, and Sustainable Development Goals Global Equity ETF...

“RFCC offers a path forward for foundations, impact investors, and governments to combine their resources to pool resources and bring about the transformational change required to solve the world’s most intractable problems,” said General Counsel and Corporate Secretary María Santos Valentin. “Not only will it help aggregate impact investment and grant capital for the Foundation’s existing and new initiatives, but RFCC will also manage and oversee these projects in a streamlined, cost-effective, flexible manner, and expand our ability to advocate for policy reforms to enhance their impact.”

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COVID-19 Impacts – Arts, Heritage Organization Support

[Sixteen Major Donors and Foundations Commit Unprecedented \\$156 Million to Support Black, Latinx, Asian and Indigenous Arts Organizations](#)

“America’s Cultural Treasures” initiative will provide multi-year grants to sustain vital organizations in the face of COVID-19 pandemic

New York, NY (September 24, 2020) -- Today, sixteen major donors and foundations announced an unprecedented commitment to a two-pronged national and regional initiative to recognize “America’s Cultural Treasures.” Together, the funders will grant more than \$156 million to support Black, Latinx, Asian, and Indigenous arts organizations in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic that has

devastated America’s arts and culture landscape. **The funding includes \$85 million from the proceeds of the Ford Foundation’s historic social bond offering announced earlier this year.**

The foundations identified grant recipients as “America’s Cultural Treasures” to acknowledge and honor their vital contributions to the diversity of expression and excellence in America, and to bring greater recognition to a group of organizations that have been impactful, despite historically limited resources and funding streams. They, along with others, represent the cultural heritage and creativity of communities that have been historically marginalized, underfunded and under-represented in the narrative of American culture.

Led by an initial investment of \$50 million from the Ford Foundation — with leadership support from Bloomberg Philanthropies and Barbara and Amos Hostetter, and additional support from the Abrams Foundation, Alice L. Walton Foundation, and Tom and Lisa Blumenthal— the national component of the initiative will provide \$81 million in operational and general support funds to an initial cohort of 20 organizations that are significant national anchors for artistic and cultural diversity in America.

The 20 organizations are: Alaska Native Heritage Center, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Apollo Theater, Arab American National Museum, Ballet Hispánico, Charles H. Wright Museum, Dance Theater of Harlem, East West Players, El Museo del Barrio, Japanese American National Museum, Jazz at Lincoln Center, Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico, Museum of Chinese in America , IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native Arts , National Museum of Mexican Art, Penumbra Theatre, Project Row Houses, Studio Museum in Harlem, Urban Bush Women, and Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience.

National grants will range in size from \$1 to 6 million, representing a significant portion of each institution's operating budget. In addition to the grant funds each grantee will receive up to \$100,000 for organizational capacity building — particularly in key areas including digital strategies and other needs...

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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 :: 32 429 965 [week ago: 30 369 778]

Confirmed deaths :: 985 823 [week ago: 948 795]

[Weekly Operational Update](#)

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

25 September 2020 :: 13 pageds

Weekly Epidemiological Update

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

21 September 2020 : 23 pages

Global epidemiological situation

To date, over 30.6 million COVID-19 cases and 950 000 deaths have been reported to WHO. From 14 through 20 September, there were almost 2 million new cases of COVID-19, which represents a 6% increase compared to the previous week, and the highest number of reported cases in a single week since the beginning of the epidemic. During the same period, there was a 10% decrease in the number of deaths, with 36 764 deaths reported in the past seven days

With the exception of the African Region, an increase in the weekly case incidence was reported across all WHO regions in the last seven days (Table 1, Figure 2). Overall, the Region of the Americas continues to carry the highest burden of COVID-19 globally, accounting for over 38% of all new cases reported in the past seven days, although the region has reported a 22% decrease in new deaths. The WHO European Region showed the greatest rise in deaths in the past week, with a 27% increase compared to the previous week.

The WHO South-East Asia Region has continued to report an increase in new COVID-19 deaths, with over 9000 deaths in the past week, accounting for 25% of all reported deaths and surpassing 100 000 total COVID-19 deaths since the beginning of the pandemic. In addition, the region accounts for 35% of new cases reported in the past week. The Eastern Mediterranean and Western Pacific regions have both reported a slight increase in reported cases and deaths over the last three weeks. The African Region continues to show a marked decline with decreases of 12% and 16% in reported cases and deaths respectively in the past week.

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 23 September 2020

:: The GPEI would like to congratulate Dr. Tunji Funsho, Rotary's Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee Chair for being named one of TIME's 100 Most Influential People in the world. Dr. Funsho's leadership within Rotary and the GPEI partnership has been instrumental in eradicating wild polio in Nigeria and the African region. [Read More...](#)

:: The World Health Organization has opened a call for nomination of experts to serve on the who polio eradication advisory panel on sabin-ipv and polio vlp vaccine development. [Read more...](#)

:: "I started working with the Polio Eradication Programme four years ago and I am happy to say that we have made a lot of progress here. This is my neighbourhood; this is where I grew up and this helps me immensely. People here listen to me, especially the women, and I know most of the children by name," [Read more about Samreen](#), a polio worker in Pakistan.

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

- :: **Afghanistan:** one WPV1 case, one cVDPV2 case and 20 cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- :: **Pakistan:** three WPV1 cases, 11 WPV1 positive environmental samples and two cVDPV2 cases
- :: **Cameroon:** one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
- :: **Chad:** three cVDPV2 cases
- :: **Guinea:** three cVDPV2 cases
- :: **Nigeria:** one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
- :: **South Sudan:** three cVDPV2 cases

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WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 26 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 26 Sep 2020]

- Afghanistan - *No new digest announcements identified*
- Angola - *No new digest announcements identified*
- Burkina Faso [in French] - *No new digest announcements identified*
- Burundi - *No new digest announcements identified*
- Cameroon - *No new digest announcements identified*
- Central African Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*
- Ethiopia - *No new digest announcements identified*
- Iran floods 2019 - *No new digest announcements identified*
- Iraq - *No new digest announcements identified*
- Libya - *No new digest announcements identified*
- Malawi 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 26 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 Response Update No. 10 - 23 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 45: occupied Palestinian territory, issued 24 September 2020, information for period: 5 March - 24 September 2020

East Africa Locust Infestation

- *No new digest announcements identified*

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:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch

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

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly

[to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

26 September 2020
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[Developing Countries Paving Their Own Paths, Deputy Secretary-General Tells Event on Sustainable Development through Deepened South-South Cooperation](#)

Following are UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed's remarks at the conference "Towards a Shared Future for Developing Countries: Promoting Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development through Deepened South-South Cooperation", today:

25 September 2020
DSG/SM/1461

[Act Now to Avoid Mutually Reinforcing Crises, Deputy Secretary-General Tells Event in International Solidarity in Face of COVID-Related Economic Recession](#)

Following is the text of UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina J. Mohammed's video message to the event "International Solidarity in the Face of the Economic Recession Caused by COVID-19: Presentation of the Fund against COVID-19 Economics (FACE)", held today:

24 September 2020
SG/SM/20276

[Silence in Face of Human Suffering Should Not Be Option in Twenty-First Century, Secretary-General Says, Marking 'Responsibility to Protect' Adoption Anniversary](#)

Following is the text of UN Secretary-General António Guterres' video statement for the fifteenth anniversary of the adoption of the responsibility to protect, today:

24 September 2020
SC/14312

[Secretary-General Highlights 'Essential' Failure of International Cooperation, in Address to Security Council Meeting on Post-Coronavirus Global Governance](#)

Countries have largely failed to cooperate in efforts to prevent the global spread of coronavirus, the top United Nations official warned the Security Council during a 24 September videoconference meeting, calling for a rethink of global governance and multilateralism.

23 September 2020
SG/2254

[Joint Statement of International Support Group for Lebanon](#)

A ministerial meeting of the members of the International Support Group (ISG) for Lebanon co-chaired by the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres and Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Foreign Affairs of France, was held on 23 September.

22 September 2020
GA/12268

[Describing COVID-19 Pandemic as Wake-Up Call, Dress Rehearsal for Future Challenges, Secretary-General Opens Annual General Assembly Debate with Vision for Solidarity](#)

World leaders gathered in pre-recorded videos for an unprecedented opening of the General Assembly's annual general debate today, as the United Nations Secretary-General described the epic upheaval wreaked by COVID-19 across the globe, wiping out decades of development gains and laying down an ultimatum for nations to stand united in weathering the human and economic onslaught.

21 September 2020

GA/12267

[World Leaders Adopt Declaration Promising Safer, More Resilient World for Future Generations, as General Assembly Marks United Nations Seventy-Fifth Anniversary](#)

In a high-level meeting to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, world leaders in the General Assembly gathered in a virtual format today to adopt a declaration honouring the multilateral framework put in place by its founders in 1945 and pledging to better live out the promise to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 26 Sep 2020]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

Top News

[Iran: Human rights lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh must be freed for treatment, say UN experts](#)

[UN human rights experts: Belarus must release opposition leader Maria Kalesnikava](#)

[UN human rights expert calls for immediate end to military assaults on Rakhine villages, decries mounting death toll of children](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

[Human Rights Council](#)

45th session

From: 14 September 2020 To: 07 October 2020

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

SRSB/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 26 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 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News

[World Contraception Day, 26 September 2020](#)

24 September 2020

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 26 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 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest news

[Statement of Mr. Francisco Cali-Tzay, Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples at the Human Rights Council 45th Session](#)

24 September 2020

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

4 September 2020

[Humanitarian Coordinator visits flood-affected people and appeals for urgent funding to meet rising needs](#)

21 September 2020

[**Sudan: Humanitarians assist hundreds of thousands of people as the country faces its worst flooding in decades \[EN/AR\]**](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press release

09/25/2020

[**Remarks by Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director, at the launch of the Every Woman Every Child Progress report**](#) [delivered on her behalf by Omar Abdi, Deputy Executive Director for Programmes]

Press release

09/24/2020

[**Conflict, climate crisis and COVID-19 pose great threats to the health of women and children**](#)

Press release

09/24/2020

[**Remarks by Henrietta H. Fore, UNICEF Executive Director, WEF AI Event**](#)

As prepared for delivery

Statement

09/24/2020

[**Remarks by Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director, at humanitarian donors side event**](#) [delivered on her behalf by Omar Abdi, Deputy Executive Director for Programmes]

Press release

09/24/2020

[**Remarks by Henrietta H. Fore, UNICEF Executive Director Leaders on Purpose Event CEO Summit**](#)

As prepared for delivery

Statement

09/23/2020

[**As classrooms for half the world's schoolchildren remain closed, UNICEF and EU urge countries to prioritize schools in re-opening plans**](#)

Statement by EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell, EU Vice-President Dubravka Šuica, and UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore on the occasion of Digital Cooperation Action Day at the UN General Assembly, and ahe

Press release

09/23/2020

UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore remarks at the Digital Co-operation Event: Action for Future Generations

As prepared for delivery

Statement

09/23/2020

Managing the COVID-19 infodemic: Promoting healthy behaviours and mitigating the harm from misinformation and disinformation

Joint statement by WHO, UN, UNICEF, UNDP, UNESCO, UNAIDS, ITU, UN Global Pulse, and IFRC

Press release

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COVID-19 pandemic: countries urged to take stronger action to stop spread of harmful information

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Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore on the European Commission's proposed Pact on Migration and Asylum

Press release

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Boost for global response to COVID-19 as economies worldwide formally sign up to COVAX Facility

64 higher income economies have now joined the COVAX Facility, with a further 38 economies expected to sign in the coming days

Press release

09/21/2020

Time to re-open schools in Eastern & Southern Africa, as the cost for children escalates in learning, protection and nutrition

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

UNHCR: alleviating suffering and overcrowding in Greek islands' reception centres must be part of the emergency response

24 Sep 2020

UNHCR assisting displaced families affected by floods in the Sahel

24 Sep 2020

Time for all nationality laws to uphold women and men's equality, says UN and civil society leaders.

23 Sep 2020

[UNHCR welcomes Dominican Republic move on citizenship](#)

23 Sep 2020

[UNHCR and IOM call for a truly common and principled approach to European migration and asylum policies](#)

22 Sep 2020

[Mohamed Salah to call for connected, quality education for refugee children, at UN General Assembly](#)

Salah's message to world leaders at the UN General Assembly: 'Let's make sure all children, including refugees, can go to school and achieve their dreams.'

22 Sep 2020

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

[IOM Welcomes Proposals for a New EU Pact on Migration and Asylum](#)

2020-09-25 22:55

Geneva, Brussels – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) welcomes the arrival of the much-anticipated proposals comprising a future European Union (EU) Pact on Migration and Asylum presented on Wednesday (23-09) by the European Commission.

[Thousands of African Migrants Return from Yemen, Assisted by IOM in Djibouti](#)

2020-09-25 14:00

Djibouti - More than 2,000 African migrants who have arrived from Yemen over the last three weeks are being assisted by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in Djibouti, Horn of Africa.

[Resettlement to Spain Resumes as nearly 140 Syrian Refugees Arrive from Lebanon with IOM Support](#)

2020-09-25 13:59

Madrid – Nearly 140 Syrian refugees, including 53 children, arrived safely at Adolfo Suarez airport in Madrid yesterday (24 Sept) on a resettlement flight from Lebanon.

[New report from IOM: Migration in West and North Africa and across the Mediterranean](#)

2020-09-24 15:57

[IOM Reinforces Assistance on Lesvos to Support Island Decongestion, Longer-Term Solutions](#)

2020-09-23 15:00

Athens – Two weeks after the tragic fire on Lesvos and the settlement of more than 9,000 migrants and refugees in a temporary accommodation facility, IOM has deployed additional staff to Lesvos to support efforts by the Greek authorities to reduce overcrowding on the island. ...

[In Wake of Severe Flooding, IOM, USAID Combine to Deliver 155 Tons of Doated Relief Supplies to Sudan](#)

2020-09-22 13:51

Khartoum– Sudan is facing its worst flooding in decades. Weeks of heavy rains have caused destruction, displacement and loss of lives, leading the Government of Sudan to declare a three-month State of Emergency in the country.

UNAIDS [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

25 September 2020

[HIV recency testing programme launched in eastern Europe and central Asia](#)

24 September 2020

[How the Jamaica transgender community is surviving COVID-19](#)

22 September 2020

[By any means necessary: defending human rights in Uganda in the time of COVID-19](#)

21 September 2020

[“Physical distance, not social distance”: supporting Jamaican women living with HIV during COVID-19](#)

21 September 2020

[90–90–90: good progress, but the world is off-track for hitting the 2020 targets](#)

WHO & Regional Offices [to 26 Sep 2020]

[Informing vaccination programs: a guide to the design and conduct of dengue serosurveys](#)

Guidance

25 September 2020 :: 50 pages

Overview

In this document, considerations are provided on designing and implementing a cross-sectional serosurvey using school-based sampling to estimate age-specific DENV seroprevalence to inform a country’s national dengue vaccination program. The document includes suggestions for methods for planning and conducting serosurveys, including survey design, specimen collection, laboratory testing, data analysis, and the interpretation and reporting of results.

23 September 2020 *Joint News Release*

[COVID-19 pandemic: countries urged to take stronger action to stop spread of harmful information](#)

The World Health Organization (WHO) together with the UN, specialised agencies and partners today called on countries to develop and implement action plans to promote the timely dissemination of science-based information and prevent the spread of false information while respecting freedom of expression.

WHO, the UN, UNICEF, UNAIDS, the UN Development Programme (UNDP), UNESCO, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the UN Global Pulse initiative and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), together with the governments of Indonesia, Thailand and Uruguay held a webinar on the margins of the 75th UN General Assembly to

draw attention to the harm being done by the spread of misinformation and disinformation, the latter being deliberate misinformation to advance an agenda.

“As soon as the virus spread across the globe, inaccurate and even dangerous messages proliferated wildly over social media, leaving people confused, misled and ill-advised”, said UN Secretary-General António Guterres. “Our initiative, called “Verified”, is fighting misinformation with truth. We work with media partners, individuals, influencers and social media platforms to spread content that promotes science, offers solutions and inspires solidarity. This will be especially critical as we work to build public confidence in the safety and efficacy of future COVID-19 vaccines. We need a ‘people’s vaccine’ that is affordable and available to all.”...

23 September 2020 *Statement*

[Managing the COVID-19 infodemic: Promoting healthy behaviours and mitigating the harm from misinformation and disinformation](#)

*Joint statement by WHO, UN, UNICEF, UNDP, UNESCO, UNAIDS, ITU, UN Global Pulse, and IFRC
[See COVID-19 above for detail]*

23 September 2020 *News release*

[UNGA Virtual high-level side event on mitigating the impact of COVID-19](#)

22 September 2020 *News release*

[Tobacco responsible for 20% of deaths from coronary heart disease](#)

21 September 2020 *News release*

[Boost for global response to COVID-19 as economies worldwide formally sign up to COVAX facility](#)

:: 64 higher income economies have now joined the COVAX Facility, with a further 38 economies expected to sign in the coming days

:: These self-financing economies, which include 29 from ‘Team Europe’ participating as part of an agreement with the European Commission, join 92 lower income economies eligible for financial support through the Gavi COVAX Advance Market Commitment

:: This means a total of 156 economies, representing nearly two-thirds of the global population, are now committed to or eligible to receive vaccines through the Facility [Click here for the list of economies](#)

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: [Social, environmental factors seen behind Africa’s low COVID-19 cases](#) 24 September 2020

COVID-19 transmission in Africa has been marked by relatively fewer infections, which have been on the decline over the past two months, owing to a variety of socio-ecological factors as well as early and strong public health measures taken by governments across the region.

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

:: WHO deploys help to refugees and migrants in Lesbos's fire-burned camp in the midst of COVID-19 outbreak 24-09-2020

:: WHO launches guide to boost children's health and well-being in Russian-speaking countries 23-09-2020

:: WHO/Europe's Regional Director begins visit to Russian Federation with commitment to global solidarity in fight against COVID-19 22-09-2020

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: EU/WHO deliver emergency supplies to flood-affected areas in Somalia 23 September 2020

:: Cancer patients in Yemen face compounded pain of disease and conflict 20 September 2020

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest from News Centre

[UNDP launches global call to action encouraging nature-based solutions for sustainable development](#)

Tomorrow, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will launch the Nature for Life Hub, a first-of-its-kind global call to action encouraging stakeholders to place nature at the centre of global...

Posted on September 23, 2020

[Equator Prize highlights indigenous and local solutions at UN Nature Summit](#)

This year's Equator Prize Award Ceremony will honor 10 outstanding indigenous and local groups from 10 countries, each showcasing innovative, nature-based solutions for tackling biodiversity, climate...

Posted on September 23, 2020

[UNDP Africa releases a special online magazine highlighting 50 young Africans innovating against COVID-19](#)

The UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa today released a special edition of an online magazine, showcasing how young Africans are resourcefully helping fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

Posted on September 22, 2020

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Publications

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 26 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 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases/Speeches

24 Sep

[UN Forum redefines business leadership](#)

Over 12,000 sustainability leaders, including Government Ministers, a Head of Government and 40 CEOs from around the world gathered virtually at the 5th SDG Business Forum on Wednesday to discuss how the private sector, can work with governments and civil society, to use the SDGs as a roadmap for

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Updates

23 September 2020

[UNDRR chief's 5-point plan for resilient infrastructure](#)

The 1st anniversary of the launch by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) was marked today by a webinar on "The Future of Infrastructure Resilience in the Context of Global Pandemics."

21 September 2020

[General Assembly puts the Sendai Framework at the centre of COVID-19 response and recovery policy](#)

As COVID-19 continues to spread around the world, Member States of the United Nations have agreed to put the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction at the centre of recovery and rehabilitation policy. On 11 September 2020, the General Assembly

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News

[Tax abuse, money laundering and corruption plague global finance](#)

24 September 2020, New York

Financial integrity panel says reforms urgent for sustainable development.

Governments must do more to tackle tax abuse and corruption in global finance, says a panel of former heads of state and government, past central bank governors, business and civil society leaders and prominent academics.

The findings come in an interim report published today by the High-Level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity for Achieving the 2030 Agenda (FACTI Panel), established by the 74th President of the UN General Assembly and the 75th President of the UN Economic and Social Council.

The report says governments can't agree on the problem or the solution, while resources that could help the world's poor are being drained by tax abuse, corruption and financial crime. Estimates include:
:: \$500 billion losses to governments each year from profit-shifting enterprises;
:: \$7 trillion in private wealth hidden in haven countries, with 10% of world GDP held offshore;
:: Money laundering of around \$1.6 trillion per year, or 2.7% of global GDP...

UNESCO [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

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No new digest content identified.

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Announcements

[**Fighting COVID 19 and achieving SDGs by 2030! Press release in view of UN 75th GA**](#)

23 September 2020.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 26 Sep 2020]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News and Stories

[**Statement by the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Maimunah Mohd Sharif On the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations**](#)

Tuesday 22 September, 2020

[**Esri enters into Memorandum of Understanding with UN-Habitat on using location intelligence to build sustainable communities globally**](#)

Monday 21 September, 2020

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Unpaid production work

[Millions of hours spent daily on unpaid work: Evidence from Asia and the Pacific](#)

25 September 2020

Unpaid production work is the foundation of all other productive work, yet the time spent on these activities is often neglected in labour market analyses.

COVID-19: Protecting workers in the workplace

[COVID-19 leads to massive labour income losses worldwide](#)

23 September 2020

A new ILO analysis of the labour market impact of COVID-19 reveals a “massive” drop in labour income and a fiscal stimulus gap that threatens to increase inequality between richer and poorer countries.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News and Highlights

[ICAO encourages increased alignment of national aviation recovery efforts](#)

22/9/20

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest Press Briefings

[400,000 seafarers stuck at sea as crew change crisis deepens](#)

25/09/2020 UN, maritime industry, business and union leaders warn of deepening crew change crisis which threatens trade and maritime safety.

[World Maritime Day 2020 – sustainable shipping for a sustainable planet](#)

24/09/2020 In 2020, everyone has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet this global crisis has demonstrated the importance of shipping as the most reliable, efficient and cost-effective method of transporting goods internationally.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

[WMO verifies -69.6°C Greenland temperature as Northern hemisphere record](#)

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UPU Universal Postal Union [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

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No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News

24 September 2020

[ISO holds its largest virtual meeting to date](#)

Some 700 participants from national standards bodies of 141 countries attended a special virtual event organized by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) on 24 September 2020, in lieu of the General Assembly which was due to take place in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News

All Regions dashboard, Tourism Data

[UNWTO Launches Comprehensive Tourism Recovery Tracker](#)

24 Sep 2020

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

[WIPO Assemblies Finish with Applause for Outgoing Director General Francis Gurry](#)

Delegates from the World Intellectual Property Organization's (WIPO) 193 member states wrapped up their Assemblies meetings with a standing ovation for Director General Francis Gurry, whose second and final term as head of the Organization ends on September 30, 2020.

Sep 24, 2020 [PR/2020/866](#)

[WIPO Launches New Free Database of Judicial Decisions on Intellectual Property from Around the World](#)

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) today launched WIPO Lex-Judgments, a new database providing free-of-charge access to leading judicial decisions related to IP law from around the world.

Sep 24, 2020 [PR/2020/865](#)

[WIPO Pearl Adds COVID-19 Terminology to Help Stimulate Innovation to Fight Pandemic; Will be Provided Free for Download and Use by Third Parties](#)

The WIPO Pearl terminology database has added some 1,500 new COVID-19-related terms in 10 languages, helping innovators targeting new coronavirus treatments and diagnostics with a baseline set of terms and their multilingual equivalents. This advancement will foster international collaboration and

promote easier access to information in patent documents and other public resources produced around the world.

Sep 22, 2020 [PR/2020/864](#)

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Announcements

[25.09.2020 Statement by Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at the round table "Biodiversity Beyond 2020: ...](#)

[22.09.2020 Without immediate action we face catastrophic loss of nature and biodiversity and increasing risks of pandemics as a result, as showcased in a major r...](#)

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USAID [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements

[USAID Announces \\$1.2 Million in Feed the Future Funds to Private-Sector Partners to Combat the Economic Toll of COVID-19](#)

September 25, 2020

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) today announced \$1.2 million for 10 small and medium-sized agribusinesses to address the economic fallout in emerging markets caused by COVID-19. Feed the Future Partnering for Innovation - a USAID-led program managed by Fintrac that is responsible for building partnerships with private-sector agribusinesses-is working with past partner companies to help them cope with the impact of COVID-19 and remain resilient during and after the pandemic.

[United States Announces Nearly \\$152 Million in New Humanitarian Assistance in the Central Sahel Countries of Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, and Mauritania](#)

September 24, 2020

Statement by USAID Acting Administrator John Barsa

The United States announced nearly \$152 million in new humanitarian assistance for the Central Sahel Republics of Niger, Mali, and Burkina Faso, and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, which are dealing with mass population displacements and food-insecurity because of ongoing conflict in the region. Today's announcement includes more than \$85 million from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and nearly \$67 million from the U.S. Department of State.

[The United States Announces More Than \\$720 Million In Additional Humanitarian Assistance For The Response To The Crisis In Syria](#)

September 24, 2020

Statement by USAID Acting Administrator John Barsa

The United States announced more than \$720 million in additional U.S. humanitarian assistance in Syria, which brings the total amount of U.S. aid since the start of the conflict to more than \$12 billion. Today's announcement includes more than \$419 million from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to help people in Syria, as well as Syrian refugees who have fled to neighboring countries.

United States Announces Nearly \$108 Million in New Humanitarian Assistance to Help the People of South Sudan

September 24, 2020

Statement by USAID Acting Administrator John Barsa

Today, the United States announced nearly \$108 million in additional humanitarian assistance for the people of the Republic of South Sudan. This new funding brings U.S. humanitarian assistance to the people of South Sudan to nearly \$907 million since the beginning of Fiscal Year 2020, including more than \$64 million in supplemental humanitarian aid to respond to the pandemic of COVID-19 in the region.

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [nee DFID] [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases. Announcements

Prime Minister's speech to UN General Assembly: 26 September 2020

Prime Minister Boris Johnson addressed the UN General Assembly in New York.

Updated: 26 September 2020

Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the United Nations at UNGA 2020: UK statement

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab gave the UK statement to the high-level meeting of the Assembly to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the UN.

Updated: 25 September 2020

ECHO [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News

Commissioner Lenarčič co-hosts a virtual event on the humanitarian impact of combined conflict, climate and environmental risks

25/09/2020

Today, Commissioner for Crisis Management Janez Lenarčič will co-host a virtual event on the humanitarian impact of combined conflict, climate and environmental risks, co-organised by the EU and the Kingdom of Belgium. "It is clear that climate...

Commissioner Lenarčič attends the webinar on Collective Action to Prevent, Mitigate and Respond to Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies

25/09/2020

Today, Commissioner for Crisis Management Janez Lenarčič will attend the Collective Action to Prevent, Mitigate and Respond to Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies webinar. The event is organised by Canada on the occasion of the 75th United...

Commissioner for Crisis Management Janez Lenarčič attends Dialogue with the World's Top Ten Donors on Global Humanitarian Needs

24/09/2020

Today, Commissioner Lenarčič will participate in a "Dialogue with the World's Top Ten Donors on Global Humanitarian Needs", a high-level event organised by the US Government. The overall purpose is to showcase humanitarian leadership against a...

UNGA: EU and Sweden join forces to avoid famine in Yemen

23/09/2020

Today, in the margins of the 75th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Janez Lenarčič, EU Commissioner for Crisis Management, and Peter Eriksson, Swedish Minister for International Development Cooperation, co-hosted a virtual High...

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African Union [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

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

Africa CDC Director Awarded the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Award

September 23, 2020

The Director of the African Union's Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, AfricaCDC, Dr John Nkengasong,

AU Nutrition Champion calls on leaders to embed nutrition

September 21, 2020

The AU Ten Year Action Plan on Child Labour plan moves toward implementation

September 21, 2020

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Secretariat News

ASEAN, the Republic of Korea and AHA Centre Launch the ASCEND Project to Strengthen Region's Capability in Managing Natural Disasters

Jakarta, 22 September 2020 – The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat, the Mission of the Republic of Korea to ASEAN, and the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) launched the ASEAN Standards and Certification for Experts in Disaster Management (ASCEND) project to strengthen the region's capability

European Commission [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest

Press release 24 September 2020

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control's new risk assessment shows need to step up coronavirus response in the EU

Today, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) published its updated risk assessment regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, alongside a set of guidelines for non-pharmaceutical interventions (such as hand hygiene, physical distancing, cleaning and ventilation).

Press release 23 September 2020

A fresh start on migration: Building confidence and striking a new balance between responsibility and solidarity

The European Commission is proposing a new Pact on Migration and Asylum, covering all of the different elements needed for a comprehensive European approach to migration

OECD [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Group of 77 [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by H.E. Dr. Irfaan Mohamed Ali, President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, at the High-Level Meeting to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations \(New York, 21 September 2020\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

22 Sep 2020 –

[**Covid-19: UNCTAD warns of 'lost decade' if austerity becomes countries' winning policy mindset**](#)

22 Sep 2020 –

[**Bold public spending is the only way to recover better from COVID-19, says UNCTAD report**](#)

22 Sep 2020 –

[**Raising wages and squeezing corporate rents the way to recover better from the COVID-19 shock, UNCTAD says**](#)

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News – Selected Items
No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

WTO News and Events

[DDG Wolff urges G20 trade ministers to step up engagement on WTO reform](#)

22 September 2020

At a virtual meeting of G20 trade ministers today (22 September), WTO Deputy Director-General Alan Wolff called for “renewed engagement” by WTO members to “ensure that the WTO is fully ready to meet the challenges of a changing global economy”. He urged members to conclude ongoing negotiations, to advance the process of systemic reform on the basis of concrete proposals, and to unwind pandemic-related trade restrictions when they are no longer strictly necessary.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 26 Sep 2020]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

News

[Public Announcement on the Decisions taken by the Trust Fund for Victims Board of Directors during 2020](#)

Press Release 23 September 2020 Trust Fund for Victims

[ICC Prosecutor briefs annual ministerial meeting, at the UN General Assembly High-Level Week, expresses gratitude for strong show of support](#)

Press Release 23 September 202

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World Bank [to 26 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]

[Nearly Half the World’s Population Still Lacks Access to Modern Energy Cooking Services](#)

WASHINGTON, September 24, 2020—Four billion people around the world still lack access to clean, efficient, convenient, safe, reliable, and affordable cooking energy, a new World Bank report finds. While...

Date: September 24, 2020 Type: Press Release

[The State of Access to Modern Energy Cooking Services](#)

The State of Access to Modern Energy Cooking Services report finds that four billion people around the world still lack access to clean, efficient, convenient, safe, reliable, and affordable cooking energy...

Date: September 24, 2020 Type: Publication

[Remarks by Axel van Trotsenburg, World Bank Managing Director, Operations at the World Humanitarian Forum](#)

I am glad to be with you today representing the World Bank Group to discuss Financing the SDGs. Financing for Development is one of the key challenges we are facing today – to make sure we have the means...

Date: September 23, 2020 Type: Speeches and Transcripts

IMF [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News, Announcements

September 21, 2020

[Opening Remarks at the 2020 International Conference on Sustainable Development](#)

Center for Sustainable Development, Columbia University

By Tao Zhang, Deputy Managing Director

African Development Bank Group [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Asian Development Bank [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

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

News

No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News

25 SEP

[Cameroon and IFAD join forces to boost food security with support to small-scale farmers](#)

23 SEP

[Lesotho and IFAD join to improve the livelihoods of the most vulnerable small-scale farmers](#)

Islamic Development Bank [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News

[IAEA and Islamic Development Bank Harness the Power of Innovation to Address Women's Cancers](#)

This week, on the sidelines of the IAEA General Conference, IsDB, in partnership with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) held the "Saving Women's Lives from Cancer" side event.

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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 26 Sep 2020]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

À la Une

#HungerPandemic

[Une crise alimentaire menace le monde](#)

Posté le 21 septembre 2020

La crise du COVID-19 a montré les failles du système alimentaire mondial. La fermeture des frontières et les mesures de confinement et de distanciation sociale prises pour lutter contre la propagation du virus ont mis en exergue les dysfonctionnements du système actuel.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

Female Genital Mutilation Press Releases

Top Most Gabra Leaders Outlaw FGM and Early Child Marriage

Nairobi, September 21, 2020 – With the support of the Amref Health Africa in Kenya led and USAID funded Koota Injena project, topmost elders from the Gabra community made a vow to support the education of the girl child. They also declared Child Early and Forced Marriages (CEFM) illegal during a clan engagement meeting in North Horr, Marsabit County, facilitated by the Koota Injena project...

Aravind Eye Care System [to 26 Sep 2020]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

NEWS

Global

Asylum and Migration Pact

23. September 2020

According to the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), one of the world's largest and leading displacement NGOs, the new EU Pact on Migration and Asylum suggests a wide range of worrying propositions when it comes to the treatment of people seeking protection in the European Union.

ECPAT [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News from ECPAT

World Tourism Day 2020: Child protection is key to sustainable tourism

25/9//2020

The COVID-19 crisis has and is still affecting economies and disrupting travel and tourism businesses worldwide. The situation is pushing many families further into poverty and making children more

vulnerable to sexual exploitation. This World Tourism Day, ECPAT International and the [Down to Zero Alliance](#) are urging the travel and tourism industry to maintain or make child protection a key priority as the sector recovers.

Because in order for tourism to be truly responsible and sustainable, children's rights must be respected. Read the full [Call for Restarting Travel & Tourism with Child Protection in Focus.](#)

Fountain House [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

All news

[Innovation at HI](#)

PUBLISHED ON September 23rd 2020

Three questions for Pierre Gallien, Director of 3I (Information, Impact, Innovation) / Innovation and Knowledge Management Division

Heifer International [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[New Research Reveals Alarming Drop in Farmer Incomes in Uganda](#)

Heifer International study of over 400 smallholder farmers in Uganda reveals 97% have seen incomes reduced due to COVID-19.

September 21, 2020

HelpAge International [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[We must change the trajectory of harm caused by conflict and climate shocks](#)

As delivered by ICRC President Peter Maurer Colleagues, thanks a lot for the opportunity to address you today. As Katie said, I have just returned from the Sahel region, a place hit hard by the waves of armed conflict, environmental degradation, and cl

25-09-2020 | Statement

[Guidelines on the protection of the natural environment in armed conflict](#)

The natural environment has frequently remained a silent casualty of war. The consequences of environmental damage for conflict-affected populations are severe and complex, affecting their well-being, health and survival.

25-09-2020 | Publication

[Yemen: Millions struggle to put food on the table and must choose between food or medicine](#)

As-delivered by Laetitia Courtois, Permanent Observer and Head of Delegation, ICRC New York Excellencies, colleagues, After what you have heard today and in recent weeks on the unfolding calamity in Yemen, you might think the lives of Yemeni's could no

23-09-2020 | Statement

IFRC [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

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[At least 51.6 million people doubly hit by climate-related disasters and COVID-19, new analysis by IFRC reveals](#)

New York, Geneva, 23 September 2020 – New analysis published today by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre reveals that at least 51.6 million people worldwide have bee ...

23 September 2020

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Story

No new digest content identified.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Media highlights [Selected]

Press Release

[Over 21,000 people killed since UN global ceasefire-resolution](#)

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Press Release

[25 Years Following the Beijing Platform for Action Finds Widening Gaps in Gender Equality for Women and Girls in Conflict Settings](#)

September 24, 2020

Press Release

[The IRC and LEGO Foundation partner to bring remote-learning opportunities to refugees and displaced children during COVID-19](#)

September 23, 2020

Press Release

[Deadly malaria and cholera outbreaks grow amongst refugees as COVID pandemic strains health systems, warns IRC](#)

September 22, 2020

Press Release

[As the U.S. reaches 200,000 COVID-19 deaths, IRC expresses concern for U.S. ability to protect vulnerable populations at home and abroad](#)

September 20, 2020

IRCT [to 26 Sep 2020]

<https://irct.org/>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News, Blog

[Meet the imams and matriarchs putting a stop to FGM/C and early marriage in Mali](#)

Published: 25 September, 2020

[Earth faces a constant state of crisis, fuelled by the biggest emergency of all](#)

Published: 24 September, 2020

[The youth are proving that peace is not just for the elders](#)

Published: 21 September, 2020

[Young people in the Philippines are building peaceful societies following the Bangsamoro peace agreement](#)

Published: 21 September, 2020

Landsea [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News Releases & Alerts

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Iraq

[COVID-19 outbreak in Baghdad is “very alarming”](#)

Project Update 24 Sep 2020

South Sudan

[Heavy floods threaten the lives of thousands of people in Greater Pibor](#)

Project Update 23 Sep 2020

Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic

[Ten-fold increase in COVID-19 cases adds new challenges in northwest S...](#)

Project Update 22 Sep 2020

Palestine

[Tackling COVID-19 in Hebron, the epicentre of the outbreak in Palestine](#)

Project Update 21 Sep 2020

Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic

[COVID-19 and rural South Africa](#)

org.za 21 Sep 2020

Operation Smile [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

[Program Schedule](#)

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

OXFAM [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Selected News/Announcements

[Over 21,000 people killed since UN global ceasefire resolution](#)

24 September 2020

Despite the adoption of a UN Security Council resolution calling for a global cessation of hostilities some 90 days ago, so that countries and humanitarian organizations could focus on battling the COVID-19 pandemic, ongoing violence is pushing millions to the brink of conflict induced famine and hindering the battle against the outbreak.

[EU migration and asylum pact: in search of consensus, Commission bows to anti-migration governments](#)

23 September 2020

The new Commission proposals on migration and asylum will likely replicate the abhorrent situation we have been witnessing for years in the Greek EU refugee 'hotspots', said Oxfam today.

[Rights groups press European Commission to investigate violations of EU law in Greece over treatment of migrants](#)

22 September 2020

The European Commission should trigger an infringement procedure against Greece for its systematic breach of EU law in its treatment of people seeking asylum in Europe, a coalition of human rights groups said in a legal complaint filed today, just a day before the Commission will release a new European pact on asylum and migration.

[Carbon emissions of richest 1 percent more than double the emissions of the poorest half of humanity](#)

21 September 2020

The richest one percent of the world's population are responsible for more than twice as much carbon pollution as the 3.1 billion people who made up the poorest half of humanity during a critical 25-year period of unprecedented emissions growth.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest news

South Sudan | 24. Sep 2020

[Greening humanitarian operations – one solar panel at the time](#)

NRC South Sudan is replacing their old diesel generators with renewable energy assisted by NORCAP. They encourage the humanitarian sector to follow their example.

Yemen | 24. Sep 2020

[Yemen: 900 airstrike and shelling hits on farms in three years](#)

Yemeni farms have been hit at least 918 times by airstrikes and shelling in less than three years, further exacerbating Yemen's severe food crisis. The country is rapidly facing a new famine as millions are left without enough to eat.

Global/Myanmar | 22. Sep 2020

[Election observation during the pandemic](#)

Political analyst and NORCAP expert Øyvind H. Seim was supposed to be in Myanmar for the general elections this fall. But with the Covid-19 travel restrictions, election observers have to find new solutions.

Global | 21. Sep 2020

[New research shows devastating economic impact of Covid-19 on displaced](#)

More than three quarters of displaced and conflict-affected people surveyed by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) have lost income since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. The devastating economic impact is tipping many into a hunger, homelessness and education crisis, the organisation said in a report released today.

Pact [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News

[Innovation: Research Training Program Creating Opportunities for Rwanda Health Leaders](#)

PIH and Harvard Medical School have provided research mentoring and resources to more than 50 health workers in Rwanda over the past five years, working to overcome systemic barriers.

Build Systems | September 21, 2020

PATH [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News

25 September 2020 - *Kenya*

[Tens of thousands forced out of school by floods in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)

24 September 2020 - *United States*

[Over 21,000 people killed since UN global ceasefire-resolution](#)

22 September 2020 - *Brussels*

[New EU Migration Pact bound to repeat Moria mistakes](#)

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

All News

Partnership

[FC Bayern Munich and SOS Children's Villages team up in the 'Arena of Change'](#)

September 22 2020 - FC Bayern Munich and SOS Children's Villages launched a partnership that will offer children the opportunity to discover themselves, to grow beyond their own limits and unlock their hidden potential – in life, as well as on the pitch.

Tostan [to 26 Sep 2020]

<http://www.tostan.org>

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Blogs & Updates

September 25, 2020

[The Friendship of Women In Good Times and Bad](#)

Article

September 21, 2020

[Connected Without Contact: Going Virtual in Iraq](#)

Article

World Vision [to 26 Sep 2020]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

[Over 21,000 people killed since UN global ceasefire resolution](#)

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation

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

Press Release | September 22, 2020

[EFF, CDT Sue Government To Obtain Records About Federal Agencies Pulling Advertising From Platforms](#)

Washington, D.C.—The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) and the Center for Democracy and Technology (CDT) today filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the government to obtain records showing whether federal agencies have cut their advertising on social media as part of President Trump's broad attack on...

Freedom House [to 26 Sep 2020]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

Latest Updates

[United States: Freedom House Condemns President's Statements on Election Legitimacy](#)

Press release

September 24, 2020

Human Rights Watch [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

September 23, 2020

[Why Police Shoot People in the Back](#)

The cellphone video of Kenosha Police officers shooting Jacob Blake multiple times in the back is yet another horrifying view of U.S. police in action. The officers use lethal force against a Black man who does not appear to be threatening harm to them or anyone else, as his children watch from inside the car. While the video does not show all the details, this shooting appears as callous as the police killings of George Floyd and countless other Black people.

September 25, 2020

News Release

[Guinea: Security Forces Failed to Stem Election Violence](#)

September 25, 2020

News Release

[Hong Kong: Stop Prosecuting Pro-Democracy Activists](#)

Transparency International [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press

No new digest content identified.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 26 Sep 2020]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

News/ Statements

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 26 Sep 2020]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

Speech

[Every country must raise its political ambition to move towards zero pollution and full climate justice](#)

22 Sep 2020

Mary Robinson highlights that pollution is much more than carbon emissions and praises moves to develop a viable and sustainable post-pandemic recovery.

Climate Change

Evidence Aid [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

New Resources

[Larviciding to control malaria](#) Added September 24, 2020

[Cell-based therapy for COVID-19 patients with acute respiratory syndrome \(search on 30 March 2020\)](#) Added September 24, 2020

Gavi [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News releases

25 September 2020

[Experimental approaches to address post-transition risks](#)

After transitioning out of Gavi support in 2017, the Republic of Moldova is mobilising champions and advocates to strengthen vaccine confidence – which is crucial to the success and sustainability of immunisation programmes.

24 September 2020

[Typhoid: immunising against antimicrobial resistance](#)

In November 2019, Pakistan took a big step forward to protect future generations when it became the first country to introduce typhoid conjugate vaccine (TCV) into its routine immunisation programme. Spread through contaminated food and water, typhoid is a preventable disease that disproportionately affects young people and under-served communities in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. It is often associated with poorer urban areas where there is little access to sanitation or clean water...

23 September 2020

[Gavi at UNGA: Global solidarity to defeat COVID-19 and create a better world for all](#)

September 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). This year, the focus of the high-level General Debate is the importance of effective multilateralism: “The future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism – confronting COVID-19 through effective multilateral action.”

A typically very busy time of the year at the UN Headquarters in New York is reimagined as a series of virtual discussions, with COVID-19 high on the agenda – as economies continue to grapple with the health, social and economic fallout from the crisis, and its impact on the Sustainable Development Goals. Being a central player in the COVID-19 response as a co-lead of COVAX, Gavi is working to end the acute phase of the pandemic through urgent and collaborative action...

Getty Conservation Institute [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News

[Getty Joins \\$156 Million Initiative to Support BIPOC Arts Organizations](#)

The initiative will provide multi-year grants to vital organizations in the face of COVID-19 pandemic
Sep 24, 2020

Global Fund [to 26 Sep 2020]

<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/News/Updates>
No new digest content identified.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 26 Sep 2020]
<http://prizecoalition.charity.org/>
No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 26 Sep 2020]
<https://icvanetwork.org/>
Latest resources, events, content
Upcoming events

[Shifting the Power Paradigm – Increasing Resources for and Representation of L/NNGOs 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 26 Sep 2020]
<http://www.interaction.org/>
Humanitarian Coordination
[A Network of Networks](#)
Sam Worthington
| Sep 22, 2020

Global Development Practice
[An Unwavering Global Commitment](#)
Josephine Thornton
| Sep 21, 2020

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 26 Sep 2020]
<https://www.3ieimpact.org/>
Publications/Events

[Impacts of engaging communities through traditional and religious leaders on vaccination coverage in Cross River State, Nigeria](#)

3ie Impact Evaluation Report 127, 2020

Angela Oyo-Ita, Xavier Bosch-Capblanch, Amanda Ross, Patrick Hanlon, Afiong Oku, Ekperonne Esu, Soter Ameh, Bisi Oduwole, Dachi Arikpo and Martin Meremikwu

Authors of this report evaluate a multicomponent intervention that uses traditional and religious leaders for engaging their communities in planning, implementation and monitoring of immunisation services in Cross River State, Nigeria.

CHS Alliance [to 26 Sep 2020]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

Our Impact

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 26 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 26 Sep 2020]

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

News/Blog/Events

Blog 23 Sep 2020

[**4 steps for surviving COVID-19 as an NGO**](#)

Bassam Kassoumeh

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 26 Sep 2020]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Publications, Events

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 26 Sep 2020]

<https://ihsa.info/>

Resources – Weekly Blog Posts Selections

[Humanitarian crises globally: from Lesbos to Beirut, Lima, Caracas and Mumbai](#)

Selection#25 (14th-20th September)

This week we feature blog posts on Moria refugee camp fire in Lesbos and Lebanon's crisis following the explosions. Key messages on Moria are that the fires were a result of EU policies of deterrence and externalisation rather than the criminality of refugees.

All refugees – including men – are vulnerable and need their asylum claims to be heard. The explosions in Lebanon expose a political crisis, a potential for aid to support a political elite, and a failure in lessons learnt.

Meanwhile in Uganda, the government has suspended hundreds of aid agencies which will affect refugee assistance, and in Syria the triple nexus is exposed as a myth.

Peace-keeping and human rights monitoring are also featured this week, with the reduction in peace-keeping highlighting the lack of agreement between global powers on responsibility for maintaining peace, with potentially damaging consequences.

Finally, once again, blog posts in Spanish highlight the critical situation of Venezuelans both in their home country and abroad.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News

[Amid Pandemic, America's Schools Have Much to Learn from Refugee Education](#)

Published by Newsweek

Published 21 September 2020

Getting children safely back to school during a pandemic is a new challenge facing American policymakers, administrators, teachers, and parents this fall—but the challenge of educating during a crisis has long plagued contexts of war and displacement.

[UNHCR Report: Coronavirus a dire threat to refugee education – half of the world's refugee children out of school](#)

Published by UNHCR

Published 21 September 2020

In a report released today, titled "Coming Together for Refugee Education," UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, predicts that unless immediate and bold action is taken by the international community to beat back the catastrophic effects of COVID-19 on refugee education, the potential of millions of young refugees living in some of the world's most vulnerable communities will be further threatened.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 26 Sep 2020]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news, events

[Recording now available – Coordination and Implementation Challenges in Camp Management](#)

9/24/2020

On 9 September, PHAP together with the Global Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster o [...]

Sphere [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 26 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 26 Sep 2020

Latest Research

Telecommunications & Internet

[The Breakout Scale: Measuring the impact of influence operations](#)

[Ben Nimmo](#)

September 2020

China

[Lessons from the Trump administration's policy experiment on China](#)

[Ryan Hass](#)

Friday, September 25, 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Economics

[Business credit programs in the pandemic era](#)

[Samuel G. Hanson](#), [Jeremy C. Stein](#), [Adi Sunderam](#), and [Eric Zwick](#)

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Economics

[Fiscal effects of COVID-19](#)

[Alan J. Auerbach](#), [William G. Gale](#), [Byron Lutz](#), and [Louise Sheiner](#)

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Economics

[Has the Paycheck Protection Program succeeded?](#)

[Glenn Hubbard](#) and [Michael R. Strain](#)

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Center for Global Development [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Publications, News and Events

September 23, 2020

[COVID-19 and Violence against Women and Children: A Second Research Round Up](#)

COVID-19 has raised the profile of violence against women and children (VAW/C) within the global discourse. Nine months after the emergence of COVID-19, global stakeholders continue to advocate for increased funding and action to mitigate against the risk of violence on vulnerable populations and support survivors. How much have we learned from research since the beginning of the crisis?

[Amber Peterman](#) and [Megan O'Donnell](#)

CSIS [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Reports

Report

[The Diversity of Russia's Military Power](#)

September 25, 2020 | [Mark F. Cancian](#), [Cyrus Newlin](#) This volume is comprised of the work by CSIS executive education program participants on Russian strategy and history, as well as the elements and resources behind Russian military power.

Report

[Post-pandemic Governance in the Indo-Pacific: Adapting USAID's Strategy in the Face of Covid-19](#)

September 25, 2020 | [Daniel F. Runde](#), [Conor M. Savoy](#), [Shannon McKeown](#) Covid-19 presents new challenges to the existing governance objectives of USAID's Indo-Pacific Strategy, especially as great power competitors, like China, use the pandemic as a vehicle to further exacerbate existing democratic backsliding, corruption, and disinformation.

Report

[Financing Small Business Is Critical for a Strong Post-Covid Recovery](#)

September 24, 2020 | [John Simon](#), [Sundar R. Ramanujam](#) CSIS releases a new analysis highlighting how the impact investment and development finance community can effectively mobilize capital and address the economic challenges faced by African and U.S. small-businesses can be addressed in an inclusive and resilient way.

Report

[Becoming a Chinese Client State: The Case of Serbia](#)

September 24, 2020 | [Heather A. Conley](#), [Jonathan E. Hillman](#), [Maesea McCalpin](#), [Donatienne Ruy](#) This CSIS report examines Chinese economic activities in Serbia to shed light on China's political and economic objectives, its mechanisms for influence, and the implications of its activities, including a second wave of digital infrastructure projects.

Report

[Chinese Technology Acquisitions in the Nordic Region](#)

September 24, 2020 | [Heather A. Conley](#), [James Andrew Lewis](#) A new CSIS study analyzes the patterns of Chinese investment in three Nordic countries—Sweden, Denmark, and Finland—and identifies concerns about Chinese investments providing access to technology, infrastructure, and markets.

Report

[How Impact Investments Can Strengthen Rural Economies in the Age of Covid-19](#)

September 23, 2020 | [Daniel F. Runde](#), [Shannon McKeown](#) Impact investment can serve as an effective financial tool to tackle challenges in rural economies that existed before and have been exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Report

[The China Economic Risk Matrix](#)

September 21, 2020 | [Logan Wright](#), [Daniel H. Rosen](#) In this report, the authors advance a novel, China-specific tool for gauging when short-term financial stress collides with long-building vulnerabilities. It also sets out recommendations for U.S. policymakers on how to understand the risks to China's economic resilience.

ODI [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

[Global plastic consumption can be halved by 2050 to spearhead the green recovery - new ODI report](#)

Press release | 21 September 2020

New research from ODI highlights that key industries can phase out plastics to drastically lower emissions and confront the climate crisis.

[In pursuit of resilience: assessing threats and trade-offs for risk-informed development in Myanmar and Niger](#)

Research reports and studies | September 2020 | Leigh Mayhew, Florence Pichon, Sarah Opitz-Stapleton and Rebecca Nadin

Analysis and case studies of a risk-informed development approach in Myanmar and Niger.

[Navigating adaptive approaches for development programmes: a guide for the uncertain](#)

Working and discussion papers | September 2020 | Jamie Pett

A comparison of the most prominent adaptive approaches and their application to development programmes.

[Phasing out plastics: the automotive sector](#)

Research reports and studies | September 2020 | Renilde Becqué and Samuel Sharp

This report explores the technical feasibility of phasing out fossil-fuel plastics in the automotive industry by 2050.

[Phasing out plastics: the construction sector](#)

Research reports and studies | September 2020 | Sam Pickard and Samuel Sharp

This report illustrates how the construction sector presents an enormous opportunity to reduce the use of plastic by 2050.

[Phasing out plastics: the electrical and electronic equipment sector](#)

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RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 26 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

[RoRI and FAIRsFAIR to partner on 'FAIRware' initiative | Funders across UK, Europe and Canada join forces to develop new open research tools.](#)

The FAIRsFAIR project and the Research on Research Institute (RoRI) will partner on a new initiative to build open source software tools and systems with the potential to transform uptake of the FAIR principles by researchers.

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Urban Institute [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Publications

[Breaking Barriers, Boosting Supply](#)

Local governments across the country have incentives to adopt zoning laws and other land-use regulations that limit the production of housing, particularly multifamily and subsidized units. These restrictions reduce the overall supply of housing and perpetuate racial and economic segregation. The

federal government can play an important role in lifting local barriers to fair and affordable housing, and we

[Solomon Greene](#), [Ingrid Gould Ellen](#)

September 25, 2020

Brief

[Preemption and Its Impact on Policy Responses to COVID-19](#)

This brief explores whether there is a relationship between a state's general tendency to preempt municipal laws and the extent of policymakers' responses to COVID-19. To examine this, we compare data on the frequency of COVID-19 policymaking to an index measuring state preemption across multiple policy areas. We find that, in states with higher levels of preemption, there are fewer COVID-19-related policies

[Mark Treskon](#), [Benny Docter](#)

September 23, 2020

Brief

[During the Pandemic, Policymakers Should Maintain Forbearance but Fix Its Costs](#)

Echoing the Great Recession, the pandemic has heightened the risk of mortgage delinquencies and resulted in a tighter mortgage credit box, which may have severe long term consequences, particularly for current and would-be Black and Hispanic homeowners. This brief explains that mortgage performance following Hurricane Katrina suggests that this pandemic – which also has shades of a natural disaster - will

[Michael Neal](#), [Linna Zhu](#), [Faith Schwartz](#)

September 23, 2020

Brief

[Breaking the Link between Hardship and Eviction](#)

The economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the precarious situation of renters in the US and the routine risk of eviction when hardship strikes. Millions of renters faced financial hardship even before the pandemic, and these hardships and eviction risks are connected to structural racism. Racial disparities in incomes, homeownership rates, and personal savings all disproportionately protect

[Maya Brennan](#), [Ellen Sahli](#), [Diana Elliott](#), [Eleanor Noble](#)

September 23, 2020

Brief

[Combating Unstable Schedules for Low-wage Workers in Oregon](#)

Overview The advent of just-in-time scheduling technology and practices in the mid-1990s has led to increased schedule instability, resulting in a growing movement to address the need for predictable, stable schedules for workers paid low wages. Unstable schedules have been associated with earnings instability, increased stress and fatigue, sleep irregularity, and worse mental health outcomes for workers. In

[Lola Loustaunau](#), [Larissa Petrucci](#), [Amelia Coffey](#), [Eleanor Lauderback](#), [H. Elizabeth Peters](#), [Ellen Scott](#), [Lina Stepick](#)

September 22, 2020

Research Report

[Federal Investment in Community-Driven Public Safety](#)

This essay identifies an opportunity to mobilize federal support for building community-driven public safety infrastructure, responding to a central demand of the uprisings against police violence to create safety by strengthening communities rather than punishment. In the past, the federal government has chosen to respond to crime (a legal definition often distinct from harm) by investing in law enforcement,

[Jesse Jannetta](#), [Leah Sakala](#), [Fernando Rejón](#)

September 22, 2020

Brief

The Wistar Institute [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Media

News 24 Sep 2020

[Leaders Rally for a 'Great Reset' to Achieve Global Goals](#)

[Ghana, Indonesia, Viet Nam on Leadership Track in Fight Against Plastic Pollution](#)

[Embrace Circular Economy or We Will Miss Paris Climate Goals, Says Dutch Environment Minister](#)

News 23 Sep 2020

[Rebuilding Cities to Generate 117 Million Jobs and \\$3 Trillion in Business Opportunity with Nature-Positive Strategy](#)

[Leaders Pledge to Put Climate Change 'Front and Centre' of Post-COVID Recovery](#)

[World Economic Forum and International Renewable Energy Agency Partner for Sustainable Energy Future](#)

[Climate Heat Maps Show How Hot It Could Get for Today's Tweens](#)

News 22 Sep 2020

[Business World Now Able to 'Walk the Talk' on Stakeholder Capitalism, Says World Economic Forum Chairman Klaus Schwab](#)

[Schwab Foundation announces the Social Innovators of the Year – meet the first responders to the COVID-19 crisis.](#)

[Measuring Stakeholder Capitalism: Top Global Companies Take Action on Universal ESG Reporting](#)

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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 26 Sep 2020]

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

News

SCANning for coronavirus

[The SCAN study launched to track Covid-19 in the Seattle area led by Allen Discovery Center leader Dr. Jay Shendure](#)

September 23, 2020

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

[Gates Foundation Honors Director of Africa CDC With 2020 Global Goalkeeper Award](#)

Foundation also announces three Global Goals award winners and launches two innovative partnerships to address COVID-19 impacts in Kenya

...“Dr. Nkengasong and his team at Africa CDC are deeply deserving of this award,” said Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. “Their commitment to securing the latest innovations from elsewhere in the world—as well as developing them themselves—will go a long way towards ensuring that the continent has the vaccines and medicines it needs to fight COVID-19.”

In addition to Dr. Nkengasong, this year’s awards went to Hauwa Ojeifo of Nigeria, Bonita Sharma of Nepal, and the MASH Project Foundation based in India. Each was recognized for playing a role in addressing the effects of COVID-19 in their communities. More details about each of the awards and their winners follows...

Blue Meridian Partners [to 26 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 26 Sep 2020]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press Release

September 25, 2020

[President Bill Clinton and Chelsea Clinton announce new recovery projects and updates from "Week of Action," with impactful conversations about resilience in the Caribbean amid COVID-19](#)

Press Release

September 24, 2020

[Clinton Foundation's Too Small to Fail initiative, the LaundryCares Foundation, and Laundry Literacy Coalition partners revealed effectiveness of laundromat-based literacy programs and renewed commitment to promote early learning](#)

Co Impact [to 26 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 26 Sep 2020]

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

The Latest

24 September 2020

[Sixteen Major Donors and Foundations Commit Unprecedented \\$156 Million to Support Black, Latinx, Asian and Indigenous Arts Organizations](#)

[See Week in Review above for detail]

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press Release

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Stories

[When the rubber meets the road: Poland's journey towards low carbon transport](#)

This year's biggest climate summit – Climate Week NYC – is taking place this week. While the focus is on how to rebuild after COVID-19, the summit also offers an opportunity...

4 mins September 24, 2020

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Research Sep 24 2020

[Some Severe COVID-19 Cases Linked to Genetic Mutations or Antibodies that Attack the Body](#)

Two new studies offer an explanation for why COVID-19 cases can be so variable. A subset of patients has mutations in key immunity genes; other patients have auto-antibodies that target the same components of the immune system. Both circumstances could contribute to severe forms of the disease.

Research Sep 24 2020

[Mapping the Human Heart, Cell by Cell](#)

Scientists have mapped and described the function of cells in six regions of the adult heart, providing a new foundation for studying heart disease.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

September 24, 2020 *News Release*

[Health Policy Resources for Covering the 2020 Elections](#)

The presidential debates that start Tuesday are likely to highlight major differences between President Trump and Democratic nominee Joe Biden on health care issues, including on the public health and economic response to COVID-19, the future of the Affordable Care Act, health care costs and abortion. To help reporters understand...

September 23, 2020 *News Release*

[With a Supreme Court Challenge Looming, Swing Voters in 3 Key Sun Belt States Give Democratic Nominee Biden a Big Advantage on the ACA's Future and Pre-Existing Condition Protections](#)

More than half of voters in Arizona, Florida, and North Carolina say Biden has the better approach on the ACA (55% in each state) compared to four in ten voters who say President Trump (41% in AZ and NC, 40% in FL). This is similar to the share who say Biden has the better approach to maintaining protections for people with pre-existing conditions (AZ: 55%, FL: 54%, NC: 53%) compared to President Trump (AZ: 40%, FL: 41%, NC: 43%).

September 23, 2020 *News Release*

[Analysis Examines the Affordable Care Act's Impact on Nearly All Americans](#)

A week after the 2020 elections, the Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments on a legal challenge, supported by the Trump administration, that seeks to overturn the Affordable Care Act, an outcome that would have major effects throughout the health care system as the law's provisions have affected nearly...

Kellogg Foundation [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

[Community and national funder support Jackson Public Schools' strategic plan](#)

\$3.5M grant over three years invests in teacher and school leader capacity building, virtual learning
Sep. 23, 2020

Aga Khan Foundation [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

22 September 2020

[Connecting doctors and patients virtually through the Elaj Asan mobile app](#)

MacArthur Foundation [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News & Events

[\\$25 Million Toward an Equitable Recovery](#)

September 21, 2020 | *Press Release* | *Equitable Recovery*

MacArthur today announced \$25 million in grants to address anti-Black racism, support Native Americans impacted by COVID-19, strengthen voter education and mobilization, and combat voter suppression. This represents the first set of grants made from MacArthur's \$125 million social bond proceeds.

"Philanthropy, like the organizations and projects we are supporting, must organize and consolidate our collective resources to meet the moment and fund a movement," MacArthur President John Palfrey said. "Systemic racism is a clear and present danger in America. To hasten an equitable recovery and the transformation of communities in the wake of the pandemic, we are committed to a BIPOC-led reimagining of what is possible that prioritizes their vision and needs."

In the areas of democracy and voting rights, fifteen organizations will receive grants for general operating or project support totaling \$15 million...

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 26 Sep 2020]

<https://mellon.org/>

Mellon News, Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press releases

September 25, 2020

[Open Society Foundations' Response to Comments by President Bukele](#)

The Open Society Foundations respond to Nayib Bukele's comment on our work in El Salvador, where the Foundations have been supporting civil society organizations since 2006.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases & Statements

September 25, 2020

[Pew Opposes Forest Service Proposal to Strip Tongass National Forest Protections](#)

September 23, 2020

[Pew Awards More Than \\$800K to Support Philadelphia-Area Domestic Violence Survivors and Older Adults](#)

Rockefeller Foundation [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

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[United Way Worldwide Announces One Million Meals Delivered with its One Hundred Thousandth Last-Mile Delivery](#)

Ride United Last-Mile Delivery, launched in April, in partnership with DoorDash, brings food and supplies to vulnerable populations Alexandria, VA, September 23, 2020—United Way Worldwide today announced its one hundred thousandth ...

Sep 22 2020 *Press Releases*

[The Rockefeller Foundation Launches RF Catalytic Capital Inc.](#)

Builds on a History of Innovation and Partnerships to Address the World's Most Pressing Needs
[See Week in Review above for detail]

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

SDG Philanthropy Platform

<http://sdgfunders.org/>

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

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Explainer | 25 September 2020

[What are human infection studies and why do we need them?](#)

Human infection studies (also known as human challenge trials and controlled human infection models) have the power to rapidly accelerate the development of much-needed vaccines and treatments, including for Covid-19.

Explainer | 23 September 2020

[From equality to global poverty: how Covid-19 is affecting societies and economies](#)

The Covid-19 pandemic is a social and an economic crisis just as much as it is a health crisis – its repercussions, severe and far-reaching, are being felt across the world.

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Candid [*formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar*] [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Press Room

September 21, 2020

[Candid's 2020 Nonprofit Compensation Report Finds an Increase in Female Leadership—and an Increase in the Female Pay Gap](#)

Council on Foundations [to 26 Sep 2020]

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

Newsroom

[New Indian FCRA Bill Impacts Foreign Grants to Indian NGOs](#)

This page will be updated as new information is made available about this bill. Please bookmark it for future reference. Last updated September 23, 2020.

A new bill that passed the lower house of India's parliament on September 20, 2020 would greatly tighten and restrict the existing Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA). FCRA is the cornerstone law that regulates how nonprofits in India can receive foreign funding, including from U.S.-based foundations and corporations. The bill has since passed parliament and awaiting signature by the president.

These amendments to FCRA are likely to become law, though it is unclear when the new restrictions will be implemented and enforced.

In short, the bill is likely to impact how foundations and corporations make grants to Indian NGOs, in several important ways.

The full bill is available [online](#). We also suggest a summary of the bill from the [Centre for the Advancement of Philanthropy](#)...

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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>

[Reviewed earlier]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology

Issue 376 - August 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 287 October 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 26 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 26 Sep 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 26 Sep 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 26 Sep 2020)

[Ethical and human rights considerations in public health in low and middle-income countries: an assessment using the case of Uganda's responses to COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Authors: John Barugahare, Fredrick Nelson Nakwagala, Erisa Mwaka Sabakaki, Joseph Ochieng and Nelson K Sewankambo

Content type: Debate

22 September 2020

In response to COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Uganda adopted public health measures to contain its spread in the country. Some of the *initial* measures included refusal to repatriate citizens studying in China, mandatory institutional quarantine, and social distancing. Despite being a public health emergency, the measures adopted deserve critical appraisal using an ethics and human rights approach. The goal of this paper is to formulate an ethics and human rights criteria for evaluating public health measures and use it to reflect on the ethical propriety of those adopted by the government of Uganda to contain the spread of COVID-19.

[Structural coercion in the context of community engagement in global health research conducted in a low resource setting in Africa](#)

Authors: Deborah Nyirenda, Salla Sariola, Patricia Kingori, Bertie Squire, Chiwoza Bandawe, Michael Parker and Nicola Desmond

Content type: Research article

21 September 2020

The results showed that structural coercion arose due to an interplay of factors pertaining to social-economic context, study design and power relations among research stakeholders. The involvement of community leaders, government stakeholders, and power inequalities among research stakeholders affected some participants' ability to make autonomous decisions about research participation. These results have been presented under the themes of perception of research as development, research

participants' motivation to access individual benefits, the power of vernacular translations to influence research participation, and coercive power of leaders.

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 26 Sep 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 26 Sep 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 26 Sep 2020)

[Prevalence and genotype distribution of genital human papillomavirus infection in female sex workers in the world: a systematic review and meta-analysis](#)

Female sex workers (FSWs) are amongst the most susceptible groups to acquire human papillomavirus (HPV) infection and consequently, to develop cervical intraepithelial neoplasia and cervical cancer. This is th...

Authors: Mohammad Farahmand, Mohsen Moghoofei, Abolfazl Dorost, Saeedeh Abbasi, Seyed Hamidreza Monavari, Seyed Jalal Kiani and Ahmad Tavakoli

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:1455

Content type: Research article

Published on: 25 September 2020

[Parents' knowledge, attitude and practice towards children's vaccination in Lebanon: role of the parent-physician communication](#)

One of the most effective public health interventions in the world is immunization. However, some parents doubt its usefulness and safety. Many factors influence their decision to vaccinate, including their so...

Authors: Perla Matta, Rayane El Mouallem, Marwan Akel, Souheil Hallit and Marie-Claude Fadous Khalife

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:1439

Content type: Research article

Published on: 22 September 2020

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 26 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

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People with disabilities (PWD) are one of the most vulnerable groups in society during armed conflicts. According to the statistics, four million persons with disability live in Yemen. Lack of access and the u...

Authors: Saeed Shahabi, Maryam Jalali and Kamran Bagheri Lankarani

Citation: Conflict and Health 2020 14:66

Content type: Letter to the Editor

Published on: 24 September 2020

[Conflict and COVID-19: a double burden for Afghanistan's healthcare system](#)

The novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has put an additional strain on Afghanistan's weak healthcare system. Prior to the pandemic, the government and its allies had already problems in providing high quality...

Authors: Don Eliseo Lucero-Prisno III, Mohammad Yasir Essar, Attaullah Ahmadi, Xu Lin and Yusuff Adebayo Adebisi

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October 2020 - Volume 33 - Issue 5

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Volume 20, Issue 3 Pages: 115-171 September 2020

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

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Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat

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Ellen Kuhlmann, Michelle Falkenbach, Kasia Klasa, Emmanuele Pavolini, Marius-Ionut Ungureanu

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Food Security

Volume 12, Issue 4, August 2020

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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

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Carolina Cardona, Jean Christophe Rusatira, Xiaomeng Cheng, Claire Silberg, Ian Salas, Qingfeng Li, David Bishai, Jose G. Rimon

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[**Social capital and public health: responding to the COVID-19 pandemic**](#)

As countries continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of ensuring that fair and equal access to healthcare for all is more urgent than ever. Policies that promote social capital building al...

Authors: Anna S. Y. Wong and Jillian C. Kohler

Citation: Globalization and Health 2020 16:88

Content type: Commentary

Published on: 25 September 2020

Mitigating violence against women and young girls during COVID-19 induced lockdown in Nepal: a wake-up call

Nepal, a South Asian country, was in nationwide lockdown for nearly three months in 2020 with partial restrictions still in place. Much worryingly, COVID-19 induced restrictions have confined women and young g...

Authors: Minakshi Dahal, Pratik Khanal, Sajana Maharjan, Bindu Panthi and Sushil Nepal

Citation: Globalization and Health 2020 16:84

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Vol. 39, No. 9 September 2020

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Volume 15 - Issue 4 - October 2020

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Authors: Louise Lester, Michelle M. Haby, Evelina Chapman and Tanja Kuchenmüller

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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.

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[Geographic Distribution of US Cohorts Used to Train Deep Learning Algorithms](#)

Amit Kaushal, MD, PhD; Russ Altman, MD, PhD; Curt Langlotz, MD, PhD

JAMA. 2020;324(12):1212-1213. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.12067

This study describes the US geographic distribution of patient cohorts used to train deep learning algorithms in published radiology, ophthalmology, dermatology, pathology, gastroenterology, and cardiology machine learning articles published in 2015-2019.

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Aruna Apte

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Naor Bar-Zeev, Tom Inglesby

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Daniel A Salmon,
Matthew Z Dudley

[Offline: COVID-19 is not a pandemic](#)

Richard Horton

As the world approaches 1 million deaths from COVID-19, we must confront the fact that we are taking a far too narrow approach to managing this outbreak of a new coronavirus. We have viewed the cause of this crisis as an infectious disease. All of our interventions have focused on cutting lines of viral transmission, thereby controlling the spread of the pathogen. The “science” that has guided governments has been driven mostly by epidemic modellers and infectious disease specialists, who understandably frame the present health emergency in centuries-old terms of plague. **But what we have learned so far tells us that the story of COVID-19 is not so simple. Two categories of disease are interacting within specific populations—infection with severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) and an array of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). These conditions are clustering within social groups according to patterns of inequality deeply embedded in our societies. The aggregation of these diseases on a background of social and economic disparity exacerbates the adverse effects of each separate disease. COVID-19 is not a pandemic. It is a syndemic.** The syndemic nature of the threat we face means that a more nuanced approach is needed if we are to protect the health of our communities.

The notion of a syndemic was first conceived by Merrill Singer, an American medical anthropologist, in the 1990s. Writing in *The Lancet* in 2017, together with Emily Mendenhall and colleagues, Singer argued that a syndemic approach reveals biological and social interactions that are important for prognosis, treatment, and health policy. Limiting the harm caused by SARS-CoV-2 will demand far greater attention to NCDs and socioeconomic inequality than has hitherto been admitted. **A syndemic is not merely a comorbidity. Syndemics are characterised by biological and social interactions between conditions and states, interactions that increase a person's susceptibility to harm or worsen their health outcomes.** In the case of COVID-19, attacking NCDs will be a prerequisite for successful containment. As our recently published NCD Countdown 2030 showed, although premature mortality from NCDs is falling, the pace of change is too slow. The total number of people living with chronic diseases is growing. Addressing COVID-19 means addressing hypertension, obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular and chronic respiratory diseases, and cancer. Paying greater attention to NCDs is not an agenda only for richer nations. NCDs are a neglected cause of ill-health in poorer countries too. In their *Lancet* Commission, published last week, Gene Bukhman and Ana Mocumbi described an entity they called NCDI Poverty, adding injuries to a range of NCDs—conditions such as snake bites, epilepsy, renal disease, and sickle cell disease. For the poorest billion people in the world today, NCDIs make up over a third of their burden of disease. The Commission described how the availability of affordable, cost-effective interventions over the next decade could avert almost 5 million deaths among the world's poorest people. And that is without considering the reduced risks of dying from COVID-19.

The most important consequence of seeing COVID-19 as a syndemic is to underline its social origins. The vulnerability of older citizens; Black, Asian, and minority ethnic communities; and key workers who are commonly poorly paid with fewer welfare protections points to a truth so far barely acknowledged—namely, that no matter how

effective a treatment or protective a vaccine, the pursuit of a purely biomedical solution to COVID-19 will fail. Unless governments devise policies and programmes to reverse profound disparities, our societies will never be truly COVID-19 secure. As Singer and colleagues wrote in 2017, "A syndemic approach provides a very different orientation to clinical medicine and public health by showing how an integrated approach to understanding and treating diseases can be far more successful than simply controlling epidemic disease or treating individual patients." I would add one further advantage. Our societies need hope. The economic crisis that is advancing towards us will not be solved by a drug or a vaccine. Nothing less than national revival is needed. Approaching COVID-19 as a syndemic will invite a larger vision, one encompassing education, employment, housing, food, and environment. Viewing COVID-19 only as a pandemic excludes such a broader but necessary prospectus.

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As China prepares to take on a crucial role in the governance of global biodiversity, its researchers must be at the table.

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Beyond Covid-19, two other health policy issues are poised to feature prominently in the 2020 U.S. elections: what role government should play in ensuring broad health insurance coverage, and how to cope with the lack of competition in many health care provider markets.

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Over the last decade, deep learning systems have steadily advanced the state of the art in benchmark competitions, culminating in superhuman performance in tasks ranging from image classification to language translation to game play. One might expect the trained networks to exhibit many particularities—making it impossible to find any empirical regularities across a wide range of datasets and architectures. On the contrary, in this article we present extensive measurements across image classification datasets and architectures, exposing a common empirical pattern.

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By Christi J. Guerrini, Jacob S. Sherkow, Michelle N. Meyer, Patricia J. Zettler

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DIY COVID-19 vaccines raise legal and ethical questions

Summary

As the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic continues to sweep the globe, several groups have been working to develop and self-administer unapproved, unproven interventions that they describe as vaccines for COVID-19 (1–4). Some of the interest in these do-it-yourself (DIY) approaches apparently stems from a belief that self-experimentation is never subject to time-consuming ethics board review or regulation, such as by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This belief is legally and factually incorrect, and the misunderstanding has potentially important public health implications. Any failure by the FDA to regulate DIY vaccines would permit vaccines of dubious safety and effectiveness to endanger public health and would signal a lowering of standards that—in an age blighted by vaccine skepticism and during a highly politicized pandemic—could undermine public trust in all vaccines, however developed (5). Further, some self-experimentation can qualify as human subjects research that is required to undergo ethics review, by law or institutional policy. Even when ethics review is not required, citizen scientists must take seriously their heightened ethical responsibilities when promoting DIY interventions, especially those with potentially serious public health and societal effects, such as COVID-19 vaccines. Given the proliferation of citizen science efforts to fight COVID-19 and the general confusion (even among sophisticated scientists) that surrounds the regulation of DIY research, regulatory leadership is badly needed.

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[The science and medicine of human immunology](#)

By Bali Pulendran, Mark M. Davis

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Immunology through a human lens

The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has underscored the critical need to better understand the human immune system and how to unleash its power to develop vaccines and therapeutics. Much of our knowledge of the immune system has accrued from studies in mice, yet vaccines and drugs that work effectively in mice do not always translate into humans. Pulendran and Davis review recent technological advances that have facilitated the study of the immune system in humans. They discuss new insights and how these can affect the development of drugs and vaccines in the modern era.

Abstract

Although the development of effective vaccines has saved countless lives from infectious diseases, the basic workings of the human immune system are complex and have required the development of animal models, such as inbred mice, to define mechanisms of immunity. More recently, new strategies and technologies have been developed to directly explore the human immune system with unprecedented precision. We discuss how these approaches are advancing our mechanistic understanding of human immunology and are facilitating the development of vaccines and therapeutics for infection, autoimmune diseases, and cancer.

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By H. Holden Thorp

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The failure of U.S. government scientists in the Trump administration to follow the science around COVID-19 has left the medical community to fend for itself.

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Dawn Freshwater

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