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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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Epidemic Preparedness

Secretary-General - Statements and Messages

[Secretary-General Vows to Help Strengthen Epidemic Preparedness after COVID-19, Stressing Importance of Science in First International Day Message](#)

SG/SM/20513 24 December 2020

Following is UN Secretary-General António Guterres' message for the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness, observed on 27 December:

This first observance of the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness falls at the end of a year in which a scenario many had feared came tragically true.

With COVID-19 having now killed more than 1.7 million people, devastated economies, upended societies and exposed the world's vulnerabilities in the starkest ways, the value of health emergency preparedness has hit home like never before. As we strive to control and recover from the current pandemic, we must think about the next. Unfortunately, it is easy to imagine a virus just as infectious but even more lethal.

We can already draw many lessons from the experiences of the past year.

Preparedness is a sound investment, costing far less than emergency expenditures.

Societies need stronger health systems, including universal health coverage. People and families need more social protection. Communities on the frontlines need timely support. Countries need more effective technical cooperation. And we need to pay greater attention to the encroachment of people and livestock into animal habitats; 75 per cent of new and emerging human infectious diseases are zoonotic.

Across this work, science must be our guide. Solidarity and coordination are crucial, within and among countries; no one is safe unless all of us are safe.

The United Nations system, including the World Health Organization (WHO), is strongly committed to supporting Governments and all partners in strengthening epidemic preparedness as a crucial part of our broader work to build a healthier world and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

This International Day falls on the birthdate of Louis Pasteur, the French biologist responsible for ground-breaking work on vaccinations. In honouring his work, I salute today's medical professionals, front-line personnel and essential workers who have carried the world through this emergency with such remarkable commitment. As we recover from

the pandemic, let us resolve to build up our prevention capacities so that we are ready when the world faces the next outbreak.

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Justice, Pardons

[Comment by UN Human Rights Office spokesperson Marta Hurtado on US presidential pardon for contractors jailed for killing Iraqi civilians](#)

GENEVA (23 December 2020) - We are deeply concerned by the recent US presidential pardons for four security guards from the private military firm Blackwater who were convicted for killing 14 Iraqi civilians.

These four individuals were given sentences ranging from 12 years to life imprisonment, including on charges of first-degree murder. Pardoning them contributes to impunity and has the effect of emboldening others to commit such crimes in the future.

By investigating these crimes and completing legal proceedings, the US complied with its obligations under international law. Victims of gross human rights violations and serious violations of international humanitarian law also have the right to a remedy. This includes the right to see perpetrators serve punishments proportionate to the seriousness of their conduct.

The UN Human Rights Office calls on the US to renew its commitment to fighting impunity for gross human rights violations and serious violations of international humanitarian law, as well as to uphold its obligations to ensure accountability for such crimes.

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Statelessness

[UNHCR welcomes Turkmenistan's decision to grant citizenship to 2,580 stateless people](#)

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In a significant step to end statelessness on its territory, Turkmenistan has granted citizenship to 2,580 people, following issuance of a Presidential Decree on the subject this month.

Sixty per cent of those intended to benefit from the Decree are stateless women, representing 19 ethnic backgrounds.

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, warmly welcomes this measure, the latest in a series of steps taken by the Central Asian state to address statelessness.

Over the last 15 years, Turkmenistan has granted citizenship to 26,000 refugees and stateless people. These include some 13,000 stateless people who have been naturalized since the country acceded to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons in 2011.

In July this year, a new Law on Civil Status Acts helped to prevent childhood statelessness by ensuring that all children born in the country – including those with undocumented parents – have their births registered. The new law and the resolution of existing cases of statelessness follow on commitments Turkmenistan made at a high-level event on statelessness UNHCR convened in 2019.

In the framework of the global #IBelong Campaign to eradicate statelessness by 2024, UNHCR has been working closely with the Government of Turkmenistan on statelessness prevention and resolution efforts.

“Turkmenistan has once again shown its strong leadership when it comes to eradicating statelessness, ending a plight of invisibility for thousands of people. We are confident that it will follow through to resolve statelessness and integrate each and every stateless person on its territory in the coming years, hopefully by 2024,” said Mr. Hans Friedrich Schodder, UNHCR Representative for Central Asia.

Statelessness affects millions of people around the world, often denying them access to basic rights that citizens take for granted. Some 4.2 million stateless people appear in the statistical reporting of 79 countries, but UNHCR estimates the actual extent of statelessness to be much higher.



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Featured Journal Content

PNAS - Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America

<http://www.pnas.org/content/early/>

[Accessed 26 Dec 2020]

[Satellites can reveal global extent of forced labor in the world's fishing fleet](#)

Gavin G. McDonald, Christopher Costello, Jennifer Bone, Reniel B. Cabral, Valerie Farabee, Timothy Hochberg, David Kroodsma, Tracey Mangin, Kyle C. Meng, and Oliver Zahn

PNAS first published December 21, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2016238117>

Significance

Forced labor in fisheries is increasingly recognized as a human rights crisis. Until recently, its extent was poorly understood and no tools existed for systematically detecting forced labor risk on individual fishing vessels on a global scale. Here we use satellite data and machine learning to identify these high-risk vessels and find widespread risk of forced labor in the world's fishing fleet. This information provides new opportunities for unique market, enforcement, and policy interventions. This also provides a proof of concept for how remotely sensed dynamic individual behavior can be used to infer forced labor abuses.

Abstract

While forced labor in the world's fishing fleet has been widely documented, its extent remains unknown. No methods previously existed for remotely identifying individual fishing vessels potentially engaged in these abuses on a global scale. By combining expertise from human rights practitioners and satellite vessel monitoring data, we show that vessels reported to use forced labor behave in systematically different ways from other vessels. We exploit this insight by using machine learning to identify high-risk vessels from among 16,000 industrial longliner, squid jigger, and trawler fishing vessels. Our model reveals that between 14% and 26% of vessels were high-risk, and also reveals patterns of where these vessels fished and which ports they visited. Between 57,000 and 100,000 individuals worked on these vessels, many of whom may have been forced labor victims. This information provides unprecedented opportunities for novel interventions to combat this humanitarian tragedy. More broadly, this research demonstrates a proof of concept for using remote sensing to detect forced labor abuses.

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HIV Treatment – Infants and Children

[Joint statement calling for urgent country scale-up of access to optimal HIV treatment for infants and children living with HIV](#)

22 December 2020

United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization (WHO), UNAIDS, the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Unitaid, the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, and the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI).

Global partners that are committed to ending paediatric AIDS have come together to call on countries to rapidly scale up access to optimal, child-friendly HIV treatment for infants and children...

Children living with HIV continue to be left behind by the global AIDS response. In 2019, only 53% (950 000) of the 1.8 million children living with HIV (aged 0–14 years) globally were diagnosed and on treatment, compared to 68% of adults. [1] The remaining 850 000 children living with HIV have not been diagnosed and are not receiving life-saving HIV treatment. Two thirds of the missing children are aged 5–14 years and do not routinely attend traditional health facilities. Engaging communities and the families of people living with HIV, tuberculosis and other related diseases and offering family services are needed in order to find and start on treatment those missing children.

An estimated 95 000 children died of AIDS-related illnesses in 2019, in part due to lack of early diagnosis of HIV among infants and children and immediate linkage to optimal HIV treatment regimens. Untreated, 50% of infants infected with HIV during or around the time of birth will die before the age of two years. [1].

The United States Food and Drug Administration recently gave tentative approval for the first generic formulation of dolutegravir (DTG) 10 mg dispersible tablets. [2] This approval was the result of an innovative partnership between Unitaid, CHAI and ViiV Healthcare, together with generic suppliers, which accelerated the timeline of development by several years. The approval was quickly followed by the announcement on World AIDS Day of a groundbreaking agreement negotiated by Unitaid and CHAI that reduces the cost of HIV treatment by 75% for children in low- and middle-income countries, where the DTG 10 mg dispersible tablets will be available at a cost of US\$ 4.50 for a 90-count bottle. [3]

This now means that WHO-recommended, preferred first-line DTG-based antiretroviral treatment is now available in more affordable and child-friendly generic formulations for young children and infants as young as four weeks of age and weighing more than 3 kg. [4] Rapid transition to this treatment, in combination with improved HIV diagnosis for children and other supportive measures, will help to urgently reduce the 95 000 preventable AIDS-related deaths in children.

DTG-based HIV treatment leads to better outcomes for children. DTG is less likely to be affected by drug resistance and achieves viral load suppression sooner; child-friendly dispersible tablets improve adherence due to a lower pill burden and being easier to administer. These factors help children achieve and maintain viral load suppression, the gold standard for measuring the effectiveness of HIV treatment. DTG-based treatment is the standard of care for adults. Starting on this regimen from infancy reduces the need for changes in treatment as they mature through childhood, adolescence and adulthood. Fewer regimens and regimen changes simplifies management of health care, improves stock management and reduces wastage.

WHO has recommended DTG-based HIV treatment for all infants and children since 2018 [4] and provided dosing recommendations for infants and children over four weeks of age and more than 3 kg in July 2020. [5]

Suppliers have indicated their ability to meet global scale-up ambitions. Accurate forecasts of demand are critical to inform production planning and delivery timelines. It is therefore critical that national programmes start including DTG 10 mg dispersible tablets in their new procurement plans, review stocks and orders for existing non-DTG treatment for children, share forecasts with HIV treatment procurement partners and suppliers and place orders as early as possible.

The partners are committed to support national governments as they develop rapid transition plans from existing suboptimal HIV treatment to DTG-based treatment for infants and children, including advocacy for political commitment, mobilizing international and domestic resources, new policies and guidelines, managing medicine supply, distribution and stock, training health-care workers and sensitizing and engaging affected communities to ensure demand and treatment literacy for children living with HIV and their caregivers in order to ensure rapid uptake of these new formulations.

Further guidance for national programmes and partners is available from WHO. [5] The CHAI HIV New Product Introduction Toolkit has dedicated resources to help countries transition to paediatric DTG. [6]

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EMERGENCIES

Coronavirus [COVID-19]

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Weekly Epidemiological and Operational updates

Last update: 5 December 2020, 9:02 am GMT-5

Confirmed cases :: 78 604 532 [week ago: 74 299 042] [two weeks ago: 69 808 588]

Confirmed deaths :: 1 744 235 [week ago: 1 669 982] [two weeks ago: 1 588 854]

Countries, areas or territories with cases :: 222

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[Weekly epidemiological update - 22 December 2020](#)

Overview

Globally in the past week, new COVID-19 cases and deaths continued to increase to approximately 4.6 million new cases and over 79 000 new deaths. This brings the cumulative numbers to over 75 million reported cases and 1.6 million deaths globally since the start of the pandemic.

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[WHO - Weekly operational update on COVID-19 - 21 December 2020](#)

[Excerpt]

Partnerships

The Global Health Cluster -GHC

The Global Health Cluster released three new GHC COVID-19 Task Team tools and guidance to support COVID-19 response operations in humanitarian settings:

:: [Ethics: key questions to ask when facing dilemmas during COVID-19 in humanitarian settings](#)

:: [Essential Health Services: A guidance note](#) How to prioritize and plan essential health services during COVID-19 response in humanitarian settings

:: [Health workforce estimator tool](#) to estimate workforce as relevant in humanitarian settings

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

[Polio this week as of 23 December 2020](#)

:: [The 19th report of the Independent Monitoring Board \(IMB\)](#) has been published. The IMB notes the strong resumption of polio campaigns following the temporary pause due to COVID-19 and commends the programme for supporting COVID-19 response efforts. The IMB points to several pivotal challenges which the programme must tackle with urgency to achieve success and offers a set of 17 key recommendations to capitalise on the momentum of resumed immunizations.

:: The GPEI has published a global cVDPV resource document aimed at providing a high-level overview of cVDPVs, their importance to the programme and strategy for responding to them, including nOPV2. [Available here in various languages](#), this resource can be used at global, regional and country levels, for high-level advocacy with government counterparts, internal staff, donors or other partners, as appropriate.

:: On a wintery November day, vaccinators across Afghanistan wrapped up warm, checked that they had facemasks and hand sanitizer, and headed out into the cold morning. Their mission? To reach 9.9 million children with polio vaccines, before snowfall blocked their way. [Read more](#)

Summary of new WPV and cVDPV viruses this week (AFP cases and ES positives):

:: Afghanistan: two WPV1 and 23 cVDPV2 positive environmental samples

:: Pakistan: one WPV1 and 11 cVDPV2 cases

:: Benin: one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample

:: Burkina Faso: six cVDPV2 cases

:: Chad: two cVDPV2 cases

:: South Sudan: 10 cVDPV2 cases and one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample

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[The World is Waiting :: 19TH REPORT - INDEPENDENT MONITORING BOARD - GLOBAL POLIO ERADICATION INITIATIVE](#)

December 2020 :: 78 pages

Conclusions [excerpt]

The Polio Programme is at a pivotal moment in its history. The weaknesses and failures that led it backwards, over a period of two years, from a place that felt close to the global interruption of poliovirus transmission, to the current epidemiological debacle, are still present.

The Global Polio Programme: a failure of adaptation

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched in 1988, with the passion, energy and fundraising tenacity of Rotary International behind it, together with fellow founding partners (WHO, UNICEF, CDC); it has been hugely successful for most of its lifetime. Other generous donors (major governments, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Gavi) have become key partners in the endeavour.

This partnership, its organisational structure, its operating procedures, and its impressive infrastructure on the ground, has driven polio almost to extinction.

That this polio eradication endeavour has faltered over recent years should not come as a surprise. It has been tightly controlled and managed by a global entity, the GPEI. It stands or falls by how this global organisation operates. **The GPEI is now 32 years old.**

Outside the world of health, and well before 32 years are reached, there are many examples of successful businesses and corporations that have run into serious difficulties, and not just because of their longevity. Crucially, it is because their organisational structure, culture, and business model has not adapted to a changing external environment. Perhaps, also, they have looked back at past glories and not accepted the need to change because they are “too good to fail.”

The GPEI seems to have reached a similar point in its history.

For some time, it has been clear that the world in which the Polio Programme is embedded has changed around it.

The humble drops of oral polio vaccine are given against a constantly fluctuating geopolitical backdrop. Political unanimity on the importance of polio is much more difficult to secure than it was 32 years ago.

The oral polio vaccine has greater value than its disease preventive potency: as a powerful bargaining tool for factional interests wanting something from their governments.

Some communities have become so hostile to the Polio Programme, and so opposed to letting their children have the vaccine, that negative attitudes may have reached the point of no return. Violence, territorial blockades, murders and intimidation, in some geographies, are directed against polio eradication activity, in marked contrast to most other humanitarian programmes.

Countries have received steady streams of external funding and extensive global involvement and facilitation. This has not always encouraged them to take absolute responsibility and regard polio as their country's problem.

Finding solutions to these fundamental and deep-rooted barriers to eradication is what is now necessary in order to finish the job. This means the Polio Programme doing things very differently from how it made its name.

Its success came from operating as a technical, disease control programme and this took it a long way. It became overmedicalized in the way that it approached the tasks of eradication. It was not skilled in the tasks of modern management, such as: inspiring people; gathering soft intelligence; managing performance; quality improvement; and daily use of data to devise insightful metrics. In particular, social data were greatly undervalued compared to epidemiological data.

Until late in the day, there was no real belief in alternative delivery models, such as integration. There were regular and unsuccessful vertical programme dashes to try to reach the finishing tape.

These are all reasons why the GPEI – from global to regional to national to local level – needs to adapt and do things differently.

At last, the GPEI has started to talk about this. A six-month long strategy formulation process has been facilitated by external consultants with wide stakeholder involvement. It is set to produce “headlines” in December 2020.

It is essential that this strategy goes beyond problem diagnosis and pointing out what needs to be done. The problems are already well-established and the steps that need to be taken are very clear.

The GPEI, at the request of polio donor countries, carried out and published a governance review. That has not yet been implemented.

There is a great deal of conversation at the moment, within the GPEI leadership and among the donors and wider polio partners, about these matters. It is using up much emotional energy. Some are saying that these reviews and discussions are not on the critical path to eradication.

The revision of the governance of the GPEI, the revision of the strategy of the GPEI, and the revision of the structure of the GPEI are well overdue.

It is important that there is a new, much more effective, and fully accountable GPEI.

Meanwhile, the task of helping the GPEI to move quickly to face, head-on, the task of finding and implementing definitive, transformational and sustainable solutions to its most intractable barriers to eradication rests with the GPEI leadership and the leaders of the national polio programmes...

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WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 26 Dec 2020]

Democratic Republic of the Congo - *No new digest announcements identified*

Mozambique floods - *No new digest announcements identified*

Nigeria - *No new digest announcements identified*

Somalia - *No new digest announcements identified*

South Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Syrian Arab Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

Yemen - *No new digest announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 26 Dec 2020]

Afghanistan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Angola - *No new digest announcements identified*

Burkina Faso - *No new digest announcements identified*

Burundi - *No new digest announcements identified*

Cameroon - *No new digest announcements identified*

Central African Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

Ethiopia - *No new digest announcements identified*

Iran floods 2019 - *No new digest announcements identified*

Iraq - *No new digest announcements identified*

Libya - *No new digest announcements identified*

Malawi Floods - *No new digest announcements identified*

Measles in Europe - *No new digest announcements identified*

MERS-CoV - *No new digest announcements identified*

Mozambique - *No new digest announcements identified*

Myanmar - *No new digest announcements identified*

Niger - *No new digest announcements identified*

occupied Palestinian territory - *No new digest announcements identified*
HIV in Pakistan - *No new digest announcements identified*
Sao Tome and Principe Necrotizing Cellulitis (2017) - *No new digest announcements identified*
Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified*
Ukraine - *No new digest announcements identified*
Zimbabwe - *No new digest announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 26 Dec 2020]

Chad - *No new digest announcements identified*
Djibouti - *No new digest announcements identified*
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. 22 As of 23 December 2020
:: Recent Developments in Northwest Syria - Situation Report No. 23 - As of 21 December 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 (COVID-19): Weekly Epidemiological Update (22 December 2020)

East Africa Locust Infestation - *No new digest announcements identified*

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:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch

We will monitor a growing number of relevant agency, government and IGO organizations for key media releases, announcements, research, and initiatives. Generally, we will focus on regional or global

level content recognizing limitation of space, meaning country-specific coverage is limited. Please suggest additional organizations to monitor.

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly

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

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

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[Secretary-General Vows to Help Strengthen Epidemic Preparedness after COVID-19, Stressing Importance of Science in First International Day Message](#)

Following is UN Secretary-General António Guterres' message for the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness, observed on 27 December.

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Top News

[Comment by UN Human Rights Office spokesperson Marta Hurtado on US presidential pardon for contractors jailed for killing Iraqi civilians](#)

[Comment by UN Human Rights Office spokesperson Liz Throssell on violence in Central African Republic](#)

[Provide unhindered access to whole of Tigray to protect civilians, Bachelet urges Ethiopia](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Council News

No new digest content identified.

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

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

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

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

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

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

No new digest content identified.

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

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

Latest News

[**Spain: Power outages put children's lives at risk in informal settlement – UN experts**](#)

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Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Latest News

[**Spain: Power outages put children's lives at risk in informal settlement – UN experts**](#)

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

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 26 Dec 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

[**Spain: Power outages put children's lives at risk in informal settlement – UN experts**](#)

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UN OCHA [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

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[Press Release: Upsurge of violence and tensions in the Central African Republic, 24 December 2020](#)

The armed clashes and tensions observed over the past week have a serious impact on the protection of the Central African population

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

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Selected Press releases, Statements

Press release

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[Mozambique: Malnutrition and deadly diseases threaten 250,000 displaced children in Cabo Delgado province as the rainy season starts](#)

News note

[UNICEF and the World Economic Forum sign charter with 18 shipping, airlines and logistics companies to deliver COVID-19 vaccines](#)

NEW YORK/ WASHINGTON DC, 21 December 2020 —The unprecedented magnitude of the pandemic requires innovative and bold collective action from multinational organizations, governments and industries for inclusive and efficient distribution of safe vaccines. With lives and livelihoods of millions across the globe depending on multiple stakeholders harnessing the power of collective action – whether in the field of health delivery, goods delivery or humanitarian service delivery, the logistics sector and UNICEF will play a central role in vaccine distribution.

Recognizing this need, 18 shipping, airlines and logistics industry CEOs, the Executive Director of UNICEF, and the President of the World Economic Forum, [have signed a charter](#) supporting UNICEF and COVAX countries in four main ways:

[1] Engage with governments, customs authorities, UNICEF and other UN Agencies, and NGOs;

[2] Participate in operational asset and competency sharing

[3] Assign expertise to support governments, where requested by UNICEF

[4] Support UNICEF's Global Vaccine Logistics Distribution, for COVID-19, with prioritization and solutions for international and in country distribution of vaccines and related supplies on behalf of the COVAX facility

News note

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[UNICEF launches the COVID-19 vaccine market dashboard](#)

As the designated COVAX procurement coordinator and procurement agent, UNICEF has launched the COVID-19 Vaccine Market Dashboard – an interactive tool for countries, partners and industry to follow the developments of the rapidly evolving COVID-19 vaccine market and the efforts of the COVAX Facility to ensure fair and equitable access for every country in the world.

In this first release, the dashboard provides a regularly updated overview of the global research and development pipeline, the projected production capacity, publicly announced bilateral and multilateral supply agreements, as well as reported price points...

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

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

Selected Announcements

[News comment: UNHCR welcomes new asylum law in Chad](#)

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[UNHCR and HIAS formalize partnership to advance refugee protection, inclusion and solutions](#)

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[UNHCR welcomes Turkmenistan's decision to grant citizenship to 2,580 stateless people](#)

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[UNHCR and partners urgently seek US\\$156 million to support refugees fleeing Ethiopia's Tigray crisis](#)

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[New safety measures allow Malian refugees to return to camp in Burkina Faso](#)

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

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

Selected Announcements

[Thousands of Migrants Forced to Sleep Rough after Closure, Destruction of Bosnia Camp](#)

2020-12-23 23:47

Bihac – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is stepping up its assistance to the thousands of migrants who will be sleeping rough tonight in Bosnia, which has become a bottleneck as people try to reach the European Union.

UNAIDS [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

[Joint statement calling for urgent country scale-up of access to optimal HIV treatment for infants and children living with HIV](#)

22 December 2020

Global partners that are committed to ending paediatric AIDS have come together to call on countries to rapidly scale up access to optimal, child-friendly HIV treatment for infants and children. The partners include the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization (WHO), UNAIDS, the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS,

Tuberculosis and Malaria, Unitaid, the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, and the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI).

Children living with HIV continue to be left behind by the global AIDS response. In 2019, only 53% (950 000) of the 1.8 million children living with HIV (aged 0–14 years) globally were diagnosed and on treatment, compared to 68% of adults. [1] The remaining 850 000 children living with HIV have not been diagnosed and are not receiving life-saving HIV treatment. Two thirds of the missing children are aged 5–14 years and do not routinely attend traditional health facilities. Engaging communities and the families of people living with HIV, tuberculosis and other related diseases and offering family services are needed in order to find and start on treatment those missing children.

An estimated 95 000 children died of AIDS-related illnesses in 2019, in part due to lack of early diagnosis of HIV among infants and children and immediate linkage to optimal HIV treatment regimens. Untreated, 50% of infants infected with HIV during or around the time of birth will die before the age of two years. [1]...

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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

:: 24 December 2020 News release

COVID-19 reignites drive for a “One Health” approach to tackle preventable illnesses at the animal-human-ecosystems interface

WHO European Region EURO

:: WHO supports European countries’ response to new virus variant 22-12-2020

:: WHO/Europe’s year in review 2020 22-12-2020

:: Leaving no one behind: access to rehabilitation services is an integral part of universal health coverage 22-12-2020

:: Year-end message by Her Royal Highness The Crown Princess of Denmark, Patron of the WHO Regional Office for Europe 22-12-2020

:: WHO promotes distance care for diabetic patients in Czechia during COVID-19 21-12-2020

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO::

:: Heroic health workers losing the battle against COVID-19 23 December 2020

:: Somalia celebrates UHC Day 20 December 2020

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified

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

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

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Meetings and events

23 December 2020 *Press Release*

[Four UN agencies launch first global consultation on Strategic Plans 2022-2025](#)

UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN Women host joint online discussions from 18 December 2020 to 17 January 2021 on engagement platform SparkBlue

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Latest from News Centre

No new digest content identified.

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

22 Dec

[2020 END OF THE YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE OCEAN](#)

In his State of the Planet address at Colombia University on 2 December, Secretary-General Guterres said that humanity is waging war on Nature, and that it's time for us to instead advance peace with Nature as our top priority.

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

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

No new digest content identified.

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

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

Latest news

Statements and messages

23 December 2020

[SRSG Mizutori, Opening Remarks, UNDRR ROAS: Symposium of Arab Countries in Commemoration of the IDDRR](#)

(Check against delivery) SRSR Mizutori, Opening Remarks UNDRR ROAS: Symposium of Arab Countries in Commemoration of the IDDR Tuesday 13 October 2020 Ladies and Gentlemen, I am pleased to be taking part in this webinar with such an esteemed group of

Updates

23 December 2020

Resilient buildings offer protection and boost recovery

Resilient infrastructure protects people during disasters and enables communities to recover quickly in the immediate aftermath of a crisis. Two examples from Vanuatu during and after Tropical Cyclone Harold – a Category 5 storm – illustrate the point

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

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

News

2 Dec 2020 | DESA

In the face of danger: looking back at a year like no other

2020 has been a year like no other. COVID-19 turned our lives upside down as it tore through the world, leaving severe illness and death in its path. As New York City became the pandemic's North American epicenter in the early months of 2020, UN Headquarters was forced to shutter. But our global efforts continued apace, as we quickly shifted toward remote work and digital technologies to deliver the support that countries needed.

21 Dec 2020 | DESA

Economic statistics alone paint an inadequate picture of development, experts warn

A new system of accounting that shows both economic and environment data is expected to be adopted by the United Nations Statistical Commission at its 2021 session in March. Experts say the move could lead to better decisions for a sustainable recovery from COVID-19 and for the challenges of biodiversity loss and climate change.

UNESCO [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Selected Latest News

UNESCO highlights fragility of press freedom in the face of COVID-19 in 2020

Paris, 23 December—UNESCO has condemned the killing of 59 media workers in 2020, among them four women. With 22 killings each, the Latin America and the Caribbean Region and the Asia and the Pacific Region registered the highest number of fatalities in the profession, followed by the Arab States Region with nine, and Africa with six. Overall, 2020 saw one of the lowest yearly tolls recorded by UNESCO over the past decade, during which 888 journalists and media workers' paid the ultimate price for informing the public. In 2019, UNESCO condemned the killing of 57 journalists, 99 in 2018...

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

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

Announcements

No new digest content identified.

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

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

Press Releases

21/12/2020 –

[International Operation Disrupts Supply of Firearms to Terrorists](#)

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

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Food Programme [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

News releases

24 December 2020

[Sweden contributes US\\$3.5 million to help WFP deliver food to people affected by conflict in northern Mozambique](#)

MAPUTO – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) welcomes a contribution of SEK 30 million (US\$3.5 million) from the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) to help meet the food and nutrition needs of people affected by the conflict in Cabo Delgado.

24 December 2020

[EU funding allows WFP to support communities devastated by floods in Sindh Pakistan](#)

ISLAMABAD – Thanks to a contribution of € 500,000 from the European Union (EU), tens of thousands of families in Sindh Province have received food and cash assistance from WFP in the aftermath of the devastating floods that hit the country in August.

23 December 2020

[WFP and Government of Angola support nutrition for over one million children in the province of Luanda](#)

LUANDA – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the Government of Angola today launched a nutrition project aimed to support the provincial authorities of Luanda in the treatment and prevention of acute malnutrition in children. The project will support vulnerable communities adversely affected by the social and economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

22 December 2020

[WFP welcomes Korea's support for nutrition assistance in crisis-hit central DRC](#)

KINSHASA – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) welcomes a US\$500,000 contribution from the Government of the Republic of Korea to help fight worryingly high malnutrition among women and children in central Democratic Republic of Congo.

22 December 2020

[WFP cuts refugees' food rations in Uganda as funding declines](#)

NAIROBI – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) today warned it will have to further reduce monthly relief cash and food rations for 1.26 million refugees in Uganda due to a funding shortfall. With effect from February 2021, refugees will have to make do with only 60 percent of a full ration.

21 December 2020

[Support from the European Union helps WFP avert a hunger catastrophe in Burkina Faso](#)

OUAGADOUGOU – A donation of € 4.2 million from the European Union (EU) contributed to WFP's efforts to stave off a hunger catastrophe in Burkina Faso, where 2 million people are struggling to feed themselves due to the combined effects of conflict, climate shocks and the socio-economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

News

Q&A

[Universal protection against the worst forms of child labour](#)

23 December 2020

In 2020, for the first time in the ILO's history, an International Labour Standard achieved universal ratification, with acceptance by all 187 Member States. Universal ratification of ILO Convention No. 182 on Worst Forms of Child Labour (1999) means that all children now have legal protection against the worst forms of child labour. The landmark achievement comes at a significant moment, because the United Nations has designated 2021 as the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour. Vera Paquete-Perdigao answers some key questions on child labour and the Convention.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Latest News

[New ICAO-LACAC air cargo liberalization agreement to bolster regional vaccine transport long-term recovery](#)

24/12/20

[ICAO, national regulators roll-out CART Phase II guidelines with new round of regional coordination](#)

21/12/20

[Meeting between ICAO Council President and UK Minister for Aviation, Maritime & Security](#)

21/12/20

[AVSEC2020: ICAO inaugurates 2021 as Year of Security Culture](#)

21/12/20

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Latest Press Briefings

21 December 2020

[IMO Secretary-General denounces “no crew change” clauses](#)

Charterers’ “no crew change” clauses aggravate the ongoing crew change crisis and further threaten safety of navigation, says IMO Secretary-General.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

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

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

News

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

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

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

News

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

News

All Regions

[Fundació Mallorca Turisme Rewarded for Excellence with UNWTO.QUEST Certification](#)

23 Dec 2020

All Regions SDGs

[Global Talent on Display as SDGs Tourism Startup Competition Finalists Announced](#)

23 Dec 2020

All Regions Statements, COVID-19

[As 2020 ends, tourism looks forward with determination](#)

23 Dec 2020

All Regions

[UNWTO launches its first Online Education Committee](#)

22 Dec 2020

All Regions COVID-19

[Statement by the Global Tourism Crisis Committee](#)

22 Dec 2020

Meeting on the occasion of the Global Tourism Crisis Committee, virtually from Lisbon, Portugal, on 9 December 2020, to accelerate the coordination of international cross-border travel principles and protocols in view of a safe and seamless restart of tourism, the members of the Committee recalled, in line with WHO and ECDC/EASA¹ guidance...

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

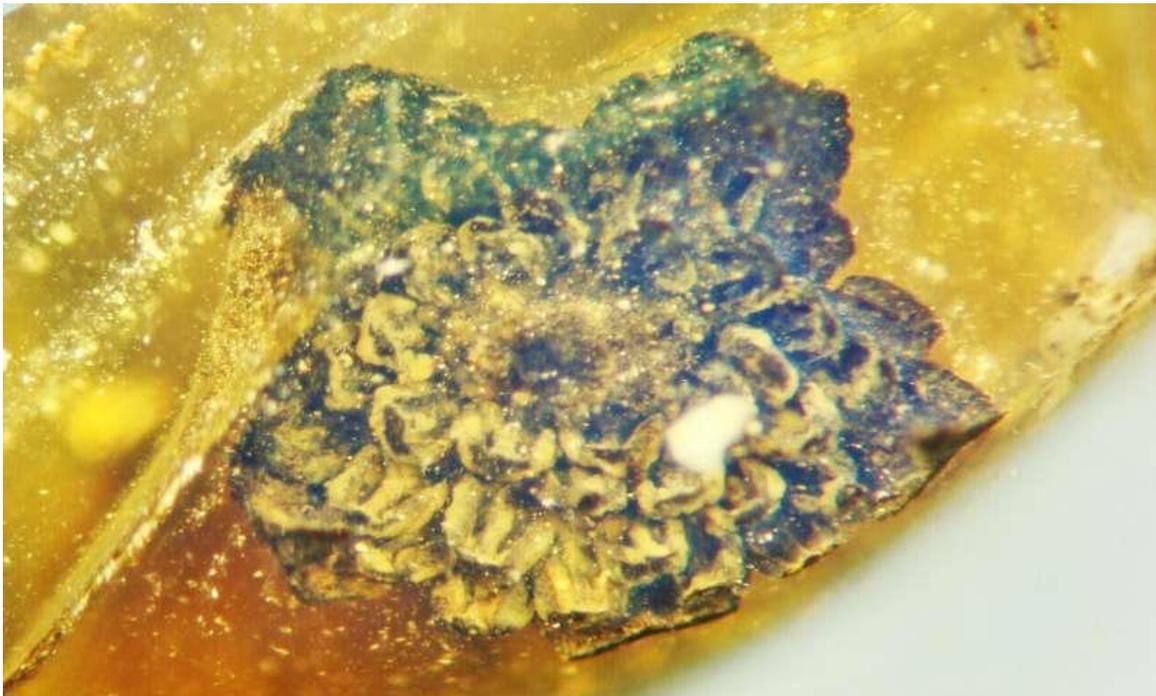
CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Announcements

[24.12.2020 The University of British Columbia Botanical Garden](#)

[23.12.2020 New flower from 100 million years ago brings fresh holiday beauty to 2020](#)



Valvilocus pleristaminis. Credit: Oregon State University

Oregon State University researchers have identified a spectacular new genus and species of flower from the mid-Cretaceous period, a male specimen whose sunburst-like reach for the heavens was frozen in time by Burmese amber.

[23.12.2020 Highest levels of microplastics found in molluscs, new study says](#)

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USAID [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements

[Alarming Hunger in South Sudan](#)

December 24, 2020

Statement by Acting Deputy Administrator John Barsa

The United States is gravely concerned by the worsening food-security situation in the Republic of South Sudan, and reiterates calls for the Government of South Sudan to take urgent action to enable the humanitarian community to scale up assistance quickly.

[The United States Is Providing Immediate Assistance to Respond to Tropical Cyclone Yasa in the Republic of Fiji](#)

December 21, 2020

The U.S. Government, through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is providing immediate assistance to support the Government of the Republic of Fiji and civil society to respond to Tropical Cyclone Yasa, one of the most-powerful storms to ever hit the low-lying island nation.

[Update on USAID's Transformation: The New Bureau for Development, Democracy, and Innovation \(DDI\)](#)

December 21, 2020

The first phase of the Transformation of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is now complete: The new Bureau for Development, Democracy and Innovation (DDI) is operational. As of November 16, 2020, DDI joins the new Bureaus for Asia, Resilience and Food Security (RFS), Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), and Conflict Prevention and Stabilization (CPS), which became operational earlier this year. The new field-focused structure will allow the Agency to make more effective and efficient investments to help communities in partner countries on their Journeys to Self-Reliance.

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

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

Selected Press Releases. Announcements

[Remarks delivered by H.E. Governor Nigel Dakin CMG, and Chief Medical Officer, Dr Nadia Astwood, at the national press conference on COVID vaccination](#)

National press conference held to discuss the COVID vaccination strategy and implementation.

Updated: 23 December 2020

ECHO [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Latest News

[Turkey: EU extends humanitarian support for refugees](#)

23/12/2020

The European Commission has extended two humanitarian flagship programmes in Turkey until early 2022. These programmes help over 1.8 million refugees meet their basic needs and will help over 700,000 children to continue their education....

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African Union [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

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[ECOSOCC convenes its 2nd Ordinary Session of the 3rd Permanent General Assembly](#)

December 23, 2020

The African Union's Economic, Social and Cultural Council (AU-ECOSOCC) yesterday convened its Second Ordinary Session of the third Permanent General Assembly (GA).

[MOEUA aux élections générales en Républiques Centrafricaine et Niger](#)

December 21, 2020

[Launch of the first parametric tropical cyclone risk insurance product in Africa](#)

December 21, 2020

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

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

Secretariat News

[ASEAN endorses framework to promote accessibility for all in digital broadcasting](#)

JAKARTA, 23 December 2020 - The ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI) endorsed the Framework for Promoting Accessibility for All in ASEAN Digital Broadcasting on 14 December. The Framework provides guidelines for ASEAN Member States (AMS) to promote broadcasting access services, namely Closed Captions; Audio Description; and Sign Language for all groups of people, including [...]

European Commission [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Latest

Press release 23 December 2020

[Turkey: EU extends humanitarian support for refugees](#)

The European Commission has extended two humanitarian flagship programmes in Turkey until early 2022. These programmes help over 1.8 million refugees meet their basic needs and will help over 700,000 children to continue their education.

Press release 23 December 2020

The EU mobilises additional €100 million in response to the Beirut port explosion in Lebanon

The EU has adopted an additional support package of close to €100 million to help Lebanon address the consequences of the 4 August 2020 explosion at the port of Beirut and support a recovery from the catastrophe focused on meeting the population's needs.

Statement 21 December 2020

Statement by President von der Leyen on the marketing authorisation of the BioNTech-Pfizer vaccine against COVID-19

Questions and answers 21 December 2020

Questions and Answers: COVID-19 vaccination in the EU

The Commission is negotiating intensely to build a diversified portfolio of vaccines for EU citizens at fair prices.

Press release 21 December 2020

European Commission authorises first safe and effective vaccine against COVID-19

Today, the European Commission has granted a conditional marketing authorisation (CMA) for the COVID-19 vaccine developed by BioNTech and Pfizer, making it the first COVID-19 vaccine authorised in the EU.

OECD [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Top Stories

No new digest content identified.

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

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

Press Releases

Statement from the OAS General Secretariat on Nicaragua

December 21, 2020

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) expresses its deep concern over the enactment in Nicaragua of the "Law for the Defense of the Rights of the People to Independence, Sovereignty and Self-Determination for Peace."

The initiative approved by the Legislative Assembly seeks to restrict political rights with the aim of limiting electoral competition, in a clear attack on the basic principles of a democratic state, in accordance with the provisions of the Inter-American Democratic Charter.

In effect, the attempt to hold elections while preventing the participation of those who are legitimately in opposition to the government is an attack on fundamental rights enshrined in international human rights instruments.

The Nicaraguan government, through these types of acts, would deny the Nicaraguan people the right to freely choose their representatives, transforming the 2021 elections into an imposition rather than an election...

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

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

Selected Press Releases

[OIC Congratulates the Member States that have Succeeded in Registering Handicrafts, Popular Foods, Arts and Games On the UNESCO World Intangible Heritage List](#)

A number of the OIC member states managed to register traditional handicrafts and popular foods on the (UNESCO) representative list of intangible heritage during the annual meeting of UNESCO from 14 to 19 December 2020. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of Kuwait succeeded in submitting a joint file to register the "Sadu Weaving" component in the International List of World Intangible Heritage....

20/12/2020

Group of 77 [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Latest News – Selected Items

No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

WTO News and Events

[WTO paper explores role of trade policy in the rapid roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines](#)

22 December 2020

The WTO Secretariat has published a new information note on trade-related issues for COVID-19 vaccine production, manufacturing and deployment. The note, entitled "Developing and delivering COVID-19 vaccines around the world," explores how trade policy can play its part in ensuring the rapid roll-out of vaccines against COVID-19.

The paper goes into further detail on key topics included in two documents previously published on the WTO website: "[Infographic: Developing & delivering COVID-19 vaccines around the world](#)" and "[Developing & delivering COVID-19 vaccines around the world: A checklist of issues with trade impact](#)".

[WTO updates report on trade in medical goods in the context of COVID-19](#)

22 December 2020

The WTO Secretariat has published an update of the information note on trade in medical goods in the context of tackling COVID-19 which was first issued on 3 April. The update looks at developments that took place in the first half of 2020.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Latest Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

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

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

News

[Nigeria makes first voluntary contribution to the Trust Fund for Victims](#)

Press Release 21 December 2020 Trust Fund for Victims

[Finland affirms its commitment to the Trust Fund for Victims and survivors of Sexual and Gender Based Violence](#)

Press Release 20 December 2020 Trust Fund for Victims

[Netherlands reaffirms its support for victim-survivors and the Trust Fund for Victims](#)

Press Release 20 December 2020 Trust Fund for Victims

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World Bank [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

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[Vaccine Only Part of the Cure for Resumption of Pacific Travel: World Bank Report](#)

Recent analysis advises that a phased approach to re-opening would allow for safer economic recovery in the largely COVID-free region SYDNEY, December 22, 2020 – With COVID-19 vaccine distribution...

Date: December 22, 2020 Type: Press Release

[Debt Service Suspension and COVID-19](#)

BackgroundPublic debt in emerging markets has surged to levels not seen in 50 years, and many developing countries have increasingly taken on debt on non-concessional terms—from private lenders and non-Paris...

Date: December 21, 2020 Type: Factsheet

IMF [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

News, Announcements

December 22, 2020

[Five Charts on the Euro Area's Post-COVID-19 Recovery and Growth](#)

Read the report ... Read the press release

African Development Bank Group [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press Releases

[The African Development Bank and the Green Growth Knowledge Platform \(GGKP\) join forces to mainstream natural capital in development finance](#)

22-Dec-2020 - The African Development Bank and the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) have been awarded a two-year, CHF 241,875 (\$273,439) grant from the MAVA Foundation to mainstream natural capital in development finance in Africa. MAVA, a philanthropic foundation, promotes the conservation of biodiversity and advocates for sustainable economies in the Mediterranean, West Africa and Switzerland.

[African Development Bank Group approves UA 16 million to strengthen legal expertise and negotiating capacities of transition states](#)

22-Dec-2020 - The Boards of Directors of the African Development Bank and the African Development Fund (ADF) have approved a grant of UA 16 million to the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) to strengthen legal expertise and negotiating capacities of transition states in Africa.

Asian Development Bank [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

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

News

Beijing, China, Dec. 23, 2020

[AIIB Approves First Sovereign Loan to Cambodia To Help Rural Recovery](#)

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved its first sovereign-backed financing to Cambodia to support the government's recovery efforts following the adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the country's rural population.

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

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

News

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[**A holiday gift with impact: crowdfunding solar-powered water access in Africa**](#)

Islamic Development Bank [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

News

[**AIX welcomes IsDB Sukuk listing to expand the range of Islamic instruments**](#)

26 December 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 26 Dec 2020]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

Cambodge

[**Des groupes de paroles et des potagers pour lutter contre la sous-nutrition**](#)

Posté le 22 décembre 2020

En 2016, Action contre la Faim a constaté qu'au moins un enfant sur trois habitant dans la province de Preah Vihear, au Cambodge, souffrait de malnutrition chronique.

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

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

PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 26 Dec 2020]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News
No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 26 Dec 2020]
<https://theblueshield.org/category/bsi-news/>
BSI News
No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 26 Dec 2020]
<http://www.brac.net/#news>
Latest
No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 26 Dec 2020]
<http://www.clubhouse-intl.org/news.html>
News/Events
No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 26 Dec 2020]
<https://drc.ngo/>
Press Releases
Afghanistan
[Afghanistan: The road to change and lasting solutions](#)
Charlotte Slente, DRC Secretary General
21. December 2020

Donors committed at least USD 3.3 billion for next year at the Afghanistan Conference in November. Now is the time for pledges to be translated into actual responses to address needs among millions of Afghans trapped in war and deep poverty, writes Charlotte Slente, Secretary General of the Danish Refugee Council.

ECPAT [to 26 Dec 2020]
<http://www.ecpat.net/news>
News from ECPAT
[ECPAT calls on States to support anti-trafficking organisations during the pandemic](#)
23/12/2020

In a joint statement with other members of the Alliance against Trafficking in Persons' Expert Co-ordination Team (AECT), we call on States to increase their support to anti-trafficking civil society organisations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Read the full letter with the 7 recommendations.

[ECPAT statement on the Proposal for a Regulation in the framework of the EU strategy for a more effective fight against child sexual abuse](#)
22/12/2020

[Facebook will stop scan for child sexual abuse material, what will other companies decide?](#)

22/12/2020

Fountain House [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

GE2P2 Global [to 26 Dec 2020]

A foundation/501[c]3 and a public benefit corporation focused on advancing ethical and scientific rigor in research and evidence generation – informing governance, policy and practice

www.ge2p2.org

News, Publications, Webinars

No new digest content identified.

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

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[**Egypt: ICRC, Egyptian Red Crescent provide humanitarian assistance to families most affected by COVID-19**](#)

The relief assistance aims to alleviate the consequences of the pandemic and the preventive measures that followed.

24-12-2020 | News release

[**Lebanon : COVID-19 Response, December 2020**](#)

The capacity of Lebanon's already strained public health sector to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak is limited.

24-12-2020 | Report

[Beirut blast: ICRC response, until December 2020](#)

The explosion, which shook Beirut on August 4th, left over 200 people dead and over 6000 injured.
23-12-2020 | Report

[Nairobi: In the midst of COVID-19, our support to vulnerable groups remained a priority](#)

Content:- Keeping COVID-19 out of Kenya's prisons- Education is often severely disrupted for children in camps- IHL Roundup (Dissemination to security forces, Students and Diplomatic events)- ICRC facilities return of detainees following Yemen confli
21-12-2020 | Publication

IFRC [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

No new digest content identified.

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

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

Updates / Alerts

No new digest content identified.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Media highlights [Selected]

Press Release

[Iraq: Amid a recent rise in reported domestic violence cases, IRC warns of a shadow pandemic spreading across the country](#)

December 22, 2020

IRCT [to 26 Dec 2020]

<https://irct.org/>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Latest News

[2004 tsunami: 16 years on, Islamic Relief is still by the side of those affected](#)

Published: 26 December, 2020

[How stigma makes Gazan women vulnerable to gender-based violence](#)

Published: 24 December, 2020

[A message of hope for 2021: 6 crucial lessons from this year](#)

Published: 22 December, 2020

Landsea [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press Releases

21.12.2020

[Transparency is a fundamental pillar for the success of the EU Vaccines Strategy](#)

39 civil society organisations including EPHA are calling on the European Commission and EU national governments to ensure a maximum degree of transparency in the EU's exchanges, negotiations and deals with pharmaceutical...

Mercy Corps [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

News Releases & Alerts

December 23, 2020

[News Alert: Venezuelan Refugees Must Not Be Denied COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

Following the announcement by Colombia's President Iván Duque stating that Venezuelans without formal migratory status will not get access to COVID-19 vaccines...

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Central African Republic

[Medical care at arm's length: the continuous struggle of the people of...](#)

Project Update 24 Dec 2020

Sudan

["Services for the refugees need to increase, otherwise it will be a dis...](#)

Project Update 23 Dec 2020

Mali

[Central Mali: no choice but to flee](#)

Project Update 22 Dec 2020

Operation Smile [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

[Program Schedule](#)

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

OXFAM [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Selected News/Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Latest news

[Building women's climate resilience](#)

Helene Henriksen | Published 23. Dec 2020

When droughts, floods and hurricanes strike, women are disproportionately affected. Four female NORCAP climate experts are working to counteract that, providing crucial climate information to women in rural communities in Africa.

Pact [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

News

[Youth-Friendly Centers Provide Safe Space for Reproductive Health Care Services in Liberia](#)

Over the past two years, 20-year-old Comfort Cheebo has never missed an appointment for her birth control shots, which are injected every three months. That's because she doesn't want an unplanned pregnancy to stand in the way of her career goals.

December 23, 2020

[Research: Integrated Care Improving Outcomes for Patients in Rural Malawi](#)

Integrating care for HIV and non-communicable diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, and mental illness, all under one roof, is making treatment more accessible and effective in Neno District

December 23, 2020

[PIH Drivers Fueling the Fight Against COVID-19](#)

If the sun is rising at a Partners In Health location and you want to know what's planned for the day, a good place to visit is the transportation office.

December 22, 2020

[Turning Adversity into Advocacy Following At-Risk Pregnancy](#)

Armah Quist, an MDR-TB program officer with PIH in Sierra Leone, founded a feminist organization advocating for young girls' and women's rights following her own experience with teen pregnancy.
December 22, 2020

[New Clinical Trial in MDR-TB Care to Support Hardest to Treat Patients Globally](#)

Dr. Carole Mitnick, co-principal investigator for the endTB project and a senior tuberculosis researcher with PIH, discusses her team's newest clinical trial--launched amidst the COVID-19 pandemic--and the promise it holds for marginalized communities.
December 22, 2020

[No Small Thing: Improved Care for Newborns in Sierra Leone](#)

In Sierra Leone, PIH opened the Special Care Baby Unit at Koidu Government Hospital in partnership with the Ministry of Health and UNICEF. Since opening its doors, the unit has raised the quality of care for newborns in Kono District and beyond.
December 21, 2020

[A Look Inside Our Future Maternal Health Center In Sierra Leone](#)

With innovative design and clinical elements, our future Maternal Center of Excellence, built in partnership with Sierra Leone's Ministry of Health, aims to strengthen maternal care for patients in Kono District—and beyond.
December 21, 2020

PATH [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press Release

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

News

23 December 2020 - *South Sudan*

[Violence, flooding, and displacement push one million children in South Sudan to the brink of starvation](#)

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

All News

Care Leavers – December 21 2020

["Not defined by our circumstances": Care Leavers speak up at the International Care Leavers Convention](#)

By Amelia Andrews

Care leavers, from different continents and countries, came together to talk about their life with others who have lived through similar experiences finding resonance, camaraderie and friendships across borders and time zones. Some fiercely vocal, others happy to belong to the care leaver community but all united by their shared experiences and the desire to bring about a change.

Tostan [to 26 Dec 2020]

<http://www.tostan.org>

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Blogs & Updates

December 23, 2020

[How Did Women Get Through 2020? Together.](#)

Article

December 22, 2020

[Harmonizing Women's Power, Strength, and Joy](#)

Article Rwanda

World Vision [to 26 Dec 2020]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

[Thousands of children and families stranded in shelters this Christmas, in the aftermath](#)
[O...](#)

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[World Vision prepares to support COVID-19 Vaccine Roll out](#)

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 26 Dec 2020]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

Latest Updates

[The Attacks on Hong Kong's Media Just Keep Getting Worse](#)

Perspectives

December 21, 2020

Turkey: Kavala Trial Underscores Government's Assault on the Rule of Law

Press release

December 21, 2020

Human Rights Watch [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

Africa

December 23, 2020

Interview

Interview: Uncovering Crimes Committed in Ethiopia's Tigray Region

Laetitia Bader

Director, Horn of Africa

Asia

December 22, 2020

News Release

China: Repression Threatens Winter Olympics

Transparency International [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press

Financial institutions in UK urged to review and withdraw from Ghana gold royalties deal

Controversial deal flagged for corruption risks would see Jersey-based Agyapa Royalties Limited floated on the London Stock Exchange

Transparency International has urged the UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) to make detailed inquiries into the Government of Ghana's application to list Agyapa Royalties Limited on the London...

22 December 2020

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ChildFund Alliance [to 26 Dec 2020]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

News/ Statements

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 26 Dec 2020]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 26 Dec 2020]

<https://theelders.org/news-insight>

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

News

[The Elders and The Carter Center Joint Convening with Diaspora Palestinians](#)

23 December 2020

On November 19, 2020, The Carter Center and The Elders jointly hosted an online consultation with "Diaspora" Palestinian civil society leaders, analysts, and human rights workers based in the Middle East, Europe, and the United States.

Photos

[2020: a year in review](#)

21 December 2020

2020 was a year like no other as COVID-19 wreaked havoc on people's lives across the world. During this time, The Elders continued to deliver on Nelson Mandela's mandate to "support courage where there is fear" and "inspire hope where there is despair"

Evidence Aid [to 26 Dec 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 Language

[Mutations to SARS-CoV-2 \(research up to 31 May 2020\) Added December 23, 2020](#)

[Surgery during the COVID-19 pandemic \(search done on 1 July 2020\) Added December 23, 2020](#)

[Interventions to overcome limited supply of masks \(search done on 4 June 2020\) Added December 23, 2020](#)

[Interventions to support resilience and mental health of frontline health and social care professionals during disease outbreaks and pandemics \(research up to 28 May 2020\) Added December 22, 2020](#)

Gavi [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

News releases

No new digest content identified.

Getty Conservation Institute [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

News

[Global Fund has awarded \\$1 billion to support countries' COVID-19 responses, but funding for this purpose is now fully deployed](#)

22 December 2020

The Global Fund has awarded nearly US\$1 billion to 106 countries to support their responses to COVID-19, but has now fully deployed all its funding for this purpose. There are significant further needs for immediate funding, including for personal protective equipment (PPE), testing and treatment, and to mitigate the impact on lifesaving HIV, TB and malaria programs...

News

[Denmark, Norway and Sweden Support Global Fund's COVID-19 Response By Contributing a Total US\\$45 million](#)

21 December 2020

The Global Fund praises Denmark, Norway and Sweden for allocating a total US\$45 million to the Global Fund's efforts to support low- and middle-income countries to fight COVID-19. Denmark, Norway and Sweden respectively pledged DKK 25 million, NOK 285.2 million and SEK 100 million...

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 26 Dec 2020]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources, events, content

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Statement

[Statement in Response to a Dear Colleague Letter on State and Foreign Operations](#)

InterAction | Dec 24, 2020

Humanitarian Coordination

[Evictions Crisis: How COVID-19 Is Exacerbating Housing Inequality](#)

Andrea Carla Lopez, Conor Boba

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Publications/Events/Blogs

[Mapping the effects of food systems interventions on food security and nutrition: Launch of the 3ie Food Systems Evidence Gap Map](#)

The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) and Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions (IMMANA) research group were commissioned by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) in February 2020 to develop an Evidence Gap

Map (EGM) of the effects of food systems interventions on food security and nutrition outcomes. This map can help increase the discoverability of evidence and it's use by decision makers working on policies and programmes.

Time: 8:00 am EST – 9:30 am EST Start Date: 14 January 2021 End Date: 14 January 2021

[Register Now](#)

CHS Alliance [to 26 Dec 2020]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

Our Impact

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

News/Blog/Events

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Publications, Events, News

[Statement of Commitment on Climate by Humanitarian Organisations](#)

14/12/2020

The actions of solidarity organizations, crucial as they may be, can nevertheless generate environmental and climate impacts. Therefore, in order to be in line with the international engagements to reduce emissions and global warming, Groupe URD is committed alongside ACTED, Action contre la Faim, ALIMA, CARE France, Electriciens Sans Frontières, Médecins du Monde, Première Urgence Internationale, Secours Islamique France and Solidarités International to halve emissions by 2030.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 26 Dec 2020]

<https://ihsa.info/>

Weekly humanitarian blog posts selection

No new digest content identified.

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

<https://inee.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

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

<https://phap.org/>

Association news, events

No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

News and Blog

[10 things Start Network did in its 10th year](#)

by Helen James 22 Dec 20

2020 was an eventful year, it was also Start Network's 10 year anniversary. Here we look back at 10 things Start Network did in its 10th year.

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Brookings

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

Accessed 26 Dec 2020

Latest Research/Events

Report

The 'state-plus' framework: A confederal solution for Israel-Palestine

Omar H. Rahman

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

Report

Coping with COVID-19's cost: The example of Morocco

Yasmina Abouzzohour

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Economics

How misinformation is distorting COVID policies and behaviors

Jonathan Rothwell and Sonal Desai

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

117th U.S. Congress

Restoring trust: 5 steps to reduce congressional conflicts of interest

Ty Gellasch

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

Essay

Women at the top of the world, still not at the center: A new network analysis discovery

Tuugi Chuluun and Kevin L. Young

Monday, December 21, 2020

Center for Global Development [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Selected Publications, News and Events

December 22, 2020

All Foreign Policy Spending Should Take Gender Into Account

This brief originally appeared on the International Center for Research on Women's website.

[Megan O'Donnell](#)

December 21, 2020

E-commerce and Mobile Money for Poverty Reduction in China: Lessons for African Countries

Global e-commerce sales surged to US\$25.6 trillion in 2018, up 8 percent from 2017. Leading the way are China (US\$1.5 trillion), the United States (US\$600 billion), and the United Kingdom (US\$135 billion) holding the top three spots respectively. Yet Africa, with 17 percent of the world's population, still lags behind both in e-commerce sales and the use of mobile money for online purchases. Why is this a problem?

Leah Lynch and Chung Tsz Chung

December 21, 2020

What is the Role of Aid in Middle-Income Countries?

We develop screens and principles designed to maximise the impact of aid, especially in richer recipients. All else equal, a dollar spent in the poorest countries will have a larger impact on well-being than a dollar spent in richer countries, so ODA should be concentrated in those countries.

[Ranil Dissanayake](#) , [Charles Kenny](#) and [Mark Plant](#)

CSIS [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Selected Reports

Report

[Rethinking Crisis Responses in the Sahel](#)

December 22, 2020 | [Judd Devermont](#), [Marielle Harris](#) The conflict in the Sahel is entering its tenth year, and the region has never been further from peace. Judd Devermont and Marielle Harris urge regional and international stakeholders to re-assess and revalidate their strategies in the region.

Report

[Covid-19 Demand Shock and Preparedness Response](#)

December 21, 2020 As the U.S. economy restarts after unprecedented challenges caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, there is a strong drive in Congress and the executive branch to improve the resilience and security of international supply chains in the medical sector.

Rand [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Selected Research Reports/Journal Articles

Report

[The Composition and Employment of Software Personnel in the U.S. Department of Defense: An Initial Analysis](#)

The authors identify and characterize a subset of the U.S. Department of Defense's (DoD's) software workforce, the types of software developed within DoD, and the variety of methods DoD programs use when employing that workforce to develop software.

Dec 24, 2020

Bonnie L. Triezenberg, Jason M. Ward, Jonathan Cham, Devon Hill, Sean Robson, Jeff Fourman

Report

[RAND Technical Expert Panel Medicare Advantage \(MA\) and Part D Contract Star Ratings, July 22, 2020 Meeting](#)

On July 22, 2020, the RAND Corporation convened a Technical Expert Panel (TEP) web meeting to gather input on analyses that could be conducted to further enhance the Medicare Advantage (MA) and Part D Contract Star Ratings program.

Dec 23, 2020

Cheryl L. Damberg, Maria DeYoreo

Report

[Mitigating the Effects of Blast-Related Burn Injuries from Prolonged Field Care to Rehabilitation and Resilience: Proceedings and Expert Findings from a U.S. Department of Defense International State-of-the-Science Meeting](#)

Blast-related burns, which accounted for most burns suffered by service members in the recent conflict in Afghanistan, are difficult to treat. These conference proceedings describe a meeting held at RAND to identify gaps in blast-injury research.

Dec 23, 2020

Emily Hoch, Samantha McBirney, Charles C. Engel, Tepring Piquado

Journal Article

[Russia's Cyber Limitations in Personnel Recruitment and Innovation, Their Potential Impact on Future Operations and How NATO and Its Members Can Respond](#)

This chapter addresses questions arising from the gap that separates Russian cyber personnel and capabilities from its ambitions and what effect this disparity has on future state-backed cyber campaigns.

Dec 23, 2020

Joe Cheravitch, Bilyana Lilly

Journal Article

[Visualization of Electronic Health Record Data for Decision-Making in Diabetes and Congestive Heart Failure](#)

The aim of this study is to study the impact of graphical representation of health record data on physician decision-making to inform the design of health information technology.

Dec 22, 2020

Shira H. Fischer, Charles Safran, Krzysztof Z. Gajos, Adam Wright

Journal Article

[Virginia Preschool Initiative Plus: Cost Study Final Report](#)

This report includes estimates of the Virginia Preschool Initiative Plus expenditures in the 2016–2017 and 2017–2018 school years as part of a larger evaluation of VPI+ that also examined the impacts of VPI+ on children's kindergarten entry outcomes.

Dec 22, 2020

Sherylls Valladares Kahn, Lynn A. Karoly, Jill S. Cannon, Kristina Rodriguez, Aisha Pittman, Laura E. Hawkinson

Journal Article

[Approaches to Analyzing the Vulnerability of Community Water Systems to Groundwater Contamination in Los Angeles County](#)

This paper details the objectives, process and lessons learned from a workshop-based research project that examined the spatial extent of groundwater contamination in Los Angeles County's groundwater basins.

Dec 22, 2020

Michelle E. Miro, Kelsea Best, Nur Kaynar, Rachel Kirpes, Aisha Najera Chesler

Journal Article

[Exploring the Application of Machine Learning for Downscaling Climate Projections](#)

In this proof-of-concept study, datasets derived from both observations and climate models were used together to train and test statistical methods to downscale.

Dec 22, 2020

Kristin Van Abel, Amanda Back, M. Kathleen Brennan, Oriana S. Chegwidden, Mimi Hughes, Marielle Pinheiro, Cecilia M. Bitz

Journal Article

[Hospital Readmission After Noncardiac Surgery: The Role of Major Complications](#)

To examine whether the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP) predicted risk of major complications can be used to identify surgical patients at risk for rehospitalization.

Dec 22, 2020

Laurent G. Glance, Arthur L. Kellermann, Turner M. Osler, Yue Li, Dana B. Mukamel, Stewart J. Lustik, Michael P. Eaton, Andrew W. Dick

Report

[Allies Growing Closer: Japan–Europe Security Ties in the Age of Strategic Competition](#)

Japan and European partners are increasingly cooperating in the security domain in a time of growing strategic competition. This report describes their efforts and provides recommendations for fostering the partnerships and their effectiveness.

Dec 21, 2020

Jeffrey W. Hornung

Report

[Developing Operationally Relevant Metrics for Measuring and Tracking Readiness in the U.S. Air Force](#)

The authors developed a new approach to leverage and aggregate authoritative data sources that feed the current readiness reporting system to better measure the ability of Air Combat Command forces to meet scenario demands.

Dec 21, 2020

Muharrem Mane, Anthony D. Rosello, Paul Emslie, Thomas Edward Goode, Henry Hargrove, Tucker Reese

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 26 Dec 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

[NEW RoRI WORKING PAPER | The changing role of funders in Responsible Research Assessment \(RRA\)](#)

New working paper explores what RRA is and where it comes from by outlining fifteen initiatives that have influenced the content, shape and direction of current RRA debates. Produced in partnership with the Global Research Council.

18.11.2020

Alan Turing Institute

<https://www.turing.ac.uk/news>

News, Research, Events

[The Turing Podcast: season two launches with episodes about psychopathy and protein-folding](#)

An exploration of the dark world of psychopathy and a look at DeepMind's recent...

Monday 21 Dec 2020

Unitaid [to 26 Dec 2020]

<https://unitaid.org/>

Featured News

22 December 2020

[Unitaid welcomes US\\$40 million from Norway to fight COVID-19](#)

Geneva – Unitaid is pleased to welcome a contribution of NOK 350 million (US\$40 million) from Norway towards its vital work on COVID-19 treatments and tests.

As a founding member of Unitaid, Norway has been a longstanding supporter of its efforts to bring forward life-saving global health innovations.

This funding will enable Unitaid to advance the development and equitable access to therapeutics and diagnostics for COVID-19 in low- and middle-income countries, under the umbrella of the global Access to COVID Tools Accelerator (ACT-A).

The focus will be twofold: firstly, collaborating with FIND and industry partners to push forward the development of high-quality, affordable self-tests for COVID-19 that are suitable for use in low-resource settings.

Secondly, Unitaid will work with ACT-A partners to adapt COVID-19 treatments and initiate country preparedness for promising treatments such as monoclonal antibodies...

Urban Institute [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Publications

[State Tax and Economic Review, 2020 Quarter 2](#)

States saw steep declines in revenues in the second quarter of 2020, though some of this was caused by shifting revenues into the next quarter and next fiscal year. Consequently, most states ended fiscal year 2020 uncertain about their fiscal bottom line. Many states cut spending, laid off or furloughed workers, or used federal aid or rainy-day funds, while they waited to see what their revenues would be

[Lucy Dadayan](#)

December 24, 2020

Research Report

[Evaluating Programs and Impact within Promise Neighborhoods](#)

Place-based education and community change interventions such as Promise Neighborhoods face distinct challenges designing and executing high-quality evaluations. Because these efforts attempt to create population-level change by using a comprehensive continuum of cradle-to-career programming, experimental evaluation methods may be impractical or inappropriate. Nevertheless, planning, formative, and quasi-

[Peter A. Tatian](#), [Benny Docter](#)

December 23, 2020

Brief

[Investing in Collaborative Safety Solutions in DC](#)

Leah Sakala, a Senior Policy Associate in the Justice Policy Center, provided testimony in a public oversight roundtable before the District of Columbia Committee on the Judiciary & Public Safety on "Exploring Non-Law Enforcement Alternatives to Meeting Community Needs." In her testimony she discusses her research around community-based public safety systems and how D.C. leaders might prioritize

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

December 23, 2020
Testimony

[Improving the Safety and Soundness of Nonbank Mortgage Servicers Will Require More Than Prudential Regulation](#)

In October 2020, the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS) proposed prudential regulatory standards for nonbank mortgage servicers. Given that nonbank servicers are already regulated by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and pseudo-regulated by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and Ginnie Mae, the CSBS proposal raises several questions. In this brief, we explain how to structure nonbank regulation in a manner

[Karan Kaul](#), [Laurie Goodman](#)

December 23, 2020
Brief

[The Health Insurance Policy Simulation Model for 2020](#)

This report fully describes the methodology of the Health Insurance Policy Simulation model and presents the model's 2020 current-law baseline, which reflects health care and coverage after the 2020 Marketplace Open Enrollment Period and before the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Matthew Buettgens](#), [Jessica Banthin](#)

December 22, 2020
Research Report

[Year 1 Evaluation of the PRO Neighborhoods Purple Line Collaborative](#)

In 2019, the Purple Line Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Collaborative received a JPMorgan Chase PRO Neighborhoods award. The Purple Line Collaborative is made up of three community development financial institutions (CDFIs): Enterprise Community Partners, the National Housing Trust, and the Latino Economic Development Center. With the PRO Neighborhoods grant, the three CDFIs are focused on lending to

[Peter A. Tatian](#), [Leiha Edmonds](#), [Mychal Cohen](#), [Jain Park](#), [Mary Bogle](#)

December 22, 2020
Research Report

[Youth Engagement in Collective Impact Initiatives](#)

Youth engagement is the meaningful and sustained involvement of young people in efforts to create positive social change. This approach requires youth-serving organizations to rebalance traditional power dynamics between adults and young people, allowing youths to take on decisionmaking responsibilities. Collective impact initiatives such as Promise Neighborhoods are well-positioned to meaningfully incorporate

[Jessica Shakesprere](#), [Mica O'Brien](#), [Eona Harrison](#)

December 21, 2020
Brief

[Understanding SNAP Take-Up and Short-Term Community College Outcomes in Virginia](#)

Food insecurity is associated with poorer educational outcomes across the education spectrum. At the K–12 level, receipt of food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps) or through universal school lunch is associated with positive, if small, effects on student outcomes. Little is known, however, about the relationship between SNAP receipt and college

[Kristin Blagg](#), [Macy Rainer](#), [Kelia Washington](#)

December 21, 2020

Research Report

The Wistar Institute [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press Releases

Dec. 23, 2020

[Wistar Reports New Class of Antibiotics Active Against a Wide Range of Bacteria](#)

Dual-acting immuno-antibiotics block an essential pathway in bacteria and activate the adaptive immune response.

World Economic Forum [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Media

[Viet Nam and the World Economic Forum Launch Partnership to Tackle Plastic Pollution and Marine Plastic Debris](#)

News 23 Dec 2020

[Data-driven Cities Have Better Responses to COVID-19](#)

News 22 Dec 2020

:: Data-driven cities did better in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic partly due to smart infrastructure
:: Evidence-based decision-making, including predictive modelling, were highlighted as important tools, but lengthy and complex procurement were key challenges
:: With a focus on India, the report compares the strategies and tactics used by six cities, including Bengaluru, Surat and Pimpri Chinchwad, in containing the spread of COVID-19
:: Read the full report [here](#)

[Top Ten Technologies That Will Change International Trade, Released by World Economic Forum](#)

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

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

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press Releases and Statements

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 26 Dec 2020]

<http://www.emcf.org/capital-aggregation/blue-meridian-partners/>

Blue Meridian Partners is a new capital aggregation collaboration that plans to invest at least \$1 billion in high-performance nonprofits that are poised to have truly national impact for economically disadvantaged children and youth.

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 26 Dec 2020]

www.co-impact.io

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

No new digest content identified.

Ford Foundation [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

The Latest

No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 26 Dec 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 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Latest Updates

[2020 and beyond: Annual grantee conference call](#)

December 23, 2020

Last week, we held our annual grantee conference calls. Part of the foundation's ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, the calls give grantees an opportunity to ask our president and senior staff questions about our work...

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Stories

No new digest content identified.

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

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

Press Room

Institute Dec 21 2020

[David Julius Elected as HHMI Trustee](#)

Julius, a professor at the University of California, San Francisco, will join HHMI's Board of Trustees.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

December 23, 2020 *News Release*

[Two Women's Health Policy Issues to Monitor in 2021](#)

With President-elect Joe Biden and a new Congress taking office next month, newly updated KFF briefs examine two women's health policy issues awaiting federal policymakers in 2021. President-elect

Biden campaigned on reversing the Trump Administration's regulations for the Title X family planning program, which require complete financial and physical separation...

Kellogg Foundation [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

In response to COVID-19

Dec. 21, 2020

Since the World Health Organization declared a COVID-19 a global pandemic on March 11, 2020, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) has responded...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

News, Events, What We're Learning

No new digest content identified.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 26 Dec 2020]

<https://mellon.org/>

Mellon News, Press Releases

COVID-19 Response

Mellon Foundation Distributes Groundbreaking \$228.4 Million—the Largest Quarterly Grantmaking Total in the Foundation's History

During Global Pandemic, Mellon Foundation Remains at the Forefront of Philanthropic Giving to Arts, Culture, and Higher Education Institutions Nationwide

NEW YORK, NY, December 22, 2020 – During its quarterly meeting in December, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's board of trustees issued a total of \$228.4 million in grants—the largest quarterly total in the Foundation's 51-year history. Funds were awarded to 186 grantees to support the arts and humanities, bolster higher education, and shore up cultural organizations devastated by the economic fallout out from COVID-19...

Fourth quarter grantmaking highlights:

:: California Community Foundation: \$10,000,000 in COVID-19 emergency response for Los Angeles arts and cultural organizations

:: The Monuments Project: \$9,841,750 in grants added to the Foundation's ongoing initiative

:: Prison Education Futures: \$9,334,000 to support higher education for currently and formerly incarcerated students

:: Bubble residencies: \$3,785,000 to create safe work environments for 11 dance organizations and 350 artists

:: COVID-19 relief for Philadelphia: \$4,010,000 to support arts and culture organizations

:: Community college transfers: \$3,626,000 to support humanities students transferring from community colleges to research universities
:: Art Museum Futures Fund II: \$3,000,000 to more than a dozen small cultural institutions across the nation
:: American Library Association: \$2,550,000 to fund general operations for the world's oldest and largest professional association for librarianship
:: National Historical Publications and Records Commission: \$2,350,000 in start-up grants for scholarly editions on African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, and Native American histories
:: Community-based archives: \$1,500,000 for preserving original source materials in all formats, including web-based content, with a focus on materials from historically underrepresented cultures and populations
:: Flamboyán Foundation: \$1,147,500 to support individual fellowships for Puerto Rican writers across genres

The complete database of grants issued by the Mellon Foundation is available at <https://mellon.org/grants/grants-database/>.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press Releases & Statements

Podcast

December 23, 2020

[Small Loans, Large Cost](#)

Stat: [12 million](#): The number of Americans who use payday loans each year.

Story: Payday loans can help people facing an unexpected financial crunch—but can also bring unexpected problems. Ohio adopted an innovative new law to protect consumers who were being dragged into a cycle of debt by the very loans they thought would help them. We learn more from Nick Bourke, who directs Pew's consumer finance work, and Pastor Carl Ruby, who saw the downside to the loans and helped lead the fight to change the law

Opinion

December 20, 2020

[Here's Why Some People In Indiana Avoid Opioid Addiction Treatment](#)

Rockefeller Foundation [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press Releases

[DFC And The Rockefeller Foundation Sign MOU to Invest in Solutions to End Energy Poverty](#)

12.21.20

:: MOU will help empower some of the world's most vulnerable people and support Covid-19 recovery by delivering reliable electricity

:: Focus on distributed renewable energy will help deliver power to remote communities

Washington, D.C. | December 21, 2020 – The Rockefeller Foundation and U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) today announced they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to work to end energy poverty by promoting investment in Distributed Renewable Energy (DRE) around the world. The memorandum will focus on delivering reliable, sustainable electricity to the 800 million people worldwide who currently lack electricity, and 2.8 billion more who have unreliable access, to support economic recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and foster long-term economic growth.

The partnership will be built around three pillars:

:: Financing: DFC will invest up to \$2 billion in distributed renewable energy and The Rockefeller Foundation will provide up to \$50 million to de-risk DFC investments.

:: Global Platform: DFC and The Rockefeller Foundation will develop a multi-partner global platform to mobilize additional investment by promoting co-financing, grantmaking, transaction pipeline development, advocacy, and technical assistance to expand investments in distributed renewable energy in underserved markets.

:: Green Energy: DFC and The Rockefeller Foundation will work together to communicate the role that green energy infrastructure and distributed renewable energy can play in powering an inclusive recovery for the more than one billion people worldwide who lack access to reliable electricity...

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 26 Dec 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.

SDGFunders [to 26 Dec 2020]

<http://sdgfunders.org/>

SDG Philanthropy Platform is a collaboration between philanthropy and the greater international development community led by Foundation Center, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, and supported by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Ford Foundation and the MasterCard Foundation, the Brach Family Foundation, and other key organizations such as Asociación de Fundaciones Empresariales (AFE) in Colombia, Brach Family Charitable Foundation, CAF America, Council on Foundations, East Africa Association of Grantmakers (EAAG), European Foundation Centre, Filantropi Indonesia (FI), GlobalGiving, The Humanitarian Forum, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists, and Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS).
Selected Announcements
No new digest content identified.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 26 Dec 2020]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 26 Dec 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 12: E981-1070

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/socially-situated-brain-death>

Socially Situated Brain Death

In 1980, the Uniform Determination of Death Act (UDDA) defined death as “(1) irreversible cessation of circulatory and respiratory functions, or (2) irreversible cessation of all functions of the entire brain, including the brain stem ... in accordance with accepted medical standards.” Interpreting the UDDA definition and applying neurological criteria for diagnosing brain death sound straightforward. Brain death is, however, socially situated, not observer independent, and fraught with uncertainty and ambiguity. This issue investigates some of the ethical, cultural, and legal complexities of one of medicine’s most critical tasks: being sharp and sure about who is alive and who is dead.

[Full Issue PDF.](#)

American Journal of Infection Control

December 2020 Volume 48 Issue 12 p1415-1570

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

December 2020 Volume 59 Issue 6 p773-914

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

Research Articles

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

December 2020 110(12)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 103, Issue 6, December 2020

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/103/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

15 December 2020 Volume 173, Issue 12

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

Original Research

[Attitudes Toward a Potential SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine - A Survey of U.S. Adults](#)

FREE

Kimberly A. Fisher, MD, MSc, Sarah J. Bloomstone, BA, Jeremy Walder, DO, ... [et al.](#)

Pages:964–973

Once a COVID-19 vaccine becomes available, maximizing uptake and coverage will be important. This national survey explored factors associated with vaccine hesitancy. The results suggest that multipronged efforts will be needed to increase acceptance of the vaccine

Editorials

[SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine Acceptance: We May Need to Choose Our Battles](#)

Alison M. Bутtenheim, PhD, MBA

Pages:1018–1019

Fisher and colleagues reported a U.S. survey in which about 6 in 10 respondents intend to receive a COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available. The editorialist discusses why closing the intention-to-behavior gap is likely to have population health benefit.

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology

Latest Issue: Issue 378 - December 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 289, December 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/289/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 26 Dec 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

December 2020 - Volume 5 - 12

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/5/12>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 26 Dec 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content>
(Accessed 26 Dec 2020)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmedethics/content>
(Accessed 26 Dec 2020)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/content>
(Accessed 26 Dec 2020)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content>
(Accessed 26 Dec 2020)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles>
Research
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Research Notes

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcresnotes/content>
(Accessed 26 Dec 2020)
[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

December 2020 - Volume 10 - 12
<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/10/12>
[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 98, Number 12, December 2020, 821-908
<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/98/12/en/>
[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 47, Issue 1 Pages: 1-141 January 2021
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal

Volume 110, Part 1, December 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/110/part/P1>

30 Years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child: Evolving Progress and Prospects for Child Protection

Edited by Yanghee Lee, Stuart Hart, Jaap Doek, Tracie O. Afifi

Editorial No access

[A Special issue to encourage full application of child rights in child protection](#)

Jaap Doek, Stuart Hart, Yanghee Lee

Article 104683

Clinical Therapeutics

December 2020 Volume 42 Issue 12 p2239-2340, e259-e274

<http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 17 Issue 6, December 2020

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/17/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/>

[Accessed 26 Dec 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 99 December 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/99/suppl/C>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

The CRISPR Journal

Volume 3, Issue 6 / December 2020

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/3/6>

Perspective Free

[Heritable Human Genome Editing: The Public Engagement Imperative](#)

Eli Y. Adashi, et al

Pages:434–439

Published Online:17 December 2020
<https://doi.org/10.1089/crispr.2020.0049>

Abstract

In the view of many, heritable human genome editing (HHGE) harbors the remedial potential of ridding the world of deadly genetic diseases. A Hippocratic obligation, if there ever was one, HHGE is widely viewed as a life-sustaining proposition. The national go/no-go decision regarding the implementation of HHGE, however, must not, in the collective view of the authors, proceed absent thorough public engagement. A comparable call for an "extensive societal dialogue" was recently issued by the International Commission on the Clinical Use of Human Germline Genome Editing. In this communication, the authors lay out the foundational principles undergirding the formation, modification, and evaluation of public opinion. It is against this backdrop that the societal decision to warrant or enjoin the clinical conduct of HHGE will doubtlessly transpire.

Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 8, issue 4, December 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/8-4>

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

December 2020 - Volume 33 - Issue 6

<https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Protocols in Human Genetics

Volume 107, Issue 1 September 2020

<https://currentprotocols.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/19348258/2020/107/1>

[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 8, 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

Volume 39, Issue 1 Pages: 1-151 January 2021

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>

ARTICLES

[Reviewed earlier]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 15, Issue 8, 2020

<http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idt/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 14 - Issue 5 - October 2020

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-preparedness/latest-issue>

Systematic Review

[Data Collection Tools for Maternal and Child Health in Humanitarian Emergencies: An Updated Systematic Review](#)

Juliana Lima Constantino, Fernanda Dias Romeiro, Theresa Diaz, Allisyn C Moran, Cynthia Boschi-Pinto
Published online by Cambridge University Press: 10 December 2019, pp. 601-619

Abstract

The worst rates of preventable mortality and morbidity among women and children occur in humanitarian settings. Reliable, easy-to-use, standardized, and efficient tools for data collection are needed to enable different organizations to plan and act in the most effective way. In 2015, the World Health Organization (WHO) commissioned a review of tools for data collection on the health of women and children in humanitarian emergencies. An update of this review was conducted to investigate whether the recommendations made were taken forward and to identify newly developed tools. Fifty-three studies and 5 new tools were identified. Only 1 study used 1 of the tools identified in our search. Little has been done in terms of the previous recommendations. Authors may not be aware of the availability of such tools and of the importance of documenting their data using the same methods as other researchers. Currently used tools may not be suitable for use in humanitarian settings or may not include the domains of the authors' interests. The development of standardized instruments should be done with all key workers in the area and could be coordinated by the WHO.

Report from the Field

[Developing a Public Health Monitoring System in a War-torn Region: A Field Report From Iraqi Kurdistan](#)

Stefania Moramarco, Faiq B. Basa, Haveen H. Alsilefanee, Sivar A. Qadir, Leonardo Emberti Gialloreti
Published online by Cambridge University Press: 05 November 2019, pp. 620-622

Disasters

Volume 45, Issue 1 Pages: 1-252 January 2021

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

Volume 21 Issue 12 3 December 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 26, Number 12—December 2020

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Volume 33 December 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/33/suppl/C>

Review article Open access

[Deriving risk maps from epidemiological models of vector borne diseases: State-of-the-art and suggestions for best practice](#)

Yanchao Cheng, Nils Benjamin Tjaden, Anja Jaeschke, Stephanie Margarete Thomas, Carl Beierkuhnlein
Article 100411

Review article Open access

[Responsible modelling: Unit testing for infectious disease epidemiology](#)

Tim C.D. Lucas, Timothy M Pollington, Emma L Davis, T Déirdre Hollingsworth

Article 100425

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 6 Pages: 1-40 November–December 2020

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

Video-capture studies • Benefit sharing and genomics 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.
[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 30, Issue 5, October 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/30/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy

Volume 97 December 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/97/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 12, issue 6, December 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/12-6>

[Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 65 November 2020

<https://www.fmreview.org/issue65>

Recognising refugees

FMR issue 65's main feature on Recognising refugees explores shortcomings, challenges and innovations (and their consequences for refugees/asylum seekers) in refugee status determination processes worldwide. A second feature offers reflections on lessons and good practice emerging from the 2018–20 GP20 Plan of Action for IDPs.

[Reviewed earlier]

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 47, 2020 - Issue 3

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Gates Open Research

<https://gatesopenresearch.org/browse/articles>

[Accessed 26 Dec 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

Genome Medicine

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

[Accessed 26 Dec 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

Geoheritage

Volume 12, issue 4, December 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/volumes-and-issues/12-4>

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health Action

Volume 13, Issue 1 (2020)

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/current?nav=toCList>

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

Vol. 8, No. 4 December 23, 2020

<http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current>

COMMENTARIES

Open Access

[Capturing Acquired Wisdom, Enabling Healthful Aging, and Building Multinational Partnerships Through Senior Global Health Mentorship](#)

C. Norman Coleman, John E. Wong, Eugenia Wendling, Mary Gospodarowicz, Donna O'Brien, Taofeeq Abdallah Ige, Simeon Chinedu Aruah, David A. Pistenmaa, Ugo Amaldi, Onyi-Onyinye Balogun, Harmar D. Brereton, Silvia Formenti, Kristen Schroeder, Nelson Chao, Surbhi Grover, Stephen M. Hahn, James Metz, Lawrence Roth and Manjit Dosanjh

Global Health: Science and Practice December 2020, 8(4):626-637; <https://doi.org/10.9745/GHSP-D-20-00108>

The undeniable benefit of mentorship by experience senior mentors can meaningfully increase the breadth of their experience and contributions to society as well as address the dire inequality in global health. This model captures wisdom lost to retirement, enables opportunities for purposeful lifespan, underpins sustainable health care systems, and has the potential for building multinational partnerships.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

Open Access

[Prevention of COVID-19 in Internally Displaced Persons Camps in War-Torn North Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo: A Mixed-Methods Study](#)

Kasereka M. Claude, Muyisa Sahika Serge, Kahindo Kahatane Alexis and Michael T. Hawkes

Global Health: Science and Practice December 2020, 8(4):638-653; <https://doi.org/10.9745/GHSP-D-20-00272>

Internally displaced persons fleeing violent conflict represent a neglected population with heightened vulnerability to pandemic COVID-19. We provide a rare snapshot of the overwhelming challenges faced by internally displaced persons in Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo as they brace for COVID-19.

Global Public Health

Volume 15, 2020 Issue 12

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health

<http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/>

[Accessed 26 Dec 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

Health Affairs

Vol. 39, No. 11 November 2020

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

Health Spending, Medicaid & More

[Reviewed earlier]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 22, Issue 2, December 2020

<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-22-issue-2-december-2020/>

Special Section: Big Data, Technology, Artificial Intelligence and the Right to Health

[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 Supplement_2, November 2020

https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/35/Supplement_2

SUPPLEMENT

Innovations in Implementation Research in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

Supplement Articles

[Guiding principles for quality, ethical standards and ongoing learning in implementation research: multicountry learnings from participatory action research to strengthen health systems](#)

[Kim Ozano](#), [Laura Dean](#), [Oluwatosin Adekeye](#), [Anthony K Bettee](#), [Ruth Dixon](#) ...

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 35, Issue Supplement_2, November 2020, Pages ii137–ii149,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czaa123>

Health Research Policy and Systems

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

[Accessed 26 Dec 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

Human Gene Therapy

Volume 31, Issue 23-24 / December 2020

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/31/23-24>

[Reviewed earlier]

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 42, Number 4, November 2020

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/43262>

[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. Simione 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.

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Author: Seamus Byrne

Pages: 748–777

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[The Child's Right to Protection against Economic Exploitation in the Digital World](#)

Authors: Simone van der Hof, E. Lievens, I. Milkaite, V. Verdoodt, T. Hannema, and T. Liefwaard

Pages: 833–859

Online Publication Date: 14 Dec 2020

Abstract

Children face significant consumer risks when surfing online, related to, inter alia, embedded advertisements and privacy-invasive practices, as well as the exploitation of their incredulity and inexperience resulting in overspending or online fraudulent transactions. Behind the fun and playful activities available for children online lie complex revenue models, creating value for companies by feeding children's data into algorithms and self-learning models to profile them and offer personalised advertising or by nudging children to buy or try to win in-app items to advance in the games they play. In this article we argue that specific measures against these forms of economic exploitation of children in the digital world are urgently needed. We focus on three types of exploitative practices that may have a significant impact on the well-being and rights of children – profiling and automated decision-making, commercialisation of play, and digital child labour. For each type, we explain what the practice entails, situate the practice within the existing legislative and children's rights framework and identify concerns in relation to those rights.

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Viewpoint

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Sheila Leatherman, MSW; Donald M. Berwick, MD, MPP

free access has multimedia

JAMA. 2020;324(24):2479-2480. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.17628

This Viewpoint proposes a policy framework for thinking about health care quality in low- and middle-income countries, emphasizing the importance of infrastructure, enforceable quality standards, safety practices, guideline-directed clinical care, and patient and family involvement.

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[More Transparency Needed for COVID-19 Emergency Authorizations](#)

Rita Rubin, MA

JAMA. 2020;324(24):2475. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.24201

To improve public trust, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) should be more transparent in publicly disclosing its reviews of safety and effectiveness data leading to Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccines and treatments, according to a recent [report](#) from the US Government Accountability Office (GAO)...

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Perspectives

[The International Health Regulations \(2005\) and the re-establishment of international travel amidst the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Barbara J von Tigerstrom, PhD, [Sam F Halabi, JD](#), [Kumanan R Wilson, MD](#)
Journal of Travel Medicine, Volume 27, Issue 8, December 2020, taaa127,
<https://doi.org/10.1093/jtm/taaa127>

As countries modify or lift travel restrictions implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, some variation in approaches is to be expected, but harmonization is important to re-establishing international travel. Despite challenges, the International Health Regulations (2005) and WHO recommendations can provide a balance of consistency and flexibility.

[Call to avert acceleration of COVID-19 from India's Sabarimala pilgrimage of 25 million devotees](#)

[K Rajasekharan Nayar](#), [Shaffi Fazaludeen Koya](#), [Venkitesh Ramakrishnan](#), [Arathi P Rao](#), [Gnanaseelan Kanakamma Libu](#) ...
Journal of Travel Medicine, Volume 27, Issue 8, December 2020, taaa153,
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India has the third-highest COVID-19 burden. Hosting the Sabarimala pilgrimage of an estimated 25 million can compromise the near-mitigated but fragile COVID-19 status of the host State of Kerala, accelerate the ongoing outbreaks in other states of India, and potentially in multiple countries with emigrants from Kerala.

[Public health emergencies of international concern: a historic overview](#)

Annelies Wilder-Smith, MD, Sarah Osman, MPH

Journal of Travel Medicine, Volume 27, Issue 8, December 2020, taaa227,

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Abstract

Rationale

The International Health Regulations (IHR) have been the governing framework for global health security since 2007. Declaring public health emergencies of international concern (PHEIC) is a cornerstone of the IHR. Here we review how PHEIC are formally declared, the diseases for which such declarations have been made from 2007 to 2020 and justifications for such declarations.

Key findings

Six events were declared PHEIC between 2007 and 2020: the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic, Ebola (West African outbreak 2013–2015, outbreak in Democratic Republic of Congo 2018–2020), poliomyelitis (2014 to present), Zika (2016) and COVID-19 (2020 to present). Poliomyelitis is the longest PHEIC. Zika was the first PHEIC for an arboviral disease. For several other emerging diseases a PHEIC was not declared despite the fact that the public health impact of the event was considered serious and associated with potential for international spread.

Recommendations

The binary nature of a PHEIC declaration is often not helpful for events where a tiered or graded approach is needed. The strength of PHEIC declarations is the ability to rapidly mobilize international coordination, streamline funding and accelerate the advancement of the development of vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics under emergency use authorization. The ultimate purpose of such declaration is to catalyse timely evidence-based action, to limit the public health and societal impacts of emerging and re-emerging disease risks while preventing unwarranted travel and trade restrictions.

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Abrar K Alasmari, PhD, Phil J Edwards, PhD, Abdullah M Assiri, MD, Ronald H Behrens, MD, Amaya L Bustinduy, PhD

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2020: the year in review

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[A review of 2020 through Nature's editorials](#)

From the COVID pandemic to a momentous US election, Nature's editorials provide a lens through which to view an extraordinary year.

Editorial | 15 December 2020

[Nature's 10: the human stories behind an extraordinary year in science](#)

Ten profiles illustrate an unforgettable year that propelled research teams to the front of the world's stage.

News Feature | 15 December 2020

[Nature's 10: ten people who helped shape science in 2020](#)

A COVID vaccine developer, an Arctic voyager and a prime minister are some of the people behind the year's big research stories.

David Cyranoski, Elie Dolgin[...] & Nidhi Subbaraman

News | 14 December 2020

[Arab nations first to approve Chinese COVID vaccine — despite lack of public data](#)

The United Arab Emirates and Bahrain say the vaccine is 86% effective, but scientists would like to see data to support the claim.

David Cyranoski

Two Arab nations have become the first countries to approve a Chinese COVID-19 vaccine, a significant boost for China's plans to roll out its vaccines worldwide. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) approved a vaccine developed by Chinese state-owned Sinopharm on 9 December, and Bahrain followed days later. But researchers say a lack of public data on the safety and efficacy of the vaccine could hinder the company's plans to distribute the vaccine in a range of other countries...

Comment | 17 December 2020

[The WHO's chief scientist on a year of loss and learning](#)

The head of scientific work at the World Health Organization reflects on the agency's challenges and achievements as it navigates the COVID pandemic.

Soumya Swaminathan

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Seven government researchers who helped to guide their governments' responses to the COVID-19 pandemic speak out.

Gordon Awandare, Emmanuel André[...] & Mona Nemer

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Aris Angelis, Huseyin Naci, Allan Hackshaw, Content type: Practical Application

Published: 22 September 2020

Pages: 1297 - 1308

Abstract

Recently licensed cell and gene therapies have promising but highly uncertain clinical benefits. They are entering the market at very high prices, with the latest entrants costing hundreds of thousands of dollars. The significant long-term uncertainty posed by these therapies has already complicated the use of conventional economic evaluation approaches such as cost-effectiveness and cost-utility analyses, which are widely used for assessing the value of new health interventions. Cell and gene therapies also risk jeopardising healthcare systems' financial sustainability. As a result, there is a need to recalibrate the current health technology assessment methods used to measure and compensate their value. In this paper, we outline a set of technical adaptations and methodological refinements to address key challenges in the appraisal of cell and gene therapies' value, including the assessment of efficiency and affordability. We also discuss the potential role of alternative financing mechanisms. Ultimately, uncertainties associated with cell and gene therapies can only be meaningfully addressed by improving the evidence base supporting their approval and adoption in healthcare systems.

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Donald A. Berry, Scott Berry, Peter Hale, Leah Isakov, Andrew W. Lo, Kien Wei Siah, Chi Heem Wong
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<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0244418>

Abstract

We compare and contrast the expected duration and number of infections and deaths averted among several designs for clinical trials of COVID-19 vaccine candidates, including traditional and adaptive randomized clinical trials and human challenge trials. Using epidemiological models calibrated to the current pandemic, we simulate the time course of each clinical trial design for 756 unique combinations of parameters, allowing us to determine which trial design is most effective for a given scenario. A human challenge trial provides maximal net benefits—averting an additional 1.1M infections and 8,000 deaths in the U.S. compared to the next best clinical trial design—if its set-up time is short or the pandemic spreads slowly. In most of the other cases, an adaptive trial provides greater net benefits.

[Americans' perceptions of privacy and surveillance in the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

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Current topic | English |

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Carracedo et al.

A considerable number of clinical trials is being conducted globally in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including in low- and middle-income countries such as those in the Latin America and Caribbean region (LAC). Yet, an abundance of studies does not necessarily shorten the path to find safe and efficacious interventions for COVID-19. We analyze the trials for COVID-19 treatment and prevention that are registered from LAC countries in the International Clinical Trials Registry Platform, and identify a trend towards small repetitive non-rigorous studies that duplicate efforts and drain limited resources without producing meaningful conclusions on the safety and efficacy of the interventions being tested. We further assess the challenges to conducting scientifically sound and socially valuable research in the LAC region in order to inform recommendations to encourage clinical trials that are most likely to produce robust evidence during the pandemic.

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Patricia Espinosa Cantellano

This most difficult and even overwhelming year has served to remind us of our ultimate dependence on the physical environment. It has confirmed the value of science as our most reliable instrument to understand and to overcome natural threats. It has proved that cooperation is the only way to address challenges that transcend borders.

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These articles were prepared in anticipation of the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP 15) originally planned for October 2020 in Kunming, China, and the designation of a “biodiversity super year”. Many far-reaching decisions concerning the preservation of biodiversity were meant to be taken in 2020. But due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of international meetings including COP 15 could not take place and have been postponed.

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