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## **:: Week in Review**

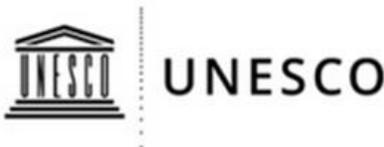
*A highly selective capture of strategic developments, research, commentary, analysis and announcements spanning Human Rights Action, Humanitarian Response, Health, Education, Holistic Development, Heritage Stewardship, Sustainable Resilience. Achieving a balance across these broad themes is a challenge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

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## **Stewardship of Science**

### **Joint Appeal for Open Science**

27/10/2020



We, the Directors-General of UNESCO and WHO and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, reaffirm the fundamental right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications and advocate for open, inclusive and collaborative science.

Considering that Open Science can reduce inequalities, help respond to the immediate challenges of Covid-19 and accelerate progress towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, we therefore:

**:: Call on every Member State to ensure the fundamental right to access scientific research and its applications**, with a view to creating a global knowledge commons and closing existing gaps in science, technology and innovation, especially in developing countries and with respect to women;

**:: Commit to supporting the international scientific community** by fostering a culture of collaboration and solidarity, rather than competition, and by sharing research outcomes and knowledge wherever possible in order to make science widely accessible to everyone;

**:: Commit to advocating for the development and sharing of legal frameworks and policies** to effectively implement the principles of Open Science;

**:: Recall that effective and sustainable public policies should rely on verified information, facts and scientific knowledge for the benefit of all;**

**:: Support the tremendous potential of science in meeting societal needs** and shaping the future of humanity, when it is based on equal opportunities and scientific literacy for all;

**:: Recognize that Open Science is critical to improving and maintaining socio-economic welfare and integration in the global economy**, and that the growing interconnectedness of today's world has helped shape a modern approach to science;

**:: Acknowledge the power of scientific cooperation and diplomacy to unite nations, civil society, the private sector and the world**, while stressing the importance of evidence-based decision-making;

:: Call on Member States and all stakeholders to join the Solidarity Call to Action and the WHO COVID-19 Technology Access Pool that seeks to facilitate sharing of knowledge, intellectual property and data for the response to the pandemic.

**The core idea behind Open Science is to allow scientific information, data and outputs to be more widely accessible (Open Access) and more reliably harnessed (Open Data) with the active engagement of all stakeholders (Open to Society).** The Open Science movement has emerged from the scientific community and has rapidly spread across nations, calling for the opening of the gates of knowledge. In a fragmented scientific and policy environment, a stronger global understanding of the opportunities and challenges of Open Science is needed.

We call upon all Member States, policy-makers, civil society representatives, youth networks and the scientific community to uphold the ideals of Open Science, at all stages of the scientific process, in view of the elaboration of the international recommendation on Open Science.

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## **Governance/Security – Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)**

### **Nuclear ban: "Today is an historic day. We call on world leaders to act with courage and join the right side of history"**

Geneva/New York, 24 October 2020 – The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement welcomes the coming into force of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

**Fifty States have now ratified the Treaty, meaning that it will enter into force as an instrument of international humanitarian law in 90 days. The Treaty is the first globally applicable multilateral agreement to comprehensively prohibit nuclear weapons.** It prohibits their use, threat of use, development, production, testing and stockpiling. It also commits States to clearing contaminated areas and helping victims. By providing pathways for the elimination of nuclear weapons, the TPNW is an indispensable building block towards a world free of nuclear weapons

Francesco Rocca, President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), said: **"Today is an historic day: even a few years ago, the dream of a nuclear ban recognized by the international community seemed unfathomable. This is a victory for every citizen of the world, and it demonstrates the importance of multilateralism.** I would like to congratulate all 50 States that have ratified the treaty and to call on all the other world leaders to act with courage and join the right side of history.

"The simple reality is that the international community could never hope to deal with the consequences of a nuclear confrontation. No nation is prepared to deal with a nuclear confrontation. What we cannot prepare for, we must prevent", Mr Rocca said.

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

Peter Maurer, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), said: "Today is a victory for humanity, and a promise of a safer future. Too many times we have seen the dangerous logic of nuclear deterrence drag the world to the brink of destruction. Too many accept nuclear weapons as an inevitable part of the international security architecture. **The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons allows us to imagine a world free from such inhumane weapons as an achievable goal.**"...

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## **Governance – Democracy/Competence**

### **Financial Times**

*Opinion Geopolitics*

#### **Incompetence is the real threat to democracy**

*The west has to think of governance as a kind of permanent referendum on the efficacy of the system itself*

Janan Ganes October 28 2020

The most famous quotes in praise of democracy do not make a principled case for it. If, as Winston Churchill claimed, it is the worst form of government bar all the others "that have been tried", then verifiable outcomes are what matter. "No famine has ever taken place in the history of the world in a functioning democracy," found the economist Amartya Sen, implying, once more, that utility is the test. Popular self-rule is to be preferred because it allows for better results, not because it is right in and of itself.

Keep this in mind as the most important democracy of all goes out to vote. Donald Trump is a threat to this system of government, yes, but not in the way that is most often alleged. The US president is not an autocrat in the familiar sense. When the coronavirus pandemic gave him a chance to hoard power, he did almost the opposite, bemoaning even mild incursions into personal freedom. He has more often denuded the unelected or "deep" state than he has turned it on the masses. He remains uninterested to the point of boredom in the awesome potential of his office.

No, Mr Trump's principal threat to the cause of democracy is governmental incompetence. It promises to tarnish the worldwide reputation of the system as the one that works. If the idea takes hold that China has controlled the virus and avoided a recession, while the US remains beset by both, the signal to the rest of the globe will be unmistakable. Autocracy is the strong horse.

It will not matter that several multi-party democracies have fared well against the virus. With respect to Germany and New Zealand, the US experience has an outsized effect on global sentiment. After all, the world's disillusionment with democracy, as tracked by the political scientist Yascha Mounk and other scholars, has coincided with lots of individual countries thriving handsomely under the system.

What did the reputational harm was the botched war in Iraq, the 2008 financial crisis, a slow recovery and other troubles that trace disproportionately back to the democratic US. To adapt what Thomas Jefferson supposedly said about France, everyone has two countries, their own and America. Events here are followed abroad with unique and sometimes weird assiduity.

The global fate of democracy is on the ballot in next Tuesday's presidential election, then, but not because a second Trump term would bring a police state or the suspension of universal suffrage. More likely, it would mean more failure to fix problems of collective action, as well as more social division on the streets and more political torpor in Washington. If so, a second term would be a kind of anti-advertisement for democracy. For countries that sit on the long spectrum between multi-party competition and outright dictatorship, a shuffle in the latter direction might come to seem only prudent.

That is a lot of countries. In 1945, democracies were in the minority. Their number did not overtake that of autocratic and "mixed" systems until near the end of the 20th century. In other words, most of the world has relatively shallow experience of democracy, if it has any at all. It is liable to change systems if an alternative proves itself as a surer source of prosperity and order. China's rise from middle-income to rich status would do it, especially if it coincided with a malfunctioning US.

And so an election that is often framed in terms of fundamental values is better understood as a practical matter. If Joe Biden defeats Mr Trump, there will be much talk of "healing" and the re-moralisation of public life under the benign Democrat. But the most useful service he can perform on behalf of democracy is to govern well, starting with the crusade against Covid-19. Nothing would do more to shore up confidence in the system within and (crucially) outside the US.

This point will remain true long after both men have departed. The gravest challenge facing democracy in this century is the possibility of superior outcomes in the non-democratic or part-democratic world, not this or that rogue leader. Democracy's rival is no longer an unworkable Soviet dogma, but a pragmatic superpower that is only nominally communist.

To see it off, the west has to think of governance as a kind of permanent referendum on the efficacy of democracy itself. The better its social outcomes, the stronger its base of support. Appealing to some innate human thirst for self-mastery is not enough. The dark implication of Churchill's otherwise droll line is that, were a system to come along that outperforms our own, we should cave to it. A President Biden would have to ensure that proposition is never tested.

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**Governance – Voice of America, the Office of Cuba Broadcasting, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Middle East Broadcasting Networks, Radio Free Asia, the Open Technology Fund**

**New York Times**

Oct. 27, 2020

*Politics*

**[Trump Appointee Rescinds Rule Shielding Government News Outlets From Federal Tampering](#)**

The action comes amid concern that Michael Pack is turning outlets under his purview, including Voice of America, into a pro-Trump public relations arm.

By Pranshu Verma

WASHINGTON — The chief of the U.S. Agency for Global Media on Monday [rescinded a rule](#) that protects news outlets funded by the government, including Voice of America, from federal tampering.

The official, Michael Pack, defended the move as a way to improve management, but critics have expressed concerns that he is turning news outlets under his purview into a pro-Trump public relations arm...

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## **U.S. Agency for Global Media**

*Press Release*

### **[Background on rescinding a so-called "firewall rule"](#)**

October 26, 2020

Today, as the first Senate-confirmed head of the U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM), I took action to rectify a regulatory situation that was both in tension with the law and harmful to the agency and the U.S. national interest.

**In its final hours of existence, the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) issued a so-called "firewall rule,"** instituting a significant misinterpretation of the 1994 International Broadcasting Act (IBA). I rescinded that rule based upon extensive legal analysis of the regulation and its conflict with Congress's statutory mandate for USAGM – BBG's successor – to support the foreign policy of the United States.

**The "firewall rule" created a barrier between USAGM and the U.S. taxpayer-funded broadcasters and grantees under its management: the Voice of America, the Office of Cuba Broadcasting, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Middle East Broadcasting Networks, Radio Free Asia, and the Open Technology Fund. The rule prohibited the CEO from engaging in managerial and editorial oversight,** which Congress mandated the CEO to conduct to ensure that the agency carries out its proper governmental mission.

Not only was this rule based on flawed legal and constitutional reasoning, it made the agency difficult to manage and less able to fulfill its important mission to inform, engage, and connect people around the world in support of freedom and democracy.

The rule made it difficult for me to perform my legally-binding, statutory duty "to direct and supervise all broadcasting activities," "to review and evaluate the mission and operation of, and to assess the quality, effectiveness, and professional integrity of, all such activities within the context of the broad foreign policy objectives of the United States," and "to ensure that United States international broadcasting is conducted in accordance with the [highest] standards and principles."

Indeed, the USAGM CEO role was created precisely because members of both parties deemed the old BBG structure – comprised of a part-time, nine-member board – to be ineffective in performing the duties listed above. By instruction of Congress, I am required to make the agency more efficient and more effective in fulfilling its mission.

**The rule threatened constitutional values because the Constitution gives the President broad latitude in directing the foreign policy of the United States. The President’s representatives in furthering U.S. foreign policy interests, including USAGM and its CEO, must be able to ensure that the agency fulfills the “broad foreign policy objectives” of the United States established by the President, as required of USAGM by statute.**

Beyond the legalities, the rule made the agency difficult to manage. No agency run by a CEO, or another type of head, has any kind of “firewall” between himself and the rest of his agency. An organization, especially a large one, cannot be successful if senior management is limited in overseeing and managing personnel below it.

**To be sure, without that authority and responsibility, USAGM would be effectively unaccountable to Congress and the President.** In other words, if a barrier existed between USAGM senior management and all other personnel, USAGM senior management could not be held accountable for problems outside of it, since it had no power to fix those problems. USAGM senior management must have the ability to oversee and manage personnel, for it is mandated to further U.S. foreign policy through, among other steps, maintaining the “professional independence and integrity” of the technical and professional experts who carry out the agency’s statutory mission...

By statute, the responsibility of the CEO is to make sure that individuals whose jobs are funded by the U.S. taxpayer adhere to the highest standards of their profession. The rescinded regulation prevented me from fulfilling this weighty responsibility.

USAGM broadcasters are not commercial news companies. In fact, the agency is prohibited by law from duplicating the services of such companies. Rather, USAGM is a federal agency of the U.S. government tasked with advancing human rights as well as promoting uniquely American ideas and values. At a time when foreign governments, particularly those in China, Russia, and Iran, are spending enormous resources spreading disinformation to undermine freedom and democracy, this duty is more important than ever.

America needs a strong, well-managed, well-structured organization overseeing civilian U.S. international broadcasting that is also accountable to Congress. My action today will move us closer to that goal.

Michael Pack, Chief Executive Officer, U.S. Agency for Global Media

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## **COVID-19 Impacts/Solutions — UN Secretary General**

### **[Funding for COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments Fastest Way to Save Lives, Economy, Secretary-General Tells World Health Summit, Urging Global Solidarity](#)**

25 October 2020 SG/SM/20364

*Following is UN Secretary-General António Guterres’ message to the virtual World Health Summit, in New York today:*

The COVID-19 pandemic is the greatest crisis of our age. Just seven months since it was declared, over 1 million people have died, and tens of millions have been infected. Cases are still rising, and new spikes and waves are occurring in places that had suppressed the virus for many months.

**The indirect impact of the pandemic is wreaking havoc on societies and economies. Travel restrictions and lockdowns have resulted in the loss of 500 million jobs so far and are costing the global economy some \$375 billion every month.**

Reports of gender-based violence are skyrocketing. Mental illness is a crisis within a crisis. Deaths from other health conditions are likely to increase, as resources are redirected towards COVID-19. Some 24 million children could drop out of school, with life-long impact. COVID-19 is driving us even farther off course from achieving the vision and promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

**The first hard lesson of this crisis is that we were not prepared.** Global health and emergency response systems have been tested and found wanting. Access to health is a human right denied to billions of people around the world.

Universal health coverage is the path to high-quality, equitable, affordable health care. Strong public health systems and emergency preparedness are essential steps to greater resilience. All countries have signed up to universal health coverage by 2030. But, we cannot wait 10 years. We need health systems that work, before we face an outbreak of something more contagious than COVID-19, more deadly or both.

**The second lesson is that we are not powerless.** If we follow the science, and demonstrate unity and solidarity, we can overcome the pandemic. Public health measures, including masks, physical distancing and hand-washing, are proven means of keeping the virus at bay.

We need to protect the vulnerable - older people and those with pre-existing conditions. We must stop holding and attending events that amplify the spread of the virus; and we must work with communities on sharing information and building trust.

Numerous Governments have demonstrated that taking targeted, local measures immediately outbreaks occur can stamp them out. At the same time, we must persevere with comprehensive public health measures that the World Health Organization (WHO) identified on day one: find, isolate, test and care for cases, and trace and quarantine their contacts.

**Third, we need global solidarity every step of the way.** Developed countries must support health systems in countries that are short of resources. And we must join together as Governments, the private sector, civil society and all partners, to make sure vaccines, tests and treatments are available to everyone, everywhere. A vaccine must be a global public good.

Fully funding the ACT-Accelerator is the fastest way to end the pandemic. Vaccines, tests and therapies are more than life savers. They are economy savers and society savers.

There is no choice between saving people's lives and saving jobs. Protecting people from the virus is the best way to keep schools open and businesses running. It will prevent the virus from spreading even more widely and returning in wave after wave.

But, as I have said before, there is no panacea during a pandemic. Relief will come not through one single step, but through smartly combining cutting-edge research with basic public health.

**The fourth lesson is that misinformation and disinformation are deadly allies of the virus.** They are contributing to deaths and infections, and to social tensions that have led to violence. Unless we counter rumours, conspiracy theories and lies, they will negate our other efforts.

The United Nations “Verified” campaign aims to ensure people have access to accurate advice that protects and promotes health. I welcome efforts by social media platforms and others to prevent the spread of false stories and advice, and promote scientific, fact-based analysis — although more needs to be done.

The World Health Summit and the M8 Alliance are important platforms to champion and work together for global health. This gathering, bringing together science, politics, business and civil society, is the place to build new partnerships, share best practices and take decisions that could save lives. Let us use this opportunity to confront the COVID-19 crisis together, with the urgency and integrity it requires. Thank you.

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## **Vaccine Nationalism**

### **[COVID-19 and the cost of vaccine nationalism](#)**

Rand Research Report :: RR-A769-1

Marco Hafner, Erez Yerushalmi, Clement Fays, Eliane Dufresne, Christian Van Stolk

2020 :: 75 pages

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.7249/RRA769-1>

#### ***Overview***

Experience shows that, in response to pandemics, national governments tend to follow their own interests instead of pursuing a more globally coordinated approach. This nationalistic behaviour could have negative consequences on how well the COVID-19 global pandemic is managed and contained. A situation in which countries push to get first access to a supply of vaccines, potentially hoarding key components for vaccine production, has been commonly referred to as 'vaccine nationalism'. This report examines how the management of the COVID-19 crisis may be affected by vaccine nationalism and what the associated economic cost would be of inequitable access to vaccines across countries.

#### ***Key Findings***

**:: Vaccine nationalism could lead to the unequal allocation of COVID-19 vaccines and cost the global economy up to \$1.2 trillion a year in GDP terms**

Even if some countries manage to immunise their populations against the virus, as long as the virus is not under control in all regions of the world, there will continue to be a global economic cost associated with COVID-19.

**:: Until there is a widely available vaccine for COVID-19, physical distancing measures will continue to affect key sectors of the global economy negatively, especially those that rely on close physical proximity between people**

The global cost associated with COVID-19 and its economic impact could be \$3.4 trillion a year. For the EU it will be about 5.6 per cent in annual GDP, about \$983 billion. The loss incurred by the UK is about 4.3 per cent — an annual loss of about \$145 billion. The US loses about 2.2 per cent in annual GDP, about \$480 billion.

**:: Even if nationalistic behaviour is inevitable, there are economic incentives to providing access to vaccines across the globe**

Based on previous estimates, it would cost \$25 billion to supply lower income countries with vaccines. The US, the UK, the EU and other high-income countries combined could lose about \$119 billion a year if the poorest countries are denied a supply. If these high-income countries paid for the supply of vaccines, there could be a benefit-to-cost ratio of 4.8 to 1. For every \$1 spent, high-income countries would get back about \$4.8.

***Recommendations***

:: Investing in vaccine development and equitable access would be economically beneficial in the long run.

:: To encourage international sharing of vaccines, we need enforceable frameworks for vaccine development and distribution, managed by established international forums.

:: The international effort to support vaccination distribution needs to be sustained over time.

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**COVID-19 – “Green Recovery**

**[The Rockefeller Foundation Commits USD\\$1 billion to Catalyze a Green Recovery from Pandemic](#)**

10.26.20 *Press Release*

*:: Driving public-private investment, transformative solutions, and a more inclusive, sustainable future*

*:: Launching next chapter for the 107-year old philanthropic institution*

October 26, 2020 | NEW YORK – The Rockefeller Foundation will commit USD1 billion over the next three years to catalyze a more inclusive, green recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. Building on current efforts and long-standing programs, the Foundation will focus on two key areas: catalyzing billions of dollars in private and concessional investments to scale distributed renewable energy across developing countries; and ensuring more equitable access to Covid-19 tests and vaccines, science-based tools, and data to fight the pandemic, while strengthening public health systems to prevent future outbreaks. In addition to this unique, one-time commitment of additional resources, The Rockefeller Foundation’s efforts and energies, as a whole, will be rededicated and reoriented toward improving the lives of the world’s poorest people and addressing inequities made worse by this virus.

“There’s no going back to the past, to before-Covid. We need to reimagine the future we want,” said Dr. Rajiv J. Shah, President of the Rockefeller Foundation. “To meet this moment, we must leverage all our resources and relationships to build an equitable, sustainable future, where everyone has the opportunity to realize their full potential and climate disaster is avoided. The time to act is right now to make sure vulnerable children and families are included in the pandemic response and recovery.”

Prior to the pandemic, half the world's population lacked access to essential health services, and more than 800 million people worldwide lacked access to electricity. Billions more have their potential diminished by unreliable or insufficient energy access, predominantly provided by carbon-emitting fuels. The energy accessibility gap has further widened because of the pandemic. This year alone, more than 100 million people have seen their electricity access severed because they couldn't pay their bills during the pandemic, with the toll falling disproportionately on the poor and most vulnerable. The World Bank also estimates that the combined impact of climate change and the damage done by Covid-19 will push 132 million people into poverty.

This calls for bold action to address these disparities and ensure a global response that assures a more inclusive, sustainable future for all...

... Collaborating with global investors, international organizations, and governments, the Foundation will focus on driving historic public-private investment in infrastructure that accelerates access to clean, safe, and reliable renewable energy across Africa, Asia, and Latin America...

#### *About The Rockefeller Foundation*

The Rockefeller Foundation advances new frontiers of science, data, and innovation to solve global challenges related to health, food, power, and economic mobility. As a science-driven philanthropy focused on building collaborative relationships with partners and grantees, The Rockefeller Foundation seeks to inspire and foster large-scale human impact that promotes the well-being of humanity throughout the world by identifying and accelerating breakthrough solutions, ideas, and conversations.

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## **EMERGENCIES**

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

*Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*

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

last update: 8 October 2020, 20:00 GMT-4

**Confirmed cases** :: 45 428 731 [week ago: 42 055 863] [two weeks ago: 39 023 292]

**Confirmed deaths** :: 1 185 721 [week ago: 1 141 567] [two weeks ago: 1 099 586]

**Countries, areas or territories with cases** :: 219

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### **[Statement on the fifth meeting of the International Health Regulations \(2005\) Emergency Committee regarding the coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) pandemic](#)**

30 October 2020 *Statement*

The fifth meeting of the Emergency Committee convened by the WHO Director-General under the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005) regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) took place on Thursday, 29 October 2020 from 12:30 to 16:05 Geneva time (CEST).

...The Committee expressed strong appreciation for WHO's leadership and activities throughout the global response. In particular, the Committee appreciated WHO's critical role in developing evidence-

based guidance and recommendations; providing countries with technical assistance and operational support; communicating clear information and addressing misinformation; and convening the Solidarity Trials and the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator. The Committee commended WHO's sustained efforts to strengthen national, regional, and global responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

After ensuing discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed that the pandemic still constitutes an extraordinary event, a public health risk to other States through international spread, and continues to require a coordinated international response. **As such, the Committee considered the COVID-19 pandemic to remain a public health emergency of international concern and offered advice to the Director-General.**

**The Director-General determined that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute a PHEIC.** He accepted the advice of the Committee to WHO and issued the Committee's advice to States Parties as Temporary Recommendations under the IHR (2005).

The Emergency Committee will be reconvened within three months, at the discretion of the Director-General. The Director-General thanked the Committee for its work...

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## **Emergencies**

### **POLIO**

*Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*

#### **Polio this week as of 28 October 2020**

:: Acknowledging the critical role of leadership in gender mainstreaming, the GPEI launched a Gender Champion for Polio Eradication. Our Champions commit to supporting the GPEI Gender Equality Strategy, highlighting the role of gender in achieving eradication and advocating for its full implementation.

:: In our latest edition of Coffee with Polio Experts, we get to hear from Dr Zubair Wadood on the impact of COVID-19 on the global polio eradication effort, and how the polio infrastructure is supporting COVID response.

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

**:: *Afghanistan:*** two WPV1 positive environmental samples and one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample

**:: *Pakistan:*** 18 WPV1 positive environmental samples and 16 cVDPV2 cases

**:: *Cameroon:*** two cVDPV2 cases

**:: *Chad:*** eight cVDPV2 cases

**:: *Côte d'Ivoire:*** three cVDPV2 cases

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

**:: *Mali:*** 15 cVDPV2 cases

**:: *Nigeria:*** one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample

**:: *South Sudan:*** 9 cVDPV2 cases

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### [WHO Grade 3 Emergencies](#) [to 31 Oct 2020]

#### **Syrian Arab Republic**

:: WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean hands-over medical supplies during his visit to Syria

24 October 2020, Damascus, Syria – A chartered aircraft has landed in Damascus International Airport from the WHO's logistics hub in Dubai, carrying WHO supplies to support the health response in Syria. The 8.8-ton shipment includes medical kits and medicines for almost 2000 beneficiaries and enough personal protective equipment to protect more than 4000 health care workers.

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*

Yemen - *No new digest announcements identified*

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### [WHO Grade 2 Emergencies](#) [to 31 Oct 2020]

#### **Burkina Faso**

:: Préparation pour une réponse efficace aux situations sanitaires exceptionnelles : Le...  
30 octobre 2020

Afghanistan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Angola - *No new digest announcements identified*

Burundi - *No new digest announcements identified*

Cameroon - *No new digest announcements identified*

Central African Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

Ethiopia - *No new digest announcements identified*

Iran floods 2019 - *No new digest announcements identified*

Iraq - *No new digest announcements identified*

Libya - *No new digest announcements identified*

Malawi Floods - *No new digest announcements identified*

Measles in Europe - *No new digest announcements identified*

MERS-CoV - *No new digest announcements identified*

Mozambique - *No new digest announcements identified*

Myanmar - *No new digest announcements identified*

Niger - *No new digest announcements identified*

occupied Palestinian territory - *No new digest announcements identified*

HIV in Pakistan - *No new digest announcements identified*

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

Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Ukraine - *No new digest announcements identified*

Zimbabwe - *No new digest announcements identified*

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**WHO Grade 1 Emergencies** [to 31 Oct 2020]

Chad - *No new digest announcements identified*

Djibouti – *Page not responding at inquiry*

Kenya - *No new digest announcements identified*

Mali - *No new digest announcements identified*

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

Tanzania - *No new digest announcements identified*

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**UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies**

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

**Syrian Arab Republic**

:: Syrian Arab Republic: COVID-19 Humanitarian Update No. 20 As of 29 October 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 50: occupied Palestinian territory, issued 29 October 2020, information for period: 5 March - 29 October 2020

**East Africa Locust Infestation**

:: Desert Locust situation update - 26 October 2020

*Another generation of breeding starts in the Horn of Africa*

As expected, the situation remains very critical as more swarms form and a new generation of breeding has now started in Ethiopia and Somalia, which will cause new swarms to form by mid-December that are likely to move southwards and threaten Kenya. Although countries are better prepared compared to a year ago, survey and control operations need to continue to detect and reduce as many infestations as possible. In addition, locusts are increasing along both sides of the southern Red Sea.

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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 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements*

30 October 2020

SG/SM/20381

**[Free Press Important Defence against 'Pandemic of Misinformation', Secretary-General Says in Observance Message, Citing Increased Attacks, Constraints on Journalists](#)**

Following is UN Secretary-General António Guterres' message on the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists, observed on 2 November.

29 October 2020

GA/SHC/4305

**[Third Committee Delegates Debate Acceptable Limits to Privacy Rights, Personal Data Use During Pandemic, as Expert Warns Against 'Omni-Present' Surveillance](#)**

Personal data has become a tool for Governments, scientists and companies in the fight against COVID-19, the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy told the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) today, stressing that any increased technology use for surveillance or contact tracing must respect human rights and return to pre-pandemic norms once the virus risk has subsided.

28 October 2020

SG/SM/20374

**[Developing Countries Need Massive Relief to Avert Financial Ruin amid COVID-19, Secretary-General Warns Organisation for Economic Co-operation And Development](#)**

Following is UN Secretary-General António Guterres' message to the virtual ministerial-level meeting of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Council, held on 28 and 29 October:

28 October 2020

GA/SHC/4304

**[Women, Children at Greater Risk of Being Trafficked, Enslaved as Pandemic Deepens, Experts Warn Third Committee amid Calls for Creating Regular Migration Channels](#)**

The COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent disruptions it has caused have heightened the risk of trafficking in persons and modern forms of slavery, experts warned the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) today, as delegates engaged them in interactive dialogues, held virtually, on the broad theme of human rights.

26 October 2020

GA/12279

**[Member States Credit United Nations with Putting Them on Path to Stability, Better Future, as General Assembly Concludes Meeting Marking Seventy-Fifth Anniversary](#)**

The General Assembly today concluded its high-level meeting to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, with several Member States remembering how the Organization's peacekeeping and humanitarian efforts lifted them out of conflict and put them back on the path to a better future.

25 October 2020  
SG/SM/20364

**[Funding for COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments Fastest Way to Save Lives, Economy, Secretary-General Tells World Health Summit, Urging Global Solidarity](#)**

**UN OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 31 Oct 2020]  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

*Top News*

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

Date: 27 October 2020

We have serious concerns about the human rights situation in Myanmar ahead of its general elections on 8 November. These include violations of the right to political participation, particularly of minority groups -- including, disproportionately, the Rohingya Muslim and ethnic Rakhine population in Rakhine State.

While the elections represent an important milestone in Myanmar's democratic transition, the civic space is still marred by continuing restrictions of the freedoms of opinion, expression and access to information, and the use of language that could amount to incitement to discrimination, hostility and violence...

**[Press briefing notes on Côte d'Ivoire](#)**

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

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

**United Nations Human Rights Council** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Council News*

**[Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review Working Group to hold thirty-sixth session in Geneva from 2 to 13 November 2020](#)**

30/10/2020

**Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 31 Oct 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 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**SRSB/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 31 Oct 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 31 Oct 2020]

<http://www.un.org/sexualviolenceinconflict/>

*Latest News*

*[website not responding at inquiry]*

**Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights** [to 31 Oct 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 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News*

[Poland has slammed door shut on legal and safe abortions - UN experts](#)

27 October 2020

**Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News*

[Poland has slammed door shut on legal and safe abortions - UN experts](#)

27 October 2020

**Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest news*

*No new digest content identified.*

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

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN OCHA** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<https://www.unocha.org/>  
*Selected Press Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<https://centre.humdata.org/>  
*Blog* October 28, 2020

**[OCHA-Bucky: A COVID-19 Model to Inform Humanitarian Operations](#)**

By Predictive Analytics Team

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought into stark focus the need for data and the value of models to inform response strategies. Since March, the Centre has been working with the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) to develop a COVID-19 model adapted for use in humanitarian contexts.

Access the [code repository](#), including all the source code scripts necessary to run the model.

View the [technical documentation](#) and [FAQs](#) explaining how to configure and run the source code in the repository.

Download the [methodology paper](#) providing details on model assumptions and the main equations.

Access [biweekly reports for six countries](#).

**UNICEF** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Press releases, Statements*

*Press release*

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**[Viet Nam: Landslides caused by Storm Molave bury at least 13 families in remote district](#)**

*Statement*

10/29/2020

**[UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore's remarks at Indiana University on "Access to Learning for the World's Children: Reimagining Education for the Post-COVID World"](#)**

Checked against delivery

*Statement*

10/28/2020

**[UNICEF Statement on impact of Storm Molave in Viet Nam](#)**

*Statement*

10/28/2020

**[UNICEF statement on one month of fighting in and beyond Nagorno-Karabakh](#)**

*Press release*

10/28/2020

**[Children in the poorest countries have lost nearly four months of schooling since start of pandemic – UNESCO, UNICEF and World Bank report finds](#)**

New report looks at national education responses to COVID-19 including lost learning; remote learning support for students, parents and teachers; school reopening plans; health protocols; and financing

*Statement*

10/27/2020

**[UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore's remarks at the World Health Summit Panel "Accelerating the SDG-3 Global Action Plan for Health and Wellbeing"](#)**

As prepared for delivery

*Statement*

10/27/2020

**[UNICEF Statement on the killing of two humanitarian workers in Mogadishu, Somalia](#)**

Statement from Jesper Moller, UNICEF Somalia Representative a.i.

*Press release*

10/27/2020

**[UNICEF condemns attack on religious school in Peshawar, Pakistan](#)**

*Press release*

10/27/2020

**[Malnutrition surges among young children in Yemen as conditions worsen](#)**

One in five children under the age of five in parts of Yemen are estimated to be acutely malnourished and in urgent need of treatment as malnutrition cases increase across the south, UN agencies warn

**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Announcements*

*[website not responding at inquiry]*

**IOM / International Organization for Migration** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Announcements*

**[Timely COVID-19 Testing of Mombasa Port Truckers Helps Reinvigorate Economies](#)**

2020-10-30 13:00

Nairobi – Thousands of truck drivers across Kenya have been tested for COVID-19 by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) since July, as part of a broader effort to reinvigorate regional economies impacted by COVID-19.

**[Deadliest Shipwreck of the Year Claims at Least 140 Lives](#)**

2020-10-29 17:07

Saint-Louis, Senegal – At least 140 people have drowned after a vessel carrying around 200 migrants sank off the Senegalese coast, the deadliest shipwreck recorded in 2020.

**[UN Findings on Malnutrition in Yemen Raise Concerns Over Displaced Children](#)**

2020-10-27 14:17

Sana'a – The latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) Acute Malnutrition analysis released today by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP) and other partners..

**UNAIDS** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements*

30 October 2020

**[UNAIDS saddened by the death of Valentin Pokrovsky, a Russian leader on HIV, medicine and pandemic preparedness](#)**

30 October 2020

**[Bringing HIV and COVID-19 testing services to hard-to-reach areas in Uzbekistan](#)**

29 October 2020

**[Working with allies to keep comprehensive sexuality education alive](#)**

27 October 2020

**[COVID-19's impact on HIV vertical transmission services reversed](#)**

26 October 2020

**[Key populations have suboptimal knowledge of their HIV status](#)**

**WHO & Regional Offices** [to 31 Oct 2020]

30 October 2020 *News release*

**[As COVID-19 spread accelerates, IHR Emergency Committee urges focus on measures that work](#)**

30 October 2020 *Statement*

**[Statement on the fifth meeting of the International Health Regulations \(2005\) Emergency Committee regarding the coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) pandemic](#)**

30 October 2020 *Departmental news*

**[Start of 1st WHO infodemic management training](#)**

29 October 2020 *Departmental news*

**[Young people and digital health interventions: working together to design better](#)**

29 October 2020 *Country mission*

**[Launch of the NCD Investment Case for the Russian Federation: Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases as a catalyst of economic growth and social well-being in Russia](#)**

27 October 2020 *Departmental news*

**[Beijing+25: where are we now, and where do we go next?](#)**

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**WHO Regional Offices**

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

**WHO African Region AFRO**

*No new digest content identified*

**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**

:: The challenge of winter during COVID-19 for poor families 30-10-2020

:: Cities against COVID-19: citizens seek a “better normal” of urban life 30-10-2020

:: COVID-19: Taking stock and moving forward together 29-10-2020

:: Roadmap sets direction of Pan-European Commission on Health and Sustainable Development 29-10-2020

:: WHO delivers emergency medical supplies in response to conflict in and around Nagorno-Karabakh 27-10-2020

**WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO**

:: WHO and partners affirm support to end polio in Pakistan 25 October 2020

:: Regional Director arrives in Syria, hands-over medical supplies during his visit to Syria 24 October 2020

:: Health workers celebrated on World Polio Day in Somalia 24 October 2020

**WHO Western Pacific Region**

:: Investing in mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic 29 October 2020

**World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

26/10/20

**[OIE and FAO kickstart global initiative to stop spread of deadly pig disease](#)**

**UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Meetings and events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest from News Centre*

**[Joint Statement, UNDP and UN Habitat on World Cities Day](#)**

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us that change is possible overnight—if we want it. Public health affects all of us. Tackling COVID-19 requires solidarity and cooperation.

Posted on October 30, 2020

**UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

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

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

*Meetings and events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

Press Releases/Speeches

29 Oct 2020 *Press release*

**[Escaping the 'Era of Pandemics': Experts warn worse crises to come options offered to reduce risk](#)**

Bonn, 29 October 2020 - Future pandemics will emerge more often, spread more rapidly, do more damage to the world economy and kill more people than COVID-19 unless there is a transformative change in the global...

27 Oct 2020 *Press release*

**[New Restoration Seed Capital Facility launched to promote investment in forest landscape restoration](#)**

Geneva, 27 October 2020 - A Restoration Seed Capital Facility with initial capitalization of EUR 25 million launched today aims to boost the contribution of private finance to forest restoration, helping to unlock...

26 Oct 2020 *Press release*

**[New UN report details environmental impacts of export of used vehicles to developing world](#)**

Nairobi, 26 October 2020 - Millions of used cars, vans and minibuses exported from Europe, the United States and Japan to the developing world are of poor quality, contributing significantly to air pollution and...

**UNDRR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Updates*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

30 Oct 2020 | *DESA*

### **[Shaping the trends that shape our world](#)**

Climate catastrophes, a global pandemic, automation of jobs – the interconnected crises unleashing havoc on our world seem to have slipped out of our control and taken a life of their own. But a new report by the UN Economist Network stresses that the five greatest challenges facing humanity are all human-made and can be shaped by our policies. We talk to UN Chief Economist Elliott Harris who has led this analysis by economists in dozens of UN entities.

**UNESCO** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Latest News*

### **[Twenty-five sites join UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves](#)**

28/10/2020

UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme today added 25 new sites, one of them transboundary, in 18 countries to the World Network of Biosphere Reserves, which now numbers 714 biosphere reserves in 129 countries around the globe.

The International Co-ordinating Council of UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB-ICC) meeting online from 27 to 28 October approved these additions along with the extension or re-zoning of five existing biosphere reserves, which in most cases also led to a change in their official names.

Andorra, Cabo Verde, Comoros, Luxemburg and Trinidad and Tobago join the MAB Network this year with the designation of their first sites: Ordino Biosphere Reserve, Fogo and Maio Biosphere Reserves, Mwali Biosphere Reserve, Minett Biosphere Reserve and North-East Tobago Biosphere Reserve respectively...

### **[Joint Appeal for Open Science](#)**

27/10/2020

*[See Week in Review for detail]*

**International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 31 Oct 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 31 Oct 2020]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

### **[Joint Statement, UNDP and UN Habitat World Cities Day 31 October 2020](#)**

Friday 30 October, 2020

## **Housing for all: a perspective from international cooperation**

Thursday 29 October, 2020

## **Rebuilding homes, not just houses, after the Beirut Port blast: What comes next?**

Monday 26 October, 2020

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Food Programme** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News releases*

30 October 2020

## **WFP and Kenya government launch cash transfers for families impacted by coronavirus in Mombasa**

MOMBASA – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in partnership with national and local government today launched cash transfers for 24,000 families whose livelihoods were destroyed by the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on informal urban settlements in the city of Mombasa.

28 October 2020

## **Bringing greater economic opportunities for the host community, WFP reopens farmers' markets in Rohingya camps**

DHAKA – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has reopened its fresh food corners in the Rohingya camps, allowing trade and business activities to resume after months of closure due to COVID-19 prevention measures. An important economic opportunity for local farmers and traders in Cox's Bazar, the fresh food corners have benefitted both the refugees and their host community.

27 October 2020

## **Malnutrition surges among young children in Yemen as conditions worsen**

*One in five children under five in parts of Yemen are estimated to be acutely malnourished and in urgent need of treatment as malnutrition cases increase across the south, UN agencies warn.*

ADEN – Acute malnutrition rates among children under five are the highest ever recorded in parts of Yemen, with more than half a million cases in southern districts, according to the latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) Acute Malnutrition analysis released today by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP) and partners.

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Virtual event*

## **ILO Governing Body to meet**

30 October 2020

The 340th Session of the ILO's Governing Body will be held from 2 – 13 November 2020. It will be the first to take place this year, and the first to be held as an essentially virtual event, with sessions involving GB members from all regions.

*Rights at work*

**[Fundamental rights at work can help build back better from COVID-19](#)**

28 October 2020

Core work-related rights and principles can play a vital role in recovery from the COVID-19 crisis and help build back a better, more equitable, world of work, according to a new ILO paper.

*Joint Op-Ed*

**[Universal social protection floors are a joint responsibility](#)**

26 October 2020

Building back better from the pandemic so that we have greater resilience against future crises' requires international solidarity and better social protection for all, that covers the poorest and most marginalized as well as those who currently have resources to pay.

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

**[ICAO leaders address North, Central American and Caribbean health, transport, and tourism ministers](#)**

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**IMO** International Maritime Organization [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest Press Briefings*

*No new digest content identified.*

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

**[WMO and IATA agree to improve aircraft meteorological reporting](#)**

27 October 2020

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) and World Meteorological Organization have signed an agreement to increase and improve the automated reporting of meteorological data by commercial aircraft.

**UPU** Universal Postal Union [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

**[UPU's 27th Universal Postal Congress moved to August 2021](#)**

10/29/2020 —

The Universal Postal Union (UPU) has agreed to postpone its 27th Universal Postal Congress until August 2021 when it will be held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Organization for Standardization** (ISO) [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

*All Regions*

[\*\*International Tourism Down 70% as Travel Restrictions Impact All Regions\*\*](#)

27 Oct 2020

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Announcements*

[\*\*28.10.2020 Renewable Energy Promotion Grants in Developing Countries from the Government of Switzerland\*\*](#)

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**USAID** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements*

[\*\*Acting Administrator Barsa's Letter to the UN Secretary General\*\*](#)

October 30, 2020

As the United Nations (UN) focuses on celebrating its legacy over the last 75 years, including as a champion of women for more than a quarter century, I write to reiterate the U.S. Government's call for "the [UN to] promote and fulfill an agenda that encourages meaningful contributions for women and their communities, and that has a positive and lasting impact for generations to come." I also want

once again to raise concerns with the disconcerting trend that the UN supports and champions abortion, especially under the guise of the term "sexual and reproductive health."

### **United States Announces an Additional \$60 Million in Humanitarian Assistance for the People of Sudan**

October 30, 2020

Today, the United States, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), announced an additional \$60 million in humanitarian assistance to respond to severe flooding in the Republic of Sudan.

### **United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance in Response to Flooding in Vietnam**

October 30, 2020

Today, while in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo announced the United States is providing an additional \$2 million in humanitarian assistance to respond to Typhoon Molave and the ongoing severe flooding that has affected Central Vietnam since early October. This amount brings the total humanitarian assistance from the U.S. Government for people touched by the floods to \$2.1 million.

### **International Religious Freedom Day**

October 27, 2020

Statement by Acting Administrator John Barsa

Today, we observe International Religious Freedom Day, a reminder that freedom of worship is a universal human right protected by the laws and Constitution of our Nation. Our work around the world has made it clear that countries that protect religious freedom tend to enjoy stronger economies, greater political stability, and more peaceful relations with their neighbors.

### **Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office** [nee DFID] [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases. Announcements*

### **Nagorno-Karabakh: UK to provide food and medicine to people affected by the conflict**

UK announces £1million funding to provide relief to those affected by Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

Updated: 31 October 2020

### **ECHO** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News*

### **EU provides €8.1 million in humanitarian aid for South and South-East Asia**

30/10/2020

The European Union is providing €8.1 million in humanitarian aid for the Philippines, Nepal, and countries in the South-East Asian region to support those affected by the coronavirus pandemic, natural hazards, and the consequences of man-made...

### **Nagorno Karabakh: additional €400,000 in emergency aid for civilians affected by the hostilities**

30/10/2020

The EU has allocated an additional €400,000 in humanitarian aid to cover the most urgent needs of civilians affected by the conflict in and around Nagorno Karabakh. With this emergency support to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red...

### **France to receive 2 million surgical gloves through EU Civil Protection Mechanism**

28/10/2020

A consignment of 2 million medical gloves, sent by Norway, will be making its way to France in the coming days, following a request for assistance made by France through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. The request came as the country is facing...

### **Coronavirus: additional ventilators dispatched to Czechia via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism**

26/10/2020

Following Thursday's announcement by President von der Leyen that the EU is sending 30 ventilators from the rescEU medical reserve, Austria and the Netherlands are now also answering Czechia's request for assistance through the EU Civil Protection...

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### **African Union** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

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

### **Commissioner Highlights Strategies for Empowering Women in African Energy Sector**

October 29, 2020

### **ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Secretariat News*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **European Commission** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest*

*Press release 30 October 2020*

### **Humanitarian Aid: EU provides €8.1 million for most vulnerable in South and South-East Asia**

The Commission is providing €8.1 million in humanitarian aid for the Philippines, Nepal, and countries in the South-East Asian region to support those affected by the coronavirus pandemic, natural disasters, and the consequences of man-made conflicts.

*Press release 28 October 2020*

### **Coronavirus resurgence: Commission steps up action to reinforce preparedness and response measures across the EU**

Today, the European Commission is launching an additional set of actions, to help limit the spread of the coronavirus, save lives and strengthen the internal market's resilience.

Press release 26 October 2020

**[The EU supports nutrition and social protection in Malawi with €39 million](#)**

As part of Team Europe's response to COVID-19 in Malawi, the European Union has allocated €39 million to mitigate the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**OECD** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

News

*No new digest content identified.*

**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

Press Releases

*No new digest content identified.*

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

**[Disparaging Prophet Muhammad not "free expression", ECHR rules, OIC recalls](#)**

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) continues to follow up the repercussions of the abusive cartoons of Prophet Muhammad, *salla allahu alayhi wa-sallam* (SAWS) (peace be upon him) and strongly condemns such an unjustified provocation of Muslim feelings under the pretext of freedom of expression....

29/10/2020

**[OIC Welcomes the Support for Holding a Peace Conference on Two States Solution during the UN Security Council Session](#)**

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), has welcomed the positive international position, that supported Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's call to hold an international peace conference, in cooperation with the International Quartet, with participation of all concerned parties, to achieve the vision of the two-state solution in accordance with international law, United Nations resolutions and the agreed upon references, leading to an end to the Israeli occupation, and the achievement of The two-state solution based on the June 4, 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as the capital of Palestine. ...

28/10/2020

**Group of 77** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Ms. Megayla Austin, Minister Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana to the United Nations, on agenda item 141: Proposed programme budget for 2021: Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its 2020 Session, at the main part of the Fifth Committee during the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly \(New York, 26 October 2020\)](#)

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**UNCTAD** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<https://unctad.org/media-centre>

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Customs Organization – WCO** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News – Selected Items*

29 October 2020

**[Operation DEMETER VI thwarts transboundary shipments of illegal waste and ozone depleting substances](#)**

**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*WTO News and Events*

**[Members indicate strong preference for Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala as DG but US objects](#)**

28 October 2020

General Council Chair David Walker of New Zealand and his two co-facilitators in the selection process to choose the WTO's next Director-General told the organization's members on 28 October that based on their consultations with all delegations the candidate best poised to attain consensus and become the 7th Director-General was Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala of Nigeria.

**[DDG Wolff urges start of "serious discussion" on WTO reforms](#)**

30 October 2020

WTO members should begin a serious discussion on reform of the WTO, Deputy Director-General Alan Wolff said on 30 October. Declaring that "continued drift is unacceptable," DDG Wolff told a virtual Chatham House discussion on global trade reform that confidence in the WTO would be restored by early successes such as a package of responses to the current health and economic crises brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as agreements in the ongoing negotiations on fisheries subsidies and electronic commerce. His remarks are below.

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**IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Press releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Court of Justice** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

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

*News*

**[Statement by the ICC Prosecutor on the pre-election violence and mounting intercommunity tensions: “The violence seen in Côte d’Ivoire during the first pre- and post-election crisis of 2010 must not be repeated.”](#)**

Statement 27 October 2020

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**World Bank** [to 31 Oct 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]*

**[Population-Level, National Testing Strategies for Covid-19: Latin America and the Caribbean](#)**

As of late October 2020, Latin America remained the epicenter of the Covid-19 pandemic: there had been close to 11 million cases of infections in the region and close to 400,000 deaths, roughly 25% of...

Date: October 28, 2020 Type: Brief

**IMF** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News, Announcements*

October 30, 2020

**[IMF Executive Board Extends Immediate Debt Service Relief for Another Six Months](#)**

October 29, 2020

**[How COVID-19 Will Increase Inequality in Emerging Markets and Developing Economies – IMF Blog](#)**

October 27, 2020

**[Seven Things to Know About Fiscal Challenges in the Middle East and Central Asia](#)**

**African Development Bank Group** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

**[African Development Bank Group approves \\$440,000 emergency relief assistance for flood victims in South Sudan and Sudan](#)**

31-Oct-2020 - The African Development Bank Group has approved an emergency assistance relief package of \$440,000 to fund ongoing humanitarian and emergency relief efforts in areas recently hit by floods in South Sudan and Sudan. The package, from the Bank’s Special Relief Fund, will be split nearly equally between the two countries and will be used to purchase food items and water, and to

cover the implementation costs to be incurred by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

### **[African Development Bank, partners, announce new Women in Ethics and Compliance in Africa initiative](#)**

26-Oct-2020 - The Women in Ethics and Compliance in Africa network, (WECA), a new initiative creating a membership group for women executives and management leading the fight against corruption and non-compliance in business, made its debut at an online webinar co-hosted by the Bank on October 22. Its organisers, leaders from the African Development Bank, the Coalition for Ethical Operations (CEO) and the United Nations Global Compact, announced the formation of the unique support organization for female leaders and executives working to curb unethical...

### **Asian Development Bank** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]*  
*No new digest content identified.*

### **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 31 Oct 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 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Islamic Development Bank** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

### **[IsDB Develops the Assessment Framework for National Ecosystems for South-South and Triangular Cooperation](#)**

26 October 2020

### **[IsDB Group Issues Preliminary Report Highlighting Actions to Address Covid-19 Crisis](#)**

26 October 2020

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

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

**Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

*Communiqués de presse*

*France*

**Action contre la Faim renforce son action en faveur des plus précaires avec le reconfinement**

Posté le 30 octobre 2020

En Ile-de-France et à Marseille, Action contre la Faim va venir en aide à plus de 10 000 personnes dans les prochains jours

**Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA)** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*PRESS RELEASES*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Amref Health Africa** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<https://aravind.org/>

*Aravind News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Blue Shield International** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<https://theblueshield.org/category/bsi-news/>

*BSI News*

28 Oct 2020

**BSI signs MoU with UNIFIL Deployment**

On Tuesday 27 October, 2020, Blue Shield International signed a Memorandum of Understanding with [UNIFIL](#) – The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

Blue Shield has been working with UNIFIL, the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) and the Directorate General of Antiquities (DGA) since 2013, including a major training course in 2019, and the development of an action plan to preserve heritage sites during conflict.

The MoU consolidates and formalises the work we have been doing with them: Areas of Cooperation are identified as:

- (i) Providing a platform for raising awareness on the importance of cultural property protection, exchange of experience, building capacity of the military through sensitization sessions and other support to enable continuous outreach and raising awareness;
- (ii) Conducting regular, and where possible, annual sensitization sessions on CPP for UNIFIL personnel and its national military and civil partners, where authorized...

**BRAC** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clubhouse International** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News/Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<https://drc.ngo/>

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ECPAT** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News from ECPAT*

**[ECPAT International's Annual Report July 2019 – June 2020](#)**

30 years of fighting child sexual exploitation

**Fountain House** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

**[Walter Wallace Did Not Need to Die - Statement Supporting Health-First Responses to Mental Health Emergencies from Fountain House and Clubhouse Partners](#)**

Posted on: October 30, 2020

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*All news*

**[HI 3D prints face shields for COVID-19 first responders in Uganda](#)**

PUBLISHED ON October 27th 2020

In Uganda, HI has adapted 3D printing technology used for physical rehabilitation to produce protective face visors for health professionals on the front line.

**Heifer International** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**HelpAge International** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**ICRC** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

**[Sudan: Food shortages widespread as communities face triple threat of clashes, climate shocks and COVID-19](#)**

Communities in Blue Nile, South Kordofan and Darfur survived years of war and now face a layered crisis in which sporadic violence, climate change, economic collapse, and COVID-19 are forcing more people to rely on humanitarian aid for their survival

30-10-2020 | *News release*

**[Nagorno-Karabakh conflict: ICRC strongly condemns latest surge in violence as civilian casualties mount](#)**

"Alongside thousands of civilians, the ICRC witnessed intense shelling in urban areas on both sides of the front line today, leading to death, destruction, injuries and desolation. This is unacceptable.

28-10-2020 | *News release*

**[Inaugural edition of the Asia-Pacific Journal of International Humanitarian Law](#)**

The Asia-Pacific is a complex and diverse international humanitarian law (IHL) landscape.

27-10-2020 | [Publication](#)

**[Nuclear ban: "Today is an historic day. We call on world leaders to act with courage and join the right side of history"](#)**

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement welcomes the coming into force of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

26-10-2020 | *News release*

**IFRC** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

*Azerbaijan*

**[Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society and IFRC mourn death of volunteer](#)**

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society and IFRC have today condemned the death of a Red Crescent volunteer who was providing humanitarian assistance in the town of Barda, Azerbaijan.

29 October 2020

*Vietnam*

### **Major typhoon devastates areas of central Viet Nam**

Kuala Lumpur/Hanoi/Geneva, 29 October 2020 – A major typhoon has devastated areas of central Vietnam, with dozens of people feared dead in tragic landslides in Quang Nam. There are 53 people buried and feared dead in two landslides caused by the storm ...

29 October 2020

*Vietnam*

### **Homes of 1 million people in ruin as major typhoon hits Viet Nam**

Kuala Lumpur/Hanoi/Geneva, 28 October, 2020 – Catastrophic floods across central Vietnam have already ruined the homes of more than one million people as yet another major storm takes aim for the battered region. In excess of 310,000 homes have been da ...

28 October 2020

*Global*

### **Nuclear ban: "Today is an historic day. We call on world leaders to act with courage and join the right side of history"**

Geneva/New York, 24 October 2020 – The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement welcomes the coming into force of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). Fifty States have now ratified the Treaty, meaning that it will enter ...

24 October 2020

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

### **International Medical Corps (IMC)** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Update / Alert*

*Video*

### **Medical Surge during COVID-19 and Flu Season**

October 30, 2020

International Medical Corps and the Florida Association of Community Health Centers (FACHC) have partnered to deliver a two-part webinar series on pressing concerns for health centers as they approach both influenza season and vaccination campaign planning for COVID-19

*Video*

### **War & Grace WHO Panel: How to tell strong stories about nurses and midwives**

October 27, 2020

Watch a panel discussion featuring our award-winning short film about midwifery in South Sudan, "War & Grace," and a conversation between filmmaker Sonia Lowman, midwife [Grace Losio Tindilo](#) and Elizabeth Iro, Chief Nursing Officer at the World Health Organization.

### **IRC International Rescue Committee** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Media highlights [Selected]*

*Press Release*

**[The Trump Administration sets new all-time low number for refugee admissions at 15,000 for fiscal year 2021](#)**

October 28, 2020

*Press Release*

**[The International Rescue Committee warns against worrying rise of misinformation in crisis-affected states, imperiling fight against COVID-19](#)**

October 28, 2020

**IRCT** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<https://irct.org/>

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Islamic Relief Worldwide** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News, Blog*

*[website not responding at inquiry]*

**Landsea** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Medecins du Monde** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Mercy Corps** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News Releases & Alerts*

*No new digest content identified.*

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest [Selected Announcements]*

*Italy*

**["The survivors share the memory of the big wave that threw them into the...](#)**

Voices from the Field 29 Oct 2020

*Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic*

**[MSF responds as COVID-19 arrives in Jordan's largest refugee camp](#)**

Project Update 28 Oct 2020

*Colombia*

**[MSF responds to a resurgence of violence in Norte de Santander and ...](#)**

Project Update 28 Oct 2020

*Mali*

**[Prevention is better than cure – vaccinating against measles in Timbuktu](#)**

Project Update 27 Oct 2020

*Syria*

**[Dozens of people treated following an airstrike in Idlib](#)**

Project Update 26 Oct 2020

*Greece*

**[Negligent and dangerous COVID-19 response in Vathy camp, Samos](#)**

Project Update 26 Oct 2020

**Operation Smile** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

**[Program Schedule](#)**

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

**OXFAM** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected News/Announcements*

**[Western Sahara: Oxfam's reaction to MINURSO renewal](#)**

27 October 2020

In reaction to the UN Security Council's renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) today, Oxfam welcomed the decision but warned of the continued suffering of over 170,000 Sahrawi refugees in Algeria as the conflict marks its 45th year this October.

**Norwegian Refugee Council** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest news*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Pact** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News*

October 28, 2020

## **What's behind all of the data that Pact collects about its programs? Learning and accountability.**

Ultimately, all of Pact's work is aimed at sustainably improving lives in the communities where we work. So much goes into that service: We work to bolster...

**Partners In Health** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

### **Amid COVID-19, Delivering Mental Health Care To Thousands In Peru**

Since the Spring, PIH has responded to COVID-19 in Peru with mental health services for patients, families and communities, including innovative mobile apps that have helped nearly 5,000 Peruvians access mental health care.

October 28, 2020

**PATH** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Release*

### **South American countries meet to discuss rollout of new innovations for malaria elimination**

October 30, 2020

Experts and policymakers met to review research and plan for the pilot introduction of a new treatment protocol for *P. vivax* malaria in the Americas, against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic.

...“The new tools open a new horizon to eliminate malaria in Brazil, Peru, and Colombia. The feasibility study will be conducted to inform if health services can implement the new treatment scheme. If the results are as expected then we will be able to expand radical cure through these new tools,” said Alejandro Llanos-Cuentas, professor at Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia.

Brazil, Colombia, and Peru have embraced PAHO's malaria elimination goals but face the challenges of advancing malaria control among hard-to-reach populations in the Amazon and other territories with limited coverage of services. In light of these challenges, there is a desire to explore new tools that may help to increase treatment effectiveness.

As of October 2020, tafenoquine has been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration; Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration; the Thai Food and Drug Administration; and the Brazilian Regulatory agency (ANVISA). The SD Biosensor STANDARD™ G6PD Test has already been approved in Brazil...

*Press Release*

### **PATH and Wondfo partner to develop a point-of-care rapid diagnostic test for G6PD deficiency**

Point-of-care diagnostics for G6PD deficiency, a common hereditary condition, play a critical role in supporting the appropriate treatment of *Plasmodium vivax* malaria

**Plan International/BORNEfonden** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Save The Children** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

29 October 2020 - *occupied Palestinian territory*

**["Treated like animals": Palestinian children face inhumane treatment in Israeli-run prisons](#)**

28 October 2020 - *Yemen*

**[Severe food crisis could be death sentence for Yemeni children](#)**

27 October 2020 - *United Kingdom*

**[STATEMENT ON CHILD DEATHS FOLLOWING MIGRANT BOAT SINKING IN ENGLISH CHANNEL](#)**

27 October 2020 - *Afghanistan*

**[Alarmed and appalled: Civilian casualty data in Afghanistan highlight conflict's brutal toll on children](#)**

**SOS-Kinderdorf International** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*All News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Tostan** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<http://www.tostan.org>

*News/Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Women for Women International** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Blogs & Updates*

October 30, 2020

**[Good Women's Leadership Opens Doors for More Women](#)**

Article

**World Vision** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<http://wvi.org/>

*Newsroom*

**[Venezuelan children raise their voices and challenges to the United Nations](#)**

October 30th 2020

:: 20 percent of migrant children travel unaccompanied as one in four are separated from their parents<sup>1</sup>

:: Report reveals an increase in child marriages during the economic crisis, strained by the COVID.19 pandemic.<sup>2</sup>

## **VisionFund International appoints new President & Chief Executive Officer**

October 28th 2020

## **Response to allegations raised by the Thomson Reuters Foundation**

October 27th 2020

We were shocked by the Thomson Reuters Foundation investigation into sexual abuse in the Democratic Republic of Congo at the end of September. One month on, our internationally-led investigation continues on the ground, with several persons of interest removed from positions in which they might hamper the work of the professional team of investigators...

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## **Electronic Frontiers Foundation**

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

*No new digest content identified.*

## **Freedom House** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

*Latest Updates*

## **United States: Media Agency Removes Editorial Protection for Journalists at Publicly Funded Broadcasters**

*Press release*

October 28, 2020

## **United States: Freedom House Calls on Politicians and Journalists to Protect the Electoral Process**

*Press release*

October 28, 2020

## **Why is the Russian Orthodox Church Supporting Belarus's Embattled Leader?**

*Perspectives*

October 27, 2020

## **Human Rights Watch** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

October 29, 2020

## **Rights, Transparency Central for Covid-19 Vaccines**

Governments should maximize Covid-19 vaccine access and affordability for people worldwide, and those funding vaccines with public money should be transparent about the terms and conditions attached, Human Rights Watch said in a report released today. Governments should support India and South Africa's proposal to waive some aspects of global intellectual property (IP) rules to enable large-scale manufacturing and make vaccines affordable for all.

[Interview: Health, Not Wealth, Should Determine Access to a Covid-19 Vaccine](#)

[Watch the Video](#)

"Whoever Finds the Vaccine Must Share It"

October 30, 2020 *News Release*

[Armenia: Cluster Munitions Kill Civilians in Azerbaijan](#)

*Asia*

October 30, 2020 *News Release*

[India: Counterterrorism Raids Targeting Peaceful Critics](#)

October 30, 2020 *Q & A*

[Q&A: Protecting the Vote from Security Risks in the US 2020 Elections](#)

**Transparency International** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Press*

[Ukraine must immediately restore corruption prevention system](#)

Transparency International calls on the president and parliamentarians of Ukraine to immediately introduce and pass new legislation that will reinstate accountability for false declarations of assets...

29 October 2020

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

*News/ Statements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CONCORD** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

*Latest News and Events*

[What will it take to Leave No One Behind?](#)

Oct 29, 2020 | *Director's Blog*

CONCORD has just released its annual AidWatch report and the picture is pretty gloomy. Not only is aid, as a proportion of GNI, falling, but genuine aid is only at 0.4% of GNI.

[AidWatch 2020: Knock-on effects, an urgent call to Leave No One Behind](#)

Oct 28, 2020 |

2020 marks the first year since 1998 that the global rate of poverty has increased. The COVID-19 pandemic has much to do with that, but it doesn't help that the EU and its Member States are further off-track than ever in meeting their aid targets.

**The Elders** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements*

*News*

### *Videos*

#### **[Why is women's equal participation crucial in peace processes?](#)**

30 Oct 2020

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Graça Machel and Lakhdar Brahimi reflect on how and why women's involvement in conflict mediation is vital for stable and inclusive peace-building.

*Conflict*

### *Guest Blog*

#### **[Peacebuilding is at the heart of resolving our personal, institutional and societal grievances](#)**

27 Oct 2020

In a guest blog for The Elders, Yasmine Ourhrane discusses her experiences as a peace mediator highlights the obstacles young women face both from the diaspora and in the MENA region

*Conflict*

### *News*

#### **[Women in Mediation in the Arab World: Increasing the Chances of Peace](#)**

26 Oct 2020

A policy note by The Elders based on a conference held in October 2020, co-hosted with Wilton Park

*Conflict*

### *Speech*

#### **[Build back better by building back equally](#)**

26 Oct 2020

Hina Jilani calls on leaders to move from commitment to action on justice for women and girls.

*Access to Justice*

### **Evidence Aid** [to 31 Oct 2020]

*Evidence Aid aims to save lives and livelihoods in disasters by providing decision-makers with the best available evidence and by championing its use.*

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

*New Resources*

**[Children and COVID-19 \(multiple reviews\) Added October 29, 2020](#)**

**[Diagnostic tests for COVID-19 \(research up to 9 April 2020\) Added October 28, 2020](#)**

**[Treatment possibilities for COVID-19 \(research up to 11 May 2020\) Added October 28, 2020](#)**  
**[read more](#)**

**[Hypertension and COVID-19 \(multiple reviews\) Added October 26, 2020](#)**

### **Gavi** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News releases*

30 October 2020

**[COVAX welcomes appointment of civil society representatives](#)**

*[See Milestones above for detail]*

28 October 2020

**[Gavi signs statement of intent to procure 200 million doses of Sanofi-GSK COVID-19 vaccine candidate for the COVAX Facility](#)**

Geneva, 28 October 2020 – Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance announced today that it had signed a Statement of Intent with Sanofi and GSK to provide 200 million doses of the companies' adjuvanted recombinant protein COVID-19 vaccine to the COVAX Facility. The non-binding statement is a critical step toward making sure doses of the vaccine, if approved and licensed, will be made available to all countries and economies participating in the COVAX Facility.

"The signing of this statement of intent is an important step forward in our partnership, and I welcome Sanofi and GSK's commitment to the COVAX goal of equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines," said Seth Berkley, CEO of Gavi. "Gavi is seeking to secure doses of the most promising vaccine candidates – so that the 184 participants involved in the COVAX Facility can make sure their most at-risk groups, such as healthcare workers, have rapid access to doses of a safe and effective vaccine. That is the world's best chance to end the acute stage of this pandemic, and we encourage other vaccine manufacturers to work with us towards that shared global goal."...

27 October 2020

**[Myanmar introduces cervical cancer vaccine nationally, despite COVID-19 challenges](#)**

:: Around 450,000 girls aged 9-101 will receive the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, which protects against the leading cause of cervical cancer

:: Myanmar currently has the second-highest incidence of cervical cancer in Southeast Asia

:: The vaccine will be rolled out with stringent COVID-19 safety measures in place, including physical distancing and catch-up immunisations for the 73 "stay-at-home townships" currently under tighter restrictions

**Getty Conservation Institute** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Global Fund** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News/Updates*

**[Strategy Development Open Consultation: First Round of Input](#)**

30 October 2020

Approximately 250 individuals and groups have contributed to the first round of input into the Open Consultation on the development of the next Global Fund Strategy, a multiyear road map for our partnership's future. Input is synthesized in a new presentation:

Strategy Development Open Consultation Synthesis of First Round of Input  
download in [Français](#) | [English](#)

This synthesis covers the responses contributed as of 1 September 2020, which comes from civil society, communities, technical experts, County Coordinating Mechanisms, multilateral partners, bilateral partners, implementers and a range of other stakeholders across regions globally...

**Hilton Prize Coalition** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

*Latest resources, events, content*

**Challenges and responses to SGBV in the context of COVID-19**

November 2, 2020 - 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Online

**THE FUTURE FOR CHILDREN: THE IMPACT OF COVID-19, MIGRATION AND CRISIS FOR VENEZUELAN GIRLS**

November 2, 2020 - 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Online

**Collective Efforts: How Humanitarian Organizations Ensure and Maintain Access to Deliver Aid and Protection Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

November 4, 2020 - 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Online

**InterAction** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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**3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Publications/Events/Blogs*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CHS Alliance** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

*Our Impact*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Development Initiatives** [to 31 Oct 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 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News/Blog/Events*

27 Oct 2020

**[Check out Evalmapper, ALNAP's new evaluation search tool](#)**

The sector's largest library of resources on humanitarian evaluation, learning and performance

**Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*LATEST PRESS RELEASES*

*No new digest content identified.*

**EHLRA/R2HC/HIF** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies** [nee CERAH] – [to 31 Oct 2020]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

*News/Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Groupe URD** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Publications, Events*

*News*

**[Strategy 2020-2025](#)**

27/10/2020

We have drawn up our new strategy for 2020-2025, based on a new definition of our role: “Given the nature of crises today and the upheavals to come, our aim is to help aid actors adopt new forms of solidarity to support local actors and strengthen the resilience of communities and their territories”. This is based on a consolidated theory of change, with three strategic areas for the development of the organisation: 1. Reinforcing our ability to bring about change; 2. Consolidating our methods; 3. Transforming our organisation. Watch the launch video or read an overview of the strategy.

**International Humanitarian Studies Association** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<https://ihsa.info/>

*Resources – Weekly Blog Posts Selections*

**[Increasing challenges for humanitarianism in the midst of multiple crises](#)**

Selection#30 (19th-25th October)

This week we remain focused on aid policy and practice, in particular humanitarian ethics, diplomacy, and negotiations. Changes in technology, new actors, and contexts (Covid-19, climate change, the rise

of authoritarian regimes, anti-migrant, and refugee policies in the West) all pose challenges to humanitarianism.

This week's blog posts also continue with learning about the effects of Covid responses: the dangers of neglecting the prevention of other diseases, of focussing on health rather than economy, and the fear that Covid has undermined democracy in many countries in the world.

On a more positive note, they also feature the rapid and effective response to contain the virus in many African countries.

**INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<https://phap.org/>

*Association news, events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Sphere** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Start Network** [to 31 Oct 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 31 Oct 2020*

*Latest Research*

*Campaigns & Elections*

[\*\*Flipping the script, swing states' rural, suburban, and white voters could power key Biden victories\*\*](#)

[William H. Frey](#)

Saturday, October 31, 2020

*Campaigns & Elections*

[\*\*It's not just Trump and Biden: State and local ballot measures could have a big impact on community recovery\*\*](#)

[Amy Liu and Reniya Dinkins](#)

Saturday, October 31, 2020

*China*

**[Beyond Huawei and TikTok: Untangling US concerns over Chinese tech companies and digital security](#)**

Robert D. Williams

Friday, October 30, 2020

*U.S. Politics & Government*

**[Twitter and the Federal Reserve](#)**

Peter Conti-Brown and Brian Feinstein

Thursday, October 29, 2020

*Defense & Security*

**[NATO's response to COVID-19: Lessons for resilience and readiness](#)**

Giovanna De Maio

October 2020

**Center for Global Development** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Publications, News and Events*

October 28, 2020

**[From Displacement to Development: How Colombia Can Transform Venezuelan Displacement into Shared Growth](#)**

This case study is part of the "Let Them Work" initiative by Refugees International (RI) and the Center for Global Development (CGD). It outlines the barriers Venezuelans face in Colombia to economic inclusion, the impacts of these barriers, and the steps that the Government of Colombia, international organizations, donors, and the private sector could take to overcome them.

Jimmy Graham , Martha Guerrero Ble , Daphne Panayotatos and Izza Leghtas

October 28, 2020

**[The Effect of COVID-19 on the Economic Inclusion of Venezuelans in Colombia](#)**

This policy paper, part of the "Let Them Work" initiative, outlines the impact of COVID-19 on Colombians and Venezuelans alike, exploring the barriers both face to accessing the labor market. It then identifies practical ways in which the Government of Colombia, donors, international organizations, and NGOs, can overcome these barriers.

Jimmy Graham and Martha Guerrero Ble

October 27, 2020

**[Official Development Assistance, Global Public Goods, and Implications for Climate Finance](#)**

Is research into a Covid-19 vaccine a suitable use of Official Development Assistance (ODA)? This note attempts to tease apart a discussion of "is this ODA" from "is this a global public good?" and then separate out again "is this ODA and/or a global public good?" from "is this an efficient way to spend money?"

Charles Kenny

October 27, 2020

## **Big Sisters**

We model household investments in young children when parents and older siblings share caregiving responsibilities and when investments by older siblings contribute to young children's human capital accumulation. Having an older sister rather than an older brother improves younger siblings' vocabulary and fine motor skills by more than 0.1 standard deviations.

Pamela Jakiela , Owen Ozier , Lia C.H. Fernald and Heather A. Knauer

**CSIS** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Reports*

*Report*

## **Sovereignty and the Evolution of Internet Ideology**

October 30, 2020 | James Andrew Lewis The "Balkanisation" of the internet phenomena shows states reclaiming their role as sovereigns in cyberspace and requires balancing disparate interests with global connectivity.

*Report*

## **Energy Transition Strategies: Ethiopia's Low-Carbon Development Pathway**

October 30, 2020 | Nikos Tsafos, Lachlan Carey Ethiopia is at the forefront of a new development paradigm. Where environmental goals were once perceived as limiting industrialization and growth, Ethiopia is proactively challenging this perception with innovative policy solutions and international collaboration.

*Report*

## **Practical Guide to Successful U.S.-India Higher Education Partnerships**

October 30, 2020 | Richard M. Rossow, Kriti Upadhyaya In this report, we detail some of the best practices in U.S.-India higher education partnerships that commonly emerged in our conversations with higher education leaders.

*Report*

## **U.S.-Russia Relations at a Crossroads**

October 29, 2020 | Cyrus Newlin, Heather A. Conley Washington and Moscow diverge on a growing list of challenges. But even in areas where the two remain far apart, deconfliction mechanisms should be complemented by diplomatic dialogue that clearly communicates assessments of regional dynamics and policy priorities, and...

*Report*

## **U.S. Military Forces in FY 2021: Army**

October 28, 2020 | Mark F. Cancian The Army plans for a slow expansion while continuing to take steps towards modernization for great power conflict. In the second white paper in his series on U.S. forces, CSIS's Mark Cancian analyzes the Army's plans and challenges for growth and modernization.

*Report*

## **Buttressing Institutional Integrity in an Election Year**

October 27, 2020 | Devi Nair, Melissa Dalton, Suzanne Spaulding How can the laws, policies, processes, historical precedents, and institutional norms guiding federal force roles be tested during a presidential election and transition?

*Report*

**[The Military Dynamics of the Middle East and North Africa](#)**

October 26, 2020 | [Anthony H. Cordesman](#) The military dynamics of the MENA region continue to evolve with the changing nature of security and security forces, writes CSIS's Burke Chair in Strategy.

*Report*

**[On the Rise: Europe's Competition Policy Challenges to Technology Companies](#)**

October 26, 2020 | [Kati Suominen](#) The United States and Europe have been engaged in ongoing debates regarding competition policy in the digital sphere. In this white paper, Kati Suominen reviews proposed changes to European legislation and implications for U.S. stakeholders.

*Report*

**[Sustainable Infrastructure in the Amazon](#)**

October 26, 2020 | [Romina Bandura](#), [Shannon McKeown](#) The socioeconomic insecurity, weak governance, and poor infrastructure planning that causes deforestation in the Amazon requires an integrated, multisector approach to sustainable development that balances environmental, security, and economic concerns in the region.

*Report*

**[Sustainable Infrastructure in the Amazon: Peru Country Case Study](#)**

October 26, 2020 | [Romina Bandura](#), [Owen Murphy](#)

Deforestation of the Peruvian Amazon results from vulnerabilities in rule of law, security, and governance that transcend a solely environmental lens. Addressing these factors requires embedding infrastructure development within a broader sustainable development plan.

*Report*

**[Sustainable Infrastructure in the Amazon: Colombia Country Case Study](#)**

October 26, 2020 | [Romina Bandura](#), [Sundar R. Ramanujam](#) Promoting sustainable infrastructure in the Colombian Amazon and preventing deforestation will require a whole-of-government approach that combines environmental preservation, economic development, and security.

*Report*

**[Sustainable Infrastructure in the Amazon: Brazil Country Case Study](#)**

October 26, 2020 | [Romina Bandura](#), [Shannon McKeown](#) The Brazilian Amazon faces multiple destabilizing threats, from illegal activities to climate change. To protect the region and its people, Brazil must look beyond large infrastructure projects and address the underlying governance and security challenges in the region.

**ODI** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases & Reports*

**[Improving youth livelihoods in the Ghana cocoa belt: an impact evaluation of the MASO programme](#)**

Working and discussion papers | October 2020 | Melanie Pinet, Vidhya Unnikrishnan, Lukasz Marc, Maya Atta-Mensah, Sophie Bridonneau, Ethel Seiwaa Boateng and Nathaniel Amoh Boateng

This impact evaluation assesses to what extent the Youth Forward MASO programme has improved economic outcomes for participants 12 months after training.

### **Mayors Dialogue on Growth and Solidarity: framing paper**

Briefing papers | October 2020 | Sarah Rosengaertner

A framing paper introducing the focus and aims of the Mayors Dialogue on Growth and Solidarity.

### **Implementing collective accountability to affected populations: ways forward in large-scale humanitarian crises**

Briefing papers | October 2020 | Kerrie Holloway and Oliver Lough

Recommendations for translating current commitments on collective accountability to affected populations into more effective practice.

**Rand** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<https://www.rand.org/pubs.html>

*Selected Research Reports*

*Report*

### **COVID-19 and the Experiences of Populations at Greater Risk: Description and Top-Line Summary Data — Wave 1, Summer 2020**

This report presents the results of the first of four surveys on how Americans' health views and values have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, with a focus on populations deemed vulnerable or underserved.

Oct 29, 2020

Katherine Grace Carman, Anita Chandra, Delia Bugliari, Christopher Nelson, Carolyn

*Report*

### **The Internet of Bodies: Opportunities, Risks, and Governance**

"Smart" devices are increasingly being used to monitor the human body. The authors examine these technologies; explore benefits, risks, and ethical implications; survey the regulatory landscape; and make recommendations to balance risks and rewards.

Oct 29, 2020

Mary Lee, Benjamin Boudreaux, Ritika Chaturvedi, Sasha Romanosky, Bryce Downing

*Report*

### **COVID-19 and the cost of vaccine nationalism**

This report examines the global economic implications of COVID-19 vaccine nationalism and the associated inequitable access to vaccines across countries.

Oct 28, 2020

Marco Hafner, Erez Yerushalmi, Clement Fays, Eliane Dufresne, Christian Van Stolk

**RoRI [Research on Research Institute]** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

*We're an open and independent new initiative providing data, analysis and intelligence on how to make research systems more strategic, open, diverse and inclusive.*

*RoRI News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Urban Institute** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Publications*

### **[Using Centralized Lotteries to Measure Preschool Impact](#)**

A growing number of US cities are organizing common application systems for families seeking free public preschool for their children, and many use the deferred acceptance (DA) algorithm to assign students to schools that receive more applications than they have seats. In this report, we examine the steps taken to use a common application system and centralized lottery within the District of Columbia's public

[Tomas Monarrez](#), [Erica Greenberg](#), [Grace Luetmer](#), [Carina Chien](#)

October 30, 2020

Research Report

### **[Alternatives to Arrests and Police Responses to Homelessness](#)**

In response to unsheltered homelessness, communities often turn to punitive responses: issuing ordinances that criminalize homelessness, clearing homeless encampments, and arresting people. This results in people becoming trapped in a cycle of homelessness and jail. The solution to this cycle is Housing First, an evidence-based strategy that has been proven to help people stay in housing and improve their

[Samantha Batko](#), [Sarah Gillespie](#), [Katrina Ballard](#), [Mary K. Cunningham](#)

October 30, 2020

Research Report

### **[A New Agenda for Community Development Finance](#)**

In this brief, we identify seven big ideas to address these concerns that together constitute our "New Agenda for Community Development Finance." These are (1) an expansion of the Community Reinvestment Act to cover insurance companies, pension funds, investment firms, and other financial institutions; (2) a new federal corporate standard to promote investment in local communities; (3) time-limited disbursement

[Brett Theodos](#), [Tim Ferguson](#), [Robin Hacke](#), [Lisa Mensah](#), [Brady Meixell](#)

October 30, 2020

Brief

### **[State Preemption of Local Paid Sick Days Ordinances](#)**

The need for paid sick leave has gained attention during the COVID-19 pandemic. Paid sick leave is a policy tool to reduce the spread of the virus—by incentivizing sick workers to stay at home—and as an income support, especially for workers with low wages whose employers are less likely to provide this benefit. Before the pandemic, 11 states, the District of Columbia, and 23 cities or counties had paid sick

[H. Elizabeth Peters](#), [John Marotta](#), [Emily Bramhall](#)

October 29, 2020

Brief

### **[State and Local Voucher Protection Laws: Introducing a New Legal Dataset](#)**

The federal Housing Choice Voucher program is the nation's largest rental housing assistance program, helping more than 2 million households afford their housing every year. Renters with vouchers often

face discrimination from landlords, which can severely limit their housing options. Recognizing the prevalence and harms of discrimination against voucher holders, some state and local governments have adopted

[Solomon Greene](#), [Patrick Spauster](#), [Martha M. Galvez](#), [Daniel Teles](#)

October 29, 2020

Brief

### **[Maternal Telehealth Has Expanded Dramatically During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)**

The maternal mortality crisis in the United States is particularly acute for women of color. Black and indigenous women are two to three times more likely to experience worse maternal health outcomes than white women. Increasingly, structural racism has been recognized as a key driver of maternal health disparities and inequities. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, health systems, including perinatal services

[Ian Hill](#), [Emily Burroughs](#)

October 28, 2020

Brief

### **[Maternity Care Financing: Challenges and Opportunities Highlighted by the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)**

The maternal mortality crisis in the United States is particularly acute for women of color. Black and indigenous women are two to three times more likely to experience worse maternal health outcomes than white women. Increasingly, structural racism, including in how maternity care is delivered and financed, has been recognized as a key driver of maternal health disparities. For this brief, part of a larger

[Eva H. Allen](#), [Sarah Benatar](#)

October 28, 2020

Brief

### **[Upward Mobility through a Universal College and Career Asset-Building Platform](#)**

This report provides an overview of and learning agenda for the Save for College Program, a New York City scholarship and savings platform that incorporates family, school, neighborhood, and systems-level components. The report describes the program's design and approach, as well as its context and implementation to date. It also discusses metrics and research approaches designed to track the program's effects

[Mark Treskon](#), [Mychal Cohen](#), [Jorge González](#), [Christopher R. Hayes](#), [Barbara Butrica](#), [Kristin Blagg](#)

October 28, 2020

Research Report

### **[The Future of Public Housing: Public Housing Redevelopment](#)**

Over the past three decades, policymakers have implemented two major redevelopment initiatives—HOPE VI and Choice Neighborhoods—to address poor conditions in the aging public housing stock. Despite largely improving the quality of public housing units, HOPE VI has a mixed track record: research shows that few original residents returned to new and refurbished developments and that thousands of deeply subsidized

[Mica O'Brien](#), [Susan J. Popkin](#)

October 27, 2020

Fact Sheet

### **[Partnering with Businesses for Local Shared Prosperity](#)**

Widening economic inequality and racial disparities across American cities prevent many marginalized people from benefitting from and contributing to economic growth. At the same time, growing evidence suggests that economic inclusion is critical for boosting economic competitiveness, generating faster growth, and supporting economic resiliency. In recognition of the relationship between strong and sustained

[Matthew Eldridge](#), [Emily Bramhall](#), [Aaron Shroyer](#), [Marcela Montes](#)

October 27, 2020

Brief

### **[Food Insecurity Edged Back up after COVID-19 Relief Expired](#)**

Although food insecurity improved early in the pandemic between late March/early April and mid-to-late May, after the release of stimulus checks and supplements to unemployment benefits, food hardship levels edged back up the month after COVID-19 relief expired. In this brief, we use data from the most recent wave of the Urban Institute's Coronavirus Tracking Survey, fielded September 11–28, 2020, to compare

[Elaine Waxman](#), [Poonam Gupta](#), [Dulce Gonzalez](#)

October 27, 2020

Brief

### **[Land Use Reforms for Housing Supply](#)**

Restrictive land-use regulations can suppress housing production and perpetuate patterns of racial and economic residential segregation. This report provides insights into the factors that go into first passing and then implementing land use reforms to increase housing production and advance equity through two case studies. The first examines the process of allowing accessory dwelling units (ADUs)—or smaller,

[Lydia Lo](#), [Eleanor Noble](#), [Diane K. Levy](#), [Rolf Pendall](#)

October 27, 2020

Research Report

### **[Uneven Recovery Leaves Many Hispanic, Black, and Low-Income Adults Struggling](#)**

In this brief, we assess how adults and their families were faring six months into the COVID-19 pandemic. Using data from a nationally representative survey of nonelderly adults, we find that one in four adults reported that their family's financial situation was worse in September 2020 than it was at the beginning of March 2020, before the pandemic caused a sharp economic recession. However, the

[Michael Karpman](#), [Stephen Zuckerman](#), [Genevieve M. Kenney](#)

October 27, 2020

Brief

### **[Housing Finance At A Glance: A Monthly Chartbook, October 2020](#)**

The October 2020 edition of At A Glance, the Housing Finance Policy Center's reference guide for mortgage and housing market data, includes updated figures describing nonbank origination shares, housing credit availability, GSE risk-sharing transactions, and originator profitability. Housing Finance at a Glance: Monthly Chartbooks Archive

[Laurie Goodman](#), [Alanna McCargo](#), [Jim Parrott](#), [Jun Zhu](#), [Sheryl Pardo](#), [Karan Kaul](#), [Michael Neal](#), [Jung Hyun Choi](#), [Linna Zhu](#), [Sarah Stochak](#), [John Walsh](#), [Caitlin Young](#), [Daniel Pang](#), [Alison Rincon](#), [Gideon Berger](#)

October 27, 2020

Research Report

### **[Protecting Housing Choice Voucher Holders from Discrimination: Lessons from Oregon and Texas](#)**

In this brief, the researchers examine the role of states in preventing discrimination against renters who participate in the federal Housing Choice Voucher program. The researchers focus on two states—Oregon and Texas—that over the past decade took differing approaches to protections for voucher holders. In 2013, Oregon passed a law that prohibits discrimination against voucher holders statewide; two years

[Martha M. Galvez](#), [Solomon Greene](#), [Alyse D. Oneto](#), [Patrick Spauster](#)

October 27, 2020

Brief

### **[Redistribution of Federal Funding Across States Due to the Financing of Medicaid and CHIP](#)**

A new analysis of federal government spending by the Urban Institute, with funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, finds that Medicaid and CHIP largely transfers funding from higher-income states to lower-income states. This redistribution mostly occurs because of the higher Medicaid/CHIP federal matching rates low-income states receive, but it also owes to the smaller tax contributions such states make

[John Holahan](#), [Jennifer M. Haley](#)

October 26, 2020

Brief

### **[Supporting Literacy and Numeracy Skills Among Out-of-School Youth](#)**

Many young people in the United States do not have the literacy and numeracy skills required to succeed in postsecondary education and training or to find gainful employment. This report presents findings from an exploratory study of strategies, approaches, and practices to support building the literacy and numeracy skills of out-of-school youth, based on a review of the literature and interviews with staff from

[Theresa Anderson](#), [Lauren Eyster](#), [Semhar Gebrekristos](#), [Ian Hecker](#)

October 26, 2020

Brief

**The Wistar Institute** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

Oct. 29, 2020

### **[Wistar Creates a New Synthetic DNA Vaccine Against Powassan Virus](#)**

Vaccine protects animals against tick-borne Powassan virus, an emerging infectious disease.

**World Economic Forum** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Media*

### **[World Economic Forum Jobs Reset Summit: Post-Pandemic Growth Needs New Skills for New Jobs that Are Open to All](#)**

News 27 Oct 2020

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### **:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch**

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

#### **Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **Blue Meridian Partners** [to 31 Oct 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 31 Oct 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **Clinton Foundation** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **Co Impact** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Ford Foundation** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*The Latest*

*No new digest content identified.*

**J. Paul Getty Trust** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News*

**[Elizabeth Escamilla to lead Getty Museum Education and Public Programs](#)**

*Press Release* October 29, 2020

LOS ANGELES – The J. Paul Getty Museum has appointed Elizabeth Escamilla to the position of Assistant Director for Education and Public Programming.

Ms. Escamilla will lead a department of 42 professionals that provides free visits to more than 150,000 K-12 Title I school students a year, makes available free online resources to teachers and families, oversees the Museum's robust docent program, and provides dynamic public programming online and in person that engages diverse local and international audiences in the visual arts...

**GHIT Fund** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*GHIT was set up in 2012 with the aim of developing new tools to tackle infectious diseases that No new digest content identified.*

**Grameen Foundation** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest Updates*

**[Restoring waters and building momentum: Four years of the Open Rivers Fund](#)**

*Environment*

By Kevin Sweeney October 29, 2020

... The Open Rivers Fund, together with several Hewlett grantees, supports local community efforts to remove obsolete dams and other river obstructions, modernize water infrastructure, and restore rivers to benefit local economies, cultures, and fish and wildlife habitats across the American West....

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Release*

## **[Atiqua Hashem Joins the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation as Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary](#)**

October 27, 2020

... Hashem will serve as an officer of the Hilton Foundation and join its executive leadership team. Hashem, who has 20 years of experience practicing law, was the general counsel and director of legal services for ChildFund International, USA where she established the legal function and led the in-house legal department...

**IKEA Foundation** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Stories*

### **[Helping financial institutions make climate-positive decisions](#)**

Climate change threatens every aspect of our society, including the financial sector. That is why financial institutions need to devote more attention to understanding not only the impact of climate...

October 28, 2020

### **[New podcast season re-imagines a better post-COVID-19 world](#)**

Strange times demand interesting new ways of communicating on issues that matter to all of us. We're living in a time where we have many questions on how we will...

October 26, 2020

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Kaiser Family Foundation** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

October 30, 2020 *News Release*

### **[Updated Subsidy Calculator and 300+ FAQs Help Consumers Understand the ACA Marketplaces as Open Enrollment Begins](#)**

Ahead of the annual Affordable Care Act (ACA) open enrollment period, the time during which consumers can shop for health plans or renew existing coverage, KFF has updated its Health Insurance Marketplace Calculator and its searchable collection of more than 300 Frequently Asked Questions about open enrollment, the health insurance marketplaces and...

October 27, 2020 *News Release*

### **[The COVID-19 Pandemic Has Taken a Higher Toll on Nursing Homes with Relatively High Shares of Black or Hispanic Residents](#)**

Nursing homes with a relatively high share of Black or Hispanic residents are more likely to have had a resident die of COVID-19 than homes with lower shares of such residents, finds a new KFF analysis. Nationwide, 63 percent of nursing homes with a relatively high share of Black residents...

**Kellogg Foundation** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

## *Selected Announcements*

### **Meeting the needs of our communities**

Oct. 29, 2020

In June 2020 the foundation announced its intent to dramatically increase support for nonprofit organizations by expanding payout. In its pledge, WKKF joined four other foundations also committing to increase payout to address critical needs of children, families and communities in the wake of the global pandemic, as well as urgent issues of racial injustice.

Today the W.K. Kellogg Foundation shares the grantmaking categories we intend to fund. Increased payout funds will continue to be aligned with our priorities – thriving children, working families, equitable communities – and our DNA (community engagement, leadership and racial equity) and will be categorized by:

:: Innovations in quality early childhood education, employment or economic equity and health equity

:: Philanthropic partnerships for community rebuilding and reimagining post COVID-19

:: Support people of color-serving institutions or leadership

:: Racial equity and racial healing, including narrative change

:: Policy advocacy and systems change

"This is a time that calls for bold leadership and innovation," said La June Montgomery Tabron, W.K. Kellogg Foundation President and CEO. "Post-pandemic, our grantees, communities and partner organizations will need to be strong to re-imagine and rebuild systems centered on racial equity. They have the leadership, knowledge and resolve to advance their communities; we want to be a catalytic partner in that process."

There is no special process for applying for these funds. Please visit our grant application for more details.

### **Aga Khan Foundation** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **MacArthur Foundation** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News, Events, What We're Learning*

#### **Examining Demographics, Changing Our Status Quo**

October 29, 2020 | Perspectives

John Palfrey, President

### **Revealing Bias in 'Unbiased' Algorithms**

October 28, 2020 | Grantee Stories | Technology in the Public Interest

Movement Alliance Project exposes bias in algorithmic decision making tools and advocates for limitations, oversight, and accountability on their use.

### **Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** [to 31 Oct 2020]

<https://mellon.org/>

*Mellon News, Press Releases*

*Grantee News*

**[Philly's Chronicling Resistance Curator Plans to Bring More Voices and Images into Libraries and Archives](#)**

October 26, 2020

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

**[Shift in measurement of patient-provider relationships leads to new Medicare payment model](#)**

October 27, 2020

... the Moore Foundation saw an opportunity to improve the quality of care in the community for high-need seriously ill patients. In 2016, the foundation's Patient Care Program embarked on an investigation into this space, and has since invested more than \$58 million to improve the experiences and outcomes of care for the high-need patient population...

**[Early funding transformed a scientific dream into reality](#)**

October 27, 2020

... In 2012, the foundation gave a series of grants to the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, a leader of the world-wide collaboration later dubbed the Event Horizon Telescope. The principal investigator of these grants was Sheperd "Shep" S. Doeleman who is a senior research fellow at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics and the director of the Event Horizon Telescope project. These grants supported building the equipment to record the signals from each radio telescope in the array and the people to construct an image from those signals. These grants made the billion-dollar investments in radio telescopes around the world much more effective for the quest to create the first-ever image of a black hole.

**[Peru's Natural Legacy – for everyone, and forever](#)**

October 27, 2020

... In May 2019, after five years of negotiation and collaboration, the "Patrimonio Natural del Peru" partnership formally announced that its funding goal of \$140 million had been met, securing the country's ability to expand and manage ...41.6 million acres of Peruvian Amazon...

**[Preservation of Coyote Ridge provides crucial land conservation near San Jose](#)**

October 27, 2020

... Preserving Coyote Ridge will maintain conservation values related to biodiversity and watershed integrity. This important deal will also ensure future opportunities for compatible recreation activities, adding another important and scenic element to the unique and special character of the San Francisco Bay Area.

**Open Society Foundations** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Press releases* October 30, 2020

**[Open Society Foundations Urge Turkey to End Legal Farce, Release Osman Kavala](#)**

After more than three years of unwarranted detention, it is time for Ankara to stop persecuting the respected businessman and philanthropist.

**David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases & Statements*

October 30, 2020

**[Pew: Lack of Progress on Antarctic Marine Protections a Cause for Concern](#)**

October 28, 2020

**[Pew Opposes Forest Service Decision to Eliminate Tongass National Forest Protections](#)**

*Opinion*

October 27, 2020

**[Keep Calm and Let the Election Officials Carry On](#)**

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

**[The Rockefeller Foundation Commits USD1 billion to Catalyze a Green Recovery from Pandemic](#)**

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*Driving public-private investment, transformative solutions, and a more inclusive, sustainable future*

*Launching next chapter for the 107-year old philanthropic institution*

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

**[Commentary: Paid leave and child care are fundamental to recovery](#)**

Fear of COVID-19 forces millions of workers to make the decision to "go to work sick so they can pay rent, buy food and afford child care, or prioritize their health and risk economic instability," says Erika L. Moritsugu, vice president for congressional relations and economic justice at the National Partnership for Women & Families and RWJF Vice President for Policy Avenel Joseph.

**Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 31 Oct 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 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

## **Wellcome Trust** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Opinion* | 29 October 2020

### **[A look inside the global partnership that's working to find and deliver Covid-19 treatments](#)**

Paul Schreier, Chief Operating Officer, Wellcome

Finding and delivering Covid-19 treatments worldwide requires global collaboration at an unprecedented scale. Paul Schreier describes how the ACT-Accelerator Therapeutics Partnership works and what it needs to achieve its mission.

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## **Candid** [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Room*

*No new digest content identified.*

## **Council on Foundations** [to 31 Oct 2020]

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

*Newsroom/Blog Posts*

*No new digest content identified.*

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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.*

### **AJOB Empirical Bioethics**

Volume 11, 2020 Issue 4

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uabr21/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **AMA Journal of Ethics**

Volume 22, Number 10: E831-905 October 2020

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/caring-native-americans>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Infection Control**

October 2020 Volume 48, Issue 10, p1133-1286

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Preventive Medicine**

October 2020 Volume 59, Issue 4, p469-620

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Public Health**

October 2020 110(S3) Supplement 3 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

Volume 103, Issue 4, October 2020

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/103/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Annals of Internal Medicine**

20 October 2020 Volume 173, Issue 8

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology**

Issue 377 - October 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal**

Volume 288 November 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/288/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

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

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

(Accessed 31 Oct 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMJ Global Health**

October 2020 - Volume 5 - 10

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/5/10>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **BMC Health Services Research**

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

(Accessed 31 Oct 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Infectious Diseases**

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

(Accessed 31 Oct 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Medical Ethics**

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

(Accessed 31 Oct 2020)

#### **[Ethics and the marketing authorization of pharmaceuticals: what happens to ethical issues discovered post-trial and pre-marketing authorization?](#)**

*In the EU, clinical assessors, rapporteurs and the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use are obliged to assess the ethical aspects of a clinical development program and include major ethical flaws in the marketing authorization deliberation processes. To this date, we know very little about the manner that these regulators put this obligation into action. In this paper, we intend to look into the*

*manner and the extent that ethical issues discovered during inspection have reached the deliberation processes.*

Authors: Rosemarie D. L. C. Bernabe, Ghislaine J. M. W. van Thiel, Nancy S. Breekveldt, Christine C. Gispen and Johannes J. M. van Delden

Content type: Research article

27 October 2020

### **BMC Medicine**

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

(Accessed 31 Oct 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

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

(Accessed 31 Oct 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Public Health**

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

(Accessed 31 Oct 2020)

#### **[Barriers and opportunities for cleanliness of shared sanitation facilities in low-income settlements in Kenya](#)**

*The sharing of sanitation facilities is a common practice in low-income areas in sub-Saharan Africa. However, shared sanitation is currently categorized as a limited sanitation service, and may therefore not c...*

Authors: Sheillah N. Simiyu, Raphael M. Kweyu, Prince Antwi-Agyei and Kwaku A. Adjei

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:1632

Content type: Research article

Published on: 31 October 2020

### **BMC Research Notes**

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

(Accessed 31 Oct 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMJ Open**

October 2020 - Volume 10 - 10

<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/10/10>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Bulletin of the World Health Organization**

Volume 98, Number 10, October 2020, 645-724

<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/98/10/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Child Care, Health and Development**

Volume 46, Issue 6 Pages: 651-750 November 2020

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal**

Volume 108 October 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/108/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Therapeutics**

September 2020 Volume 42 Issue 9 p1625-1846, e161-e208

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Trials**

Volume 17 Issue 5, October 2020

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/17/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Conflict and Health**

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

[Accessed 31 Oct 2020]

#### **[Improving mental health and psychosocial wellbeing in humanitarian settings: reflections on research funded through R2HC](#)**

Authors: Wietse A. Tol, Alastair Ager, Cecile Bizouerne, Richard Bryant, Rabih El Chammay, Robert Colebunders, Claudia García-Moreno, Syed Usman Hamdani, Leah E. James, Stefan C.J. Jansen, Marx R. Leku, Samuel Likindikoki, Catherine Panter-Brick, Michael Pluess, Courtland Robinson, Leontien Ruttenberg...

Content type: Research in practice

30 October 2020

#### **[Addressing obstacles to the inclusion of palliative care in humanitarian health projects: a qualitative study of humanitarian health professionals' and policy makers' perceptions](#)**

Authors: Matthew Hunt, Elysée Nouvet, Ani Chénier, Gautham Krishnaraj, Carrie Bernard, Kevin Bezanson, Sonya de Laat and Lisa Schwartz

Content type: Research

28 October 2020

### **Contemporary Clinical Trials**

Volume 96 September 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **The CRISPR Journal**

Volume 3, Issue 5 / October 2020

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/3/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Current Genetic Medicine Reports**

Volume 8, issue 3, September 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/8-3>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases**

October 2020 - Volume 33 - Issue 5

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Developing World Bioethics**

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Development in Practice**

Volume 30, Issue 6, 2020

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Development Policy Review**

Volume 38, Issue 6 Pages: 683-827 November 2020

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

*Open Access*

**[Do conditional cash transfers \(CCTs\) raise educational attainment? An impact evaluation of Juntos in Peru](#)**

[Anja Gaentzsch](#)

Pages: 747-765

First Published: 06 September 2019

**[The income diversification strategies of smallholders in the hills of Nepal](#)**

Govinda P. Sharma, Ram Pandit, Ben White, Maksym Polyakov

Pages: 804-825

First Published: 07 August 2019

**Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology**

Volume 15, Issue 7, 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness**

Volume 14 - Issue 2 - April 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Disasters**

Volume 44, Issue 4 Pages: 619-752 October 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**EMBO Reports**

Volume 21 Issue 10 5 October 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Volume 26, Number 10—October 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Epidemics**

Volume 32 September 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/32/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Epidemiology and Infection**

Volume 148 - 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Ethics & Human Research**

Volume 42, Issue 5 Pages: 1-40 September–October 2020

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Ethics & International Affairs**

Fall 2020 (34.3) October 2020

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2020/summer-2020-34-2/>

The editors of *Ethics & International Affairs* are pleased to present the Fall 2020 issue of the journal! This Special Issue of the journal features a collection of essays organized and guest edited by Margaret P. Karns on the **seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations**. The collection contains contributions from David Malone and Adam Day, Sophie Harman, Ellen J. Ravndal, Ramesh Thakur, Susanna P. Campbell, Devaki Jain, Bertrand Ramcharan, Maria Ivanova, and Margaret P. Karns, Kirsten Haack, and Jean-Pierre Murray. Additionally, the issue includes an article by Jack McDonald on information, privacy, and just war theory and an essay by Anthony F. Lang, Jr. on constructing universal values. It also contains a review essay by Sarah C. Goff on freedom and justice in trade governance, and book reviews by Michael Blake, Elizabeth Kahn, Jamie Mayerfeld, and John Williams.

### **[Human Rights in the Seventy-Fifth Year of the UN](#)**

Bertrand Ramcharan

Abstract

As part of the special issue on “The United Nations at Seventy-Five: Looking Back to Look Forward,” this essay looks at the UN's human rights efforts through the lens of the ethics of survival, normative ethics, the ethics of protection, institutional ethics, and the ethics of the human predicament in the face of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The essay finds that while the consecration of the right to life has made a contribution to the ethics of human survival, the overall impact of the human rights program has been marginal. Normative ethics shows the UN performing magisterially in drafting and adopting a body of international norms for the universal protection of human rights. However, when it comes to the ethics of protection, the UN performs poorly because of the numerous oppressive governments that control the world body. On the ethics of the human predicament, this essay finds that SDG 16, which is devoted to development, peace, justice, and strong institutions, has so far had little practical impact. Gross violations of human rights continue to take place in numerous parts of the world.

## **The European Journal of Public Health**

Volume 30, Issue 5, October 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/30/5>

Viewpoints

### **[The first 10 000 COVID-19 papers in perspective: are we publishing what we should be publishing?](#)**

[Anna Odone](#), [Sandro Galea](#), [David Stuckler](#), [Carlo Signorelli](#), the University Vita-Salute San Raffaele COVID-19 literature monitoring working group

European Journal of Public Health, Volume 30, Issue 5, October 2020, Pages 849–850,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckaa170>

### [In search of the relevant COVID research](#)

Peter Allebeck, Alma Sörberg Wallin

European Journal of Public Health, Volume 30, Issue 5, October 2020, Pages 850–851,  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckaa169>

### [COVID-19 and human rights—why should the public health community be concerned?](#)

David Patterson, Dineke Zeegers Paget

European Journal of Public Health, Volume 30, Issue 5, October 2020, Pages 852–853,  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckaa174>

### **Food Policy**

Volume 96, October 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/96/suppl/C>

#### ***Special Issue on Sustainable Food Systems for Healthy Diets in Europe and Central Asia;***

Guest Editors: Mirjana Gurinovic and Eleonora Dupouy

*Research article Full text access*

#### [\*\*Sustainable food systems for healthy diets in Europe and Central Asia: Introduction to the special issue\*\*](#)

Eleonora Dupouy, Mirjana Gurinovic

*Abstract*

This Special Issue highlights various good practices and food policy discussion in relation to the transformation of current food systems toward their social, environmental and economical sustainability. The papers describe policies, programmes and initiatives in developing and advanced economies of Europe and Central Asia that refer to the core elements of food systems, such as food supply, food environments, and consumers. The shared opinions, analyses, studies and approaches, experiences and insights contribute to a better understanding of regional specificities and support the efforts to guide the complex food systems' transformation for their improved capacity to deliver healthy diets.

### **Food Security**

Volume 12, issue 5, October 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/12-5>

#### ***Genebanks and Food Security in a Changing Agriculture***

#### [\*\*In this issue - October 2020\*\*](#)

Serge Savary

Plant breeding is vital to ensuring food security, locally to globally. No progress in plant breeding in producing varieties that are adapted locally would be possible without genetic resources. Public gene banks have been created to harbour, conserve, maintain, and distribute genes all over the world. Gene banks have the heavy task of ensuring that genetic diversity is preserved for the future, where climates will have changed, where nutritional needs will have evolved, and where agrosystems will have been transformed. Gene banks are also the repository of history, culture, and traditions, in the form of seeds and DNA. The welfare of public gene banks that can share genetic resources with anyone in need of plant material for breeding purposes is essential. In humanity's capability to adapt to the challenges of population growth, climate change, and nutritional needs, the role of public gene banks is paramount.

The October Issue of Food Security starts with a Special Section on Genebanks, co-edited by Conny Almekinders (Editorial Board of Food Security and WUR The Netherlands), Melinda Smale (Michigan State University, USA) and Nelissa Jamora (Global Crop Diversity Trust, Bonn, Germany). This Special Section starts with an Introductory article by Melinda Smale and Nelissa Jamora, titled Valuing genebanks.

A series of articles on the themes follows:

- :: an economic analysis of the value of gene banks (Douglas Gollin);
- :: an assessment of the impact of IRRI's gene bank on rice breeding in Eastern India (Donald Villanueva et al.);
- :: a study on gene flows and genetic diversity in relation with CIMMYT's gene bank (Vanessa Ocampo-Giraldo et al.);
- :: an example of CIP's potato gene bank on the development of new potato varieties in sub-Saharan Africa (Vivian Bernal-Galeano et al.);
- :: an assessment of CIAT's bean gene bank in the development of improved bean varieties in Rwanda (Stefania Sellitti);
- :: a study of the contribution of the World Agroforestry gene bank to agro-forest systems in Kenya (Kavengi Kitonga et al.);
- :: a study of the role played by gene banks in controlling taro leaf blight in the Pacific through host plant resistance (Sefra Alexandra);
- :: an illustration of the role of genetic diversity in expanding the size of the gene pool of wheat (Hafid Aberkane et al.); and
- :: an assessment of the meanings of gene banks in a European country (Czechoslovakia; Nik Tyack and Milan Ščasný).

### **Forced Migration Review (FMR)**

FMR 643 June 2020

<https://www.fmreview.org/issue64>

#### ***Climate crisis and local communities / Trafficking and smuggling / COVID-19: early reflections***

June 2020

FMR issue 64 includes two main feature themes, one on Climate crisis and local communities and one on Trafficking and smuggling, plus a 'mini-feature' on early reflections on COVID-19 in the context of displacement.

### **Forum for Development Studies**

Volume 47, 2020 - Issue 2

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

#### ***Issue Theme: Challenges in an era of new North-South divides. Research in the time of Covid-19***

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Gates Open Research**

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

[Accessed 31 Oct 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

**Genome Medicine**

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

[Accessed 31 Oct 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

**Geoheritage**

Volume 12, issue 4, December 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/volumes-and-issues/12-4>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

**Global Health Action**

Volume 12, 2019 Issue 1

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/12/sup1?nav=toCList>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)**

Vol. 8, No. 3 October 01, 2020

<http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Global Public Health**

Volume 15, 2020 Issue 11

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Globalization and Health**

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

[Accessed 31 Oct 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

**Health Affairs**

Vol. 39, No. 10 October 2020

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

***Children's Health***

**Health and Human Rights**

Volume 22, Issue 1, June 2020

<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-22-issue-1-june-2020/>

***Special Section: Mental Health and Human Rights***

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Health Economics, Policy and Law**

Volume 15 - Issue 4 - October 2020

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Health Policy and Planning**

Volume 35, Issue 8, October 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/35/8>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Health Research Policy and Systems**

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

[Accessed 31 Oct 2020]

#### **[Lessons learned from descriptions and evaluations of knowledge translation platforms supporting evidence-informed policy-making in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review](#)**

*Knowledge translation (KT) platforms are organisations, initiatives and networks that focus on supporting evidence-informed policy-making at least in part about the health-system arrangements that determine wh...*

Authors: Arun C. R. Partridge, Cristián Mansilla, Harkanwal Randhawa, John N. Lavis, Fadi El-Jardali and Nelson K. Sewankambo

Citation: Health Research Policy and Systems 2020 18:127

Content type: Research

Published on: 31 October 2020

### **Human Gene Therapy**

Volume 31, Issue 19-20 / October 2020

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/31/19-20>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **Human Rights Quarterly**

Volume 42, Number 3, August 2020

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/42690>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Humanitarian Exchange Magazine**

Number 78, October 2020

<https://odihpn.org/magazine/inclusion-of-persons-with-disabilities-in-humanitarian-action-what-now/>

#### **[Disability inclusion in humanitarian action](#)**

*by HPN October 2020*

The theme of this edition of Humanitarian Exchange, co-edited with Sherin Alsheikh Ahmed from Islamic Relief Worldwide, is disability inclusion in humanitarian action. Persons with disabilities are not only disproportionately impacted by conflicts, disasters and other emergencies, but also face barriers to accessing humanitarian assistance. At the same time, global commitments and standards and the IASC Guidelines on the inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action all emphasise how persons with disabilities are also active agents of change. Disability and age-focused organisations have led on testing and demonstrating how inclusion can be done better. Yet despite this progress, challenges to effective inclusion remain.

As Kirstin Lange notes in the lead article, chief among these challenges is humanitarian agencies' lack of engagement with organisations of persons with disabilities. Simone Bula, Elizabeth Morgan and Teresa Thomson look at disability inclusion in humanitarian response in the Pacific, and Kathy Al Jubeh and Alradi Abdalla argue for a 'participation revolution', building on learning from the gender movement. Tchaurea Fleury and Sulayman AbdulMumuni Ujah outline how the Bridge Article 11 training initiative is encouraging constructive exchange between humanitarian and disability actors. The lack of good, disaggregated data is highlighted by Sarah Collinson; Frances Hill, Jim Cranshaw and Carys Hughes emphasise the need for training resources in local languages and accessible formats; and Sophie Van Eetvelt and colleagues report on a review of the evidence on inclusion of people with disabilities and older people.

Rebecca Molyneux and co-authors analyse the findings of a review of a DFID programme in north-east Nigeria, while Carolin Funke highlights the importance of strategic partnerships between disability-focused organisations, drawing on her research in Cox's Bazar. Sherin Alsheikh Ahmed describes Islamic Relief Worldwide's approach to mainstreaming protection and inclusion, while Pauline Thivillier and Valentina Shafina outline IRC's Client Responsive Programming. The edition ends with reflections by Mirela Turcanu and Yves Ngunzi Kahashi on CAFOD's SADI approach.

### **Infectious Agents and Cancer**

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

[Accessed 31 Oct 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

### **Infectious Diseases of Poverty**

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

[Accessed 31 Oct 2020]

#### **[Moving from rhetoric to action: how Africa can use scientific evidence to halt the COVID-19 pandemic](#)**

*The ongoing pandemic of the coronavirus disease 2019 has spread rapidly to all countries of the world. Africa is particularly predisposed to an escalation of the pandemic and its negative impact given its weak economy and health systems. In addition, inadequate access to the social determinants of health such as water and sanitation and socio-cultural attributes may constrain the implementation of critical preventive measures such as hand washing and social distancing on the continent.*

Authors: Olushayo Oluseun Olu, Joy Luba Lomole Waya, Sylvester Maleghemi, John Rumunu, David Ameh and Joseph Francis Wamala

Content type: Commentary

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**International Health**

Volume 12, Issue 5, September 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/inthealth/issue/12/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

**International Human Rights Law Review**

Volume 9 (2020): Issue 1 (May 2020)

<https://brill.com/view/journals/hrlr/9/1/hrlr.9.issue-1.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

**The International Journal of Children's Rights**

Volume 28 (2020): Issue 3 (Aug 2020)

<https://brill.com/view/journals/chil/28/3/chil.28.issue-3.xml>

***Special Issue: Article 5 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child: Families, Guidance and Evolving Capacities***

[Reviewed earlier]

**International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health**

Vol 7, No 10 (2020) October 2020

<https://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/67>

[Reviewed earlier]

**International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction**

Volume 47 August 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/47/suppl/C>

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Volume 49, Issue 3, June 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue/49/3>

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Volume 26, Issue 11, 2020

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**International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare**

Volume 13 Issue 4 2020

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September 2020 Volume 98, p1-502  
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### **International Migration Review**

Volume 54 Issue 3, September 2020  
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### **Intervention – Journal of Mental Health and Psychological Support in Conflict Affected Areas**

January-June 2020 Volume 18 | Issue 1 Page Nos. 1-95  
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### **JAMA**

October 27, 2020, Vol 324, No. 16, Pages 1589-1690  
<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/currentissue>

#### ***Viewpoint September 10, 2020***

#### **[Fairly Prioritizing Groups for Access to COVID-19 Vaccines](#)**

Govind Persad, JD, PhD; Monica E. Peek, MD, MPH, MS; Ezekiel J. Emanuel, MD, PhD  
free access has active quiz has multimedia has audio

JAMA. 2020;324(16):1601-1602. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.18513

This Viewpoint proposes that ethical principles of preventing harm, helping disadvantaged populations, and achieving equal treatment should guide COVID-19 vaccine distribution, supporting initial allocation to health care workers, people in high-risk occupations and housing, and those with high-risk medical conditions.

### **JAMA Network**

#### **[COVID-19 Update October 31, 2020](#)**

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

### **JAMA Pediatrics**

October 2020, Vol 174, No. 10, Pages 919-1012  
<http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>  
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### **JBI Database of Systematic Review and Implementation Reports**

October 2020 - Volume 18 - Issue 10

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### **Journal of Adolescent Health**

October 2020 Volume 67, Issue 4, p461-622

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### **Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research**

Vol. 69 (2020)

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### **Journal of Community Health**

Volume 45, issue 5, October 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10900/volumes-and-issues/45-5>

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[Reviewed earlier]

### **Journal of Cultural Heritage**

Volume 45 Pages 1-392 (September–October 2020)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-cultural-heritage/vol/45/suppl/C>

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### **Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development**

2020 Volume 10 Issue 3

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### **Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics**

Volume 15 Issue 4, October 2020

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**Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health**

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**Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine**

Volume 13, Issue 3 Pages: 179-249 August 2020

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**Journal of Global Ethics**

Volume 16, Issue 2, 2020

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**Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (JHCPU)**

Volume 31, Number 3, August 2020

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/42831>

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**Journal of Human Trafficking**

Volume 6, Issue 4, 2020

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uhmt20/current>

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**Journal of Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Management**

Volume 10 Issue 3 2020

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Volume 22, issue 5, October 2020

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**Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies**

Volume 18, 2020\_ Issue 4

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**Journal of Infectious Diseases**

Volume 222, Issue 3, 1 August 2020  
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Volume 32, Issue 7 Pages: 1007-1228 October 2020  
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Volume 66, Issue 7-8 Pages: 751-1023 October-December 2020  
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***Special Issue: Innovation in Supply Networks***

EDITORIAL Free Access

**[Innovation in supply networks—A research framework and roadmap](#)**

Subodha Kumar, Sriram Narayanan, Fabrizio Salvador

Pages: 754-767

First Published: 23 October 2020

**Journal of Patient-Centered Research and Reviews**

Volume 7, Issue 4 (2020)  
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**Journal of Public Health Management & Practice**

September/October 2020 - Volume 26 - Issue 5

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**Journal of Public Health Policy**

Volume 41, Issue 3, September 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/41271/41/3>

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**Journal of Refugee & Global Health**

Volume 3, Issue 1 (2020)

<https://ir.library.louisville.edu/rgh/>

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**Journal of the Royal Society – Interface**

October 2020 Volume 17 Issue 171

<https://royalsocietypublishing.org/toc/rsif/current>

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**Journal of Travel Medicine**

Volume 27, Issue 6, August 2020

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**The Lancet**

Oct 31, 2020 Volume 396 Number 10260 p1373-1462, e64-e72

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

*Comment*

**[Lebanon's humanitarian crisis escalates after the Beirut blast](#)**

Marian Abouzeid, Rima R Habib, Samer Jabbour, Ali H Mokdad, Iman Nuwayhid

Lebanon is a fragile state whose political elite have long neglected to protect its people. With the Aug 4, 2020, devastating explosion in Beirut, Lebanon's dire health and humanitarian crises have escalated. The blast left 190 dead and more than 6500 injured.<sup>1</sup> Senior Lebanese officials reportedly knew for 6 years of ammonium nitrate storage at Beirut Port but failed to act,<sup>2</sup> showing blatant disregard for public safety. The destruction from the explosion has been widespread, with about 40% of Beirut severely damaged, leaving around 300 000 residents with devastated dwellings.<sup>3</sup> According to WHO reports, impacts on health infrastructure include three hospitals rendered non-functional, three substantially damaged, 500 hospital bed equivalents lost, and many primary care facilities damaged.<sup>4</sup>

Essential food and medical supplies were also affected, including damage to grain silos and the destruction of 17 containers of medical supplies and a shipment of personal protective equipment.<sup>3,4</sup> Other infrastructures, including roads, businesses, educational facilities, and cultural heritage buildings have also sustained damage.<sup>3</sup> Initial World Bank estimates cost the physical damage at US\$3·8–4·6 billion and economic losses at \$2·9–3·5 billion.<sup>5</sup> The blast has generated a new humanitarian emergency in Lebanon.

### **The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health**

Oct 2020 Volume 4 Number 10 p709-794, e36-e39  
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Volume 24, issue 10, October 2020  
<https://link.springer.com/journal/10995/volumes-and-issues/24-10>  
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Volume 98, Issue 3 Pages: 619-1020 September 2020

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## **Nature**

Volume 586 Issue 7831, 29 October 2020

[http://www.nature.com/nature/current\\_issue.html](http://www.nature.com/nature/current_issue.html)

*African diversity*

Although Africa is regarded as the cradle of modern humans, only a fraction of the genetic diversity among African individuals has been surveyed. In this week's issue, [Zané Lombard](#), [Adebowale Adeyemo](#), [Neil Hanchard](#) and their colleagues from the H3Africa Consortium help to redress this imbalance by presenting whole-genome sequence analyses of 426 individuals covering 50 ethnolinguistic groups. The researchers uncovered more than three million new variants, mostly among newly sampled groups, and identified 62 previously unreported genes associated with viral immunity, DNA repair and metabolism. They also observed complex patterns of ancestral mixing within and between populations, and found evidence that Zambia was a likely intermediate site along the routes of expansion for Bantu-speaking populations. The findings help to refine understanding of migration across the African continent and identify gene flow and response to disease as strong drivers of genome-level population variation. The cover shows a subset of the genetic data collected in the study translated into hand-loomed beaded necklaces by the Marigold beadwork cooperative in Zimbabwe.

*Editorial* | 28 October 2020

### **[Africa's people must be able to write their own genomics agenda](#)**

Genomics on the continent is finally getting the attention it deserves from international donors — but more funding needs to come from national and regional sources, too.

*Perspective* | 28 October 2020

### **[Strategic vision for improving human health at The Forefront of Genomics](#)**

In this Perspective, authors from the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) present a vision for human genomics research for the coming decade.

Eric D. Green, Chris Gunter[...] & Teri A. Manolio

*Article* | 28 October 2020

### **[High-depth African genomes inform human migration and health](#)**

Whole-genome sequencing analyses of African populations provide insights into continental migration, gene flow and the response to human disease, highlighting the importance of including diverse populations in genomic analyses to understand human ancestry and improve health.

Ananyo Choudhury, Shaun Aron[...] & Neil A. Hanchard

Article | 21 October 2020

**[Exome sequencing and characterization of 49,960 individuals in the UK Biobank](#)**

Exome sequences from the first 49,960 participants in the UK Biobank highlight the promise of genome sequencing in large population-based studies and are now accessible to the scientific community.

Cristopher V. Van Hout, Ioanna Tachmazidou[...] & Aris Baras

Article | 14 October 2020

**[Evidence for 28 genetic disorders discovered by combining healthcare and research data](#)**

By integrating healthcare and exome-sequencing data from parent–offspring trios of patients with developmental disorders, 28 genes that had not previously been associated with developmental disorders were identified.

Joanna Kaplanis, Kaitlin E. Samocha[...] & Kyle Retterer

Article | 14 October 2020

**[Inherited causes of clonal haematopoiesis in 97,691 whole genomes](#)**

Analysis of 97,691 high-coverage human blood DNA-derived whole-genome sequences enabled simultaneous identification of germline and somatic mutations that predispose individuals to clonal expansion of haematopoietic stem cells, indicating that both inherited and acquired mutations are linked to age-related cancers and coronary heart disease.

Alexander G. Bick, Joshua S. Weinstock[...] & Pradeep Natarajan

**Nature Biotechnology**

Volume 38 Issue 10, October 2020

<https://www.nature.com/nbt/volumes/38/issues/10>

***SARS-CoV-2 detection***

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**Nature Communications**

<https://www.nature.com/subjects/health-sciences/ncomms>

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**Nature Genetics**

Volume 52 Issue 10, October 2020

<https://www.nature.com/ng/volumes/52/issues/10>

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**Nature Medicine**

Volume 26 Issue 10, October 2020

<https://www.nature.com/nm/volumes/26/issues/10>

***Patient-partnered clinical research***

The path to productive collaboration between researchers and patients is not always easy, with language differences, knowledge gaps and power dynamics setting considerable barriers along the way. In this issue, we explore how patient- and community-led research is achievable if both sides make it a priority. The cover, designed by illustrator Sarah Lippett, a person living with a rare disease who explores her diagnostic odyssey in her work, shows how effective and equitable patient–researcher collaboration can be transformative to research.

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### **Nature Reviews Genetics**

Volume 21 Issue 10, October 2020

<https://www.nature.com/nrg/volumes/21/issues/9>

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### **Nature Reviews Immunology**

Volume 20 Issue 10, October 2020

<https://www.nature.com/nri/volumes/20/issues/10>

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### **Nature Reviews Drug Discovery**

Volume 19 Issue 10, October 2020

<https://www.nature.com/nrd/volumes/19/issues/10>

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### **New England Journal of Medicine**

October 29, 2020 Vol. 383 No. 18

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

*Perspective*

#### **[Developing Safe and Effective Covid Vaccines — Operation Warp Speed’s Strategy and Approach](#)**

Moncef Slaoui, Ph.D., and Matthew Hepburn, M.D.

*Perspective*

#### **[Up Is Down — Pharmaceutical Industry Caution vs. Federal Acceleration of Covid-19 Vaccine Approval](#)**

Jerry Avorn, M.D., and Aaron S. Kesselheim, M.D., J.D., M.P.H.

### **Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly**

Volume 49 Issue 5, October 2020

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### **Pediatrics**

Vol. 146, Issue 4 1 Oct 2020  
<https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/>  
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### **Pharmaceutics**

Volume 12, Issue 7 (July 2020) – 97 articles  
<https://www.mdpi.com/1999-4923/12/7>  
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Volume 38, issue 10, October 2020  
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### **PLoS Genetics**

<https://journals.plos.org/plosgenetics/>  
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### **PLoS Medicine**

<http://www.plosmedicine.org/>  
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*Collection Review*

#### **[The intersection of genomics and big data with public health: Opportunities for precision public health](#)**

Muin J. Khoury, Gregory L. Armstrong, Rebecca E. Bunnell, Juliana Cyril, Michael F. Iademarco  
| published 29 Oct 2020 PLOS Medicine  
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1003373>

#### *Summary points*

- :: The field of precision public health (PPH) has emerged as a response to the increasing availability of genomics, biobanks, and other sources of big data in healthcare and public health.
- :: The field has evolved starting with genomics to include multiple practical applications such as pathogen genomics that address population health.
- :: PPH can expand understanding of health disparities, advance strategic public health science, and demonstrate the need for innovation and workforce development.
- :: In the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) era, rapidly evolving scientific innovation can have a long-lasting impact on PPH beyond the pandemic.
- :: Further developments in PPH will require global, national, and local leadership and stakeholder engagement.

#### **[Revisiting child and adolescent health in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals](#)**

Zulfiqar A. Bhutta, Kathryn M. Yount, Quique Bassat, Artur A. Arikainen  
Editorial | published 30 Oct 2020 PLOS Medicine  
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1003449>

**[Primary healthcare expansion and mortality in Brazil's urban poor: A cohort analysis of 1.2 million adults](#)**

Thomas Hone, Valeria Saraceni, Claudia Medina Coeli, Anete Trajman, Davide Rasella, Christopher Millett, Betina Durovni

Research Article | published 30 Oct 2020 PLOS Medicine

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1003357>

**[Medicalization of female genital cutting in Malaysia: A mixed methods study](#)**

Abdul Rashid, Yufu Iguchi, Siti Nur Afiqah

Research Article | published 27 Oct 2020 PLOS Medicine

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1003303>

**PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases**

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**PLoS One**

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

*Research Article*

**[Post-traumatic stress, social, and physical health: A mediation and moderation analysis of Syrian refugees and Jordanians in a border community](#)**

Tara M. Powell, Oe Jin Shin, Shang-Ju Li, Yuan Hsiao

Research Article | published 23 Oct 2020 PLOS ONE

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0241036>

**[In search of a "vocabulary for recreation": Leisure-time physical activity among humanitarian migrants in regional Australia](#)**

Arianne C. Reis, Komla Lokpo, Matthew Bojanic, Sandro Sperandei

Research Article | published 14 Oct 2020 PLOS ONE

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0239747>

**[Latent structure of secondary traumatic stress, its precursors, and effects on people working with refugees](#)**

Marko Živanović, Maša Vukčević Marković

Research Article | published 30 Oct 2020 PLOS ONE

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0241545>

**[Exploring persons with disabilities preparedness, perceptions and experiences of disasters in Tuvalu](#)**

Natano Elisala, Amelia Turagabeci, Masoud Mohammadnezhad, Tamara Mangum

Research Article | published 29 Oct 2020 PLOS ONE

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0241180>

**[Post-traumatic stress, social, and physical health: A mediation and moderation analysis of Syrian refugees and Jordanians in a border community](#)**

Tara M. Powell, Oe Jin Shin, Shang-Ju Li, Yuan Hsiao

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**PNAS - Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America**

<http://www.pnas.org/content/early/>

*Article*

**[The rise of prosociality in fiction preceded democratic revolutions in Early Modern Europe](#)**

Mauricio de Jesus Dias Martins and Nicolas Baumard

PNAS first published October 30, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2009571117>

*Significance*

We analyzed a large sample of English and French theatre plays and tracked the dynamics of words related to cooperation and dominance before and after early modern revolutions. We show that prior to both the English Civil War and French Revolution, there was a sharp rise in the frequency of words associated with prosociality, trustworthiness, and sympathy vs. words related to authoritarianism, strength and anger. Interestingly, in postrevolutionary reactionary periods, characters became stronger and less trustworthy. Finally, we also show that variations in GDP per capita partially account for these psychological changes. These findings reveal the interplay between economic environment, psychological preferences, and political events and shed lights on the rise and fall of support for democracy.

**[A global network of marine protected areas for food](#)**

Reniel B. Cabral, Darcy Bradley, Juan Mayorga, Whitney Goodell, Alan M. Friedlander, Enric Sala, Christopher Costello, and Steven D. Gaines

PNAS first published October 26, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2000174117>

*Significance*

Strategically siting marine protected areas (MPAs) in overfished fisheries can have important conservation and food provisioning benefits. We use distribution data for 1,338 commercially important fisheries stocks around the world to model how MPAs in different locations would affect catch. We show that strategically expanding the existing global MPA network by just 5% can improve future catch by at least 20%. Our work demonstrates that a global network of MPAs designed to improve fisheries productivity can substantially increase future catch, enabling synergistic conservation and food provisioning.

**Prehospital & Disaster Medicine**

Volume 35 - Issue 5 - October 2020

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

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**Preventive Medicine**

Volume 139 October 2020

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14 October 2020 Volume 287 Issue 1936

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### **Public Health**

Volume 187 Pages A1-A2, 1-190 (October 2020)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/public-health/vol/187/suppl/C>

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### **Public Health Ethics**

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Volume 13, Issue 1, April 2020

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### **Public Health Reports**

Volume 135 Issue 5, September/October 2020

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### **Qualitative Health Research**

Volume 30 Issue 12, October 2020

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### **Refugee Survey Quarterly**

Volume 39, Issue 3, September 2020

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### **Research Ethics**

Volume 16 Issue 3-4, July-October 2020

<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/reab/current>

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### **Reproductive Health**

<http://www.reproductive-health-journal.com/content>

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**[An overview of the sexual and reproductive health status and service delivery among Syrian refugees in Jordan, nine years since the crisis: a systematic literature review](#)**

*The Syrian refugee crisis has led to massive displacement into neighboring countries including Jordan. This crisis has caused a significant strain on the sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services to the ho...*

Authors: Mirwais Amiri, Ieman M. El-Mowafi, Tala Chahien, Hind Yousef and Loulou Hassan Kobeissi

Citation: Reproductive Health 2020 17:166

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**[Just societies: A new vision for health equity in the Americas after COVID-19](#)**

Editorial | English |

29 Oct 2020

**[The Health Equity Network of the Americas: inclusion, commitment, and action](#)**

Current topic | Spanish |

29 Oct 2020

**[Prevalence of antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 according to socioeconomic and ethnic status in a nationwide Brazilian survey](#)**

Original research | English |

28 Oct 2020

**[Theoretical and practical challenges of proportionate universalism: a review](#)**

Review | English |

28 Oct 2020

**[Civil society promoting government accountability for health equity in the Caribbean: The Healthy Caribbean Coalition](#)**

Special report | English |

**Risk Analysis**

Volume 40, Issue 9 Pages: 1691-1886 September 2020

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15396924/current>

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**Risk Management and Healthcare Policy**

<https://www.dovepress.com/risk-management-and-healthcare-policy-archive56>

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*Perspectives*

**Guaranteeing the Health Rights of People with Disabilities in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Perspectives from China**

Qi F, Wang Q

*Risk Management and Healthcare Policy* 2020, 13:2357-2363

Published Date: 30 October 2020

**Science**

30 October 2020 Vol 370, Issue 6516

<http://www.sciencemag.org/current.dtl>

*Policy Forum*

**Political sectarianism in America**

By Eli J. Finkel, Christopher A. Bail, Mina Cikara, Peter H. Ditto, Shanto Iyengar, Samara Klar, Lilliana Mason, Mary C. McGrath, Brendan Nyhan, David G. Rand, Linda J. Skitka, Joshua A. Tucker, Jay J. Van Bavel, Cynthia S. Wang, James N. Druckman

Science 30 Oct 2020 : 533-536 Restricted Access

*A poisonous cocktail of othering, aversion, and moralization poses a threat to democracy*

*Summary*

Political polarization, a concern in many countries, is especially acrimonious in the United States (see the first box). For decades, scholars have studied polarization as an ideological matter—how strongly Democrats and Republicans diverge vis-à-vis political ideals and policy goals. Such competition among groups in the marketplace of ideas is a hallmark of a healthy democracy. But more recently, researchers have identified a second type of polarization, one focusing less on triumphs of ideas than on dominating the abhorrent supporters of the opposing party (1). This literature has produced a proliferation of insights and constructs but few interdisciplinary efforts to integrate them. We offer such an integration, pinpointing the superordinate construct of political sectarianism and identifying its three core ingredients: othering, aversion, and moralization. We then consider the causes of political sectarianism and its consequences for U.S. society—especially the threat it poses to democracy. Finally, we propose interventions for minimizing its most corrosive aspects.

**Science Translational Medicine**

28 October 2020 Vol 12, Issue 567

<https://stm.sciencemag.org/>

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**Social Science & Medicine**

Volume 262 October 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/social-science-and-medicine/vol/262/suppl/C>

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**Stability: International Journal of Security & Development**

<http://www.stabilityjournal.org/articles>

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### **Stanford Social Innovation Review**

Summer 2020 Volume 18, Number 3

[https://ssir.org/issue/summer\\_2020#](https://ssir.org/issue/summer_2020#)

Read about how organizational culture can advance social good, how researchers convinced the Indian government to adopt same-language subtitling for mass literacy, how corporate foundations can align with their companies, how artificial intelligence can apply causal models to become more effective, and other topics in the Summer 2020 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review.

### **Systematic Reviews**

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

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### **Torture Journal**

2020 Volume 30 - No. 1

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[\*\*COVID-19 and the Need for Action on Mental Health\*\*](#)

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The COVID-19 pandemic has tested the capabilities and limits of health-care systems and societies around the world. The priority focus has been on the physical and biological impact of the virus on the human body. However, a major aspect of the pandemic that is not as easily seen or measured, and risks being ignored, is mental health, which was addressed in the recent Policy Brief of the Secretary General: "[COVID-19 and the Need for Action on Mental Health](#)". Not only would failing to address the mental health impact of the pandemic potentially undo years of work and effort to improve access to and the quality of mental health services, it also creates the possibility of a mental health epidemic that could impact generations to come. Governments, communities and even individuals are responsible for taking serious and sincere steps to avoid such a grim outcome. Below are some suggested steps.

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The year 2020 began with an unprecedented health crisis that has affected each one of us, and we still cannot predict its long-term effects. Not only have we been touched in our personal lives. Lockdown has perturbed our work, our communities and our industries, at times with devastating consequences. And this crisis is not yet over.

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