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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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Editor's Note:

The end-of-year holiday period sees many international agencies, INGOs and foundations closed, with comparatively little announcement activity. We lead this edition – the first of 2021 – with a perspective essay by Antonio Guterres from November from *The Economist*, followed by an editorial on prospects for 2021 from the editorial board of *The Financial Times*. Both sources are a bit skewed from our typical content weighting...

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The Economist – *The World in 2021*

[Antonio Guterres wants to avoid a Great Fracture](#)

The leader of the UN says co-operation is more crucial now than ever
Nov 17th 2020

COVID-19 is a test of international cooperation—and it is a test the world is failing. With some notable exceptions, countries have focused on themselves and defined their own strategies, sometimes in contradiction to what their neighbours were doing. We have seen the results. **As countries go in their own directions, the virus has gone in every direction. Populism and nationalism, where they prevailed, did not contain the virus and often made things manifestly worse.**

Rich countries mobilised resources at unprecedented levels, but much-needed resources are not reaching developing countries, which could face crippling debt and a liquidity crisis. Now, as a new year looms, the challenges are clear: the pandemic response will consume 2021 and the climate crisis will drive the decade. **A sensible, sustainable recovery must start now.**

Many are pinning their hopes on a vaccine, but there is no panacea in a pandemic. The priority is ensuring that any vaccine is a global public good—a people's vaccine available and affordable for everyone, everywhere.

We also need a vaccine for our overheating planet. The five-year period since the signing of the Paris agreement on climate change has been the hottest on record. Greenhouse-gas concentrations in 2021 will reach heights unseen in millions of years.

Ahead of the next United Nations climate conference in November 2021, I have urged world leaders to submit more ambitious national plans and long-term strategies aligned with the Paris agreement and the goal of limiting the average temperature rise to 1.5°C. All countries, especially G20 members, should commit themselves to carbon neutrality by 2050. All

companies, banks and cities should establish their own plans and benchmarks for a transition to net-zero emissions of greenhouse gases.

Technology and economics are on our side. A green economy fuels employment. Renewable energy generates three times more jobs than investments in fossil fuels. Bail-outs of industry, aviation and shipping should be conditional on aligning with the goals of the Paris agreement. It is time to end fossil-fuel subsidies, put a price on carbon and commit to no new coal.

Pandemic recovery is our chance to re-engineer economies and re-imagine our future.

Recovery must also advance gender equality; no other single step could do more to fortify societies for the future. **As vast sums are deployed to re-energise economies, how these funds are spent is a critical matter for people and planet alike.** Covid-19 response and recovery also depend on silencing the guns and standing up for human rights. The fury of the virus shows the folly of war. A surge of hatred and misinformation has heightened the dangers. **That is why I have called for a global ceasefire.**

We must also avoid a new cold war, where the two largest economies split the world in a Great Fracture—each side with its own trade and financial rules, internet and artificial-intelligence capacities. Such divides risk turning into geostrategic and military splits.

International co-operation will be crucial. The arrangements agreed on 75 years ago prevented a much-feared third world war. But the world now needs a new generation of global governance with the UN at its centre. At a time of lawlessness in cyberspace, erosion of arms-control agreements, rising inequalities, a pushback on human rights and a global trading regime tilted against the poor, we are not keeping pace.

We do not need new bureaucracies. But we do need a networked multilateralism that links global and regional institutions. We also need an inclusive multilateralism that engages businesses, cities, universities and movements for gender equality, climate action and racial justice. My plan for a new social contract focuses on the national level, with investments in social cohesion, a new generation of social protection and policies to promote resilience in the face of economic and environmental shocks. Education and digital technology must be two great enablers and equalisers in making this possible.

My proposed new global deal seeks to ensure that power, wealth and opportunities are shared more broadly. Fair globalisation, free and fair trade, and prioritising the well-being of future generations are all building blocks of this new model of global governance.

We face two critical tests—covid-19 and climate change—compounded by a third: fragility and fragmentation. Realising that solidarity is self-interest will help us end this crisis and emerge stronger together.

This article appeared in the International section of the print edition of The World in 2021 under the headline "It's time to pull together"



Unto the Breach

[Reasons for hope in 2021 -](#)

Vaccines, Biden and broader shifts give some grounds for optimism
The Financial Times – *Opinion: The editorial board* – 1 January 2021

For many, 2020 will always be synonymous with misery; the pandemic will be remembered for isolation, anxiety and — in too many cases — loss. Yet beneath the surface there have been trends and shifts that give us, if not reasons to be cheerful for the coming year then, at least, more grounds for hope for the future.

The most positive prospect for 2021 is the rollout of coronavirus vaccines. These hold the promise of returning some sense of normality; if governments can ensure enough of their populations are vaccinated then social, family and working lives can start to be restored. The biggest challenge is ensuring this happens not just in the rich world, but across lower- and middle-income countries.

The defeat of President Donald Trump opens up the potential for a rejuvenation of multilateralism. American scepticism over international trade is likely to last. There is, however, a world of difference between a US that acts constructively and one that wishes to dismantle a rules-based system of international relations.

The EU's response to coronavirus also showed the power of international co-operation. True, at first member states succumbed to nationalist instincts. But in stark contrast to the eurozone crisis a decade ago, they then managed to pull together and enhance the institutions of the trade bloc to become more responsive to shocks. What has been dubbed the "Next Generation EU" may, so far, be a branding exercise for the pandemic response fund, but it also demonstrates the bloc's potential to renew itself.

European regulators have led what is becoming an international effort to rein in excessive power on the part of the tech giants, without undermining the benefits to society they have provided during the pandemic. In the US, so far, that seems to mean using existing antitrust powers — in December the Federal Trade Commission and a group of 48 attorneys-general sued Facebook, alleging it had abused its market power. In the UK and EU, new proposals for reforming competition law would attempt to shift how "digital gatekeepers" behave in the first place. If these attempts work they could help to make the internet closer to the free and open vision of its founders.

A critical mass has been building behind fighting climate change, too. China, the world's biggest polluter, committed in September to reducing carbon emissions to net zero by 2060. The People's Republic is just the latest among many to set such a target. These pledges on their own will not do much to stop global warming. But they demonstrate that the world is taking the problem more seriously, and that advances in technology — renewable energy sources and batteries alike — are convincing governments a transition is less costly than once feared.

Progress will probably be slow in fighting racial and gender inequality, but the wave of protests following killings of black Americans by police officers has led businesses and individuals to reflect on current and historic injustices. The determination to create a fairer future will not disappear. Incoming US president Joe Biden's cabinet is already set to be the most diverse in US history.

Moving forward on all these fronts may be difficult in economies devastated by the pandemic; public appetite for reform may be exhausted. Unemployed and destitute workers might turn against anything that suggests further self-sacrifice. Yet there are economic opportunities that can be seized, new forms of working emerging, and politicians across the world have pledged to “build back better”. **If there is one reason above all for hope for the future it is that the past year has demonstrated, firmly, our ability to adapt.**

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Heritage Stewardship

Cultural institutions in crisis

Museums and galleries face crippling pandemic losses as voices calling for restitution and greater social responsibility grow louder

Rachel Spence

Financial Times, January 2 2021

The pandemic has devastated the culture sector as brutally as every other aspect of society. Covid-19 is hitting museums and galleries in the public sphere even harder than those in the commercial sector, which at least have the opportunity of online trading. Visitors to museums have dropped about 80 per cent this year, partly because of enforced closures, partly because of the public’s reluctance to travel or visit public places.

Tate recently announced that it expects to welcome one million visitors instead of eight million by the end of April. Its statement said: “For every £10 we were expecting to make this year, we are only receiving £4, and we expect to lose £56m in self-generated income.” In the US, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York has warned of a shortfall of at least \$150m for the 2020-21 financial year. Visitor numbers are not expected to recover fully for at least two to three years.

Financial losses from Covid-19 are not the only challenges museums face. Well before the pandemic, environmental and social activists were holding western institutions vigorously to account. Museums were already struggling with issues of diversity — both in staffing and, more importantly, in representation in their collections — the status of objects in those collections and calls for restitution. The situation is further complicated by criticism of many traditional sources of philanthropic funding and ongoing concern for the environment.

The Black Lives Matter movement and other world events put a renewed spotlight on racism, illuminating the “white gaze” of western institutions. Even as museums scrambled to promise that change was afoot, they found themselves ensnared in further criticism. “Did our lives matter when you STOLE ALL OUR THINGS?” retorted writer Stephanie Yeboah when Hartwig Fischer, director of the British Museum, tweeted solidarity for Black Lives Matter. Yeboah thus yoked racism into the charged question of restitution.

In Germany, the virtual opening of the mighty Humboldt Forum in Berlin, 10 years and €600m in the making, has fanned the flames of controversy about artefacts from the country’s Ethnological Museum, many of which will be displayed in the grand new museum. The issue of who holds and curates African

heritage pieces came to the fore when Nigeria's ambassador to Germany wrote last month to Chancellor Angela Merkel demanding the return of precious bronzes looted from Benin. Despite its ambition and splendour, it is hard not to feel that the Humboldt Forum is designed on a museum model already out of date.

Other countries are working to counteract the historic effects of that traditional model. In the Netherlands, new legislation is being drawn up to effect "unconditional returns" of objects to their countries of origin. Meanwhile, in France last month the National Assembly voted to return 26 colonial objects to Benin and one to Senegal. Such initiatives signal that calls for restitution are being taken more seriously than ever before.

These moves throw into relief the reluctance of other institutions to follow suit. The British Museum is yet to return a single bronze to Benin — it has about 800 of them — but has created a new strand entitled "Collecting and Empire" to illuminate and acknowledge the sometimes nefarious back stories to many of the institution's eight million artefacts. But by omitting the Parthenon marbles and the Benin bronzes, critics say it is little more than window dressing. "It's still fundamentally conservative," says Alice Proctor, author of *The Whole Picture: The Colonial Story of the Art in our Museums and Why We Need to Talk About It...*

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Venezuela

[New Report Warns Number of Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants could Rise to 7 million in 2021](#)

Organization of American States (OAS)

December 30, 2020

A new report prepared by the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) warns that the number of Venezuelan refugees and migrants could rise to 7 million in 2021 if the countries of the region reopen their borders and the regime in Venezuela remains in place.

[The Situation Report](#), prepared by the Office of the OAS General Secretariat for this crisis, headed by David Smolansky, presents a balance of the year 2020 for Venezuelan refugees and migrants. Among the report's findings, it highlights that:

:: The Covid-19 pandemic worsened the Venezuelan migration crisis in 2020. Although the outflow slowed down due to border closures and mandatory confinement, these measures increased the difficulties faced by Venezuelan migrants and refugees and, therefore, the challenges of care, protection and integration.

:: The conditions of vulnerability in which Venezuelan migrants arrive in host countries are increasingly critical after the deepening crisis in Venezuela.

:: The remains of 33 Venezuelan migrants who fled their country by sea, including minors, have been found on the maritime border between Venezuela and Trinidad and Tobago.

:: If borders reopen in the first quarter of 2021 and the illegitimate regime in Venezuela continues in power, the number of migrants and refugees could rise to 7 million.

After the publication of the document, Smolansky emphasized that "the only solution to stop this unprecedented human landslide in the region is for Venezuela to have a transition towards democracy

and for Venezuelans to progressively regain their freedoms. This is the only way forced migration will stop and incentives for return will emerge."...

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Featured Journal Content

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 290 January 2021

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/290/suppl/C>

Research article Abstract only

[Swarm intelligence for self-organized clustering](#)

Michael C. Thrun, Alfred Ultsch

Article 103237

Abstract

Algorithms implementing populations of agents which interact with one another and sense their environment may exhibit emergent behavior such as self-organization and swarm intelligence. Here a swarm system, called Databionic swarm (DBS), is introduced which is able to adapt itself to structures of high-dimensional data characterized by distance and/or density-based structures in the data space. By exploiting the interrelations of swarm intelligence, self-organization and emergence, DBS serves as an alternative approach to the optimization of a global objective function in the task of clustering. The swarm omits the usage of a global objective function and is parameter-free because it searches for the Nash equilibrium during its annealing process.

To our knowledge, DBS is the first swarm combining these approaches. Its clustering can outperform common clustering methods such as K-means, PAM, single linkage, spectral clustering, model-based clustering, and Ward, if no prior knowledge about the data is available. A central problem in clustering is the correct estimation of the number of clusters. This is addressed by a DBS visualization called topographic map which allows assessing the number of clusters. It is known that all clustering algorithms construct clusters, irrespective of the data set contains clusters or not. In contrast to most other clustering algorithms, the topographic map identifies, that clustering of the data is meaningless if the data contains no (natural) clusters. The performance of DBS is demonstrated on a set of benchmark data, which are constructed to pose difficult clustering problems and in two real-world applications.

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Gavi [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News releases

[Gavi welcomes final approval of U.S. support for global immunisation in Year-End Omnibus and COVID Supplemental Package](#)

Geneva, 28 December 2020

:: The United States has approved US\$ 4 billion for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance to ensure lower-income economies have equitable access to safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines on the same urgent timeline as wealthier countries. These funds will help end this acute phase of the pandemic.

:: The United States also approved its Fiscal Year 2021 contribution of US\$ 290 million for Gavi's routine immunisation programmes. This funding is part of the multi-year pledge made to Gavi at the Global Vaccine Summit in June and will help provide life-saving vaccines to nearly half the world's children.

:: Seth Berkley, CEO of Gavi: "This support from the American people will help Gavi procure and deliver COVID-19 vaccine doses for lower-income economies through the Gavi COVAX AMC. It will also shorten this crisis, save lives and help restart the global economy. In today's interconnected world, no one is safe until everyone is safe."

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UNICEF COVID-19 Vaccine Market Dashboard :: Agreements Table at 2 Jan 2021

An overview of information collected from publicly announced bilateral and multilateral supply agreement [Agreements view from 2020-12-17 to date]

unicef  for every child COVID-19 Vaccine Market Dashboard [Overview](#) [Pipeline](#) [Capacity](#) [Agreements](#) [Price](#)

Deal Date	Recipient	Vaccine Developer	Manufacturer	Vaccine name	Committed \$	Secured doses	Optioned doses	Status
2020-12-17	Chile	Sinovac	Sinovac	CoronaVac		10,000,000		Formalized
2020-12-18	Colombia	AstraZeneca	AstraZeneca	AZD1222		10,000,000		Formalized
2020-12-18	Colombia	Pfizer/BioNTech	Pfizer/BioNTech	BNT-162		10,000,000		Formalized
2020-12-21	Malaysia	AstraZeneca	AstraZeneca	AZD1222		6,400,000		Formalized
2020-12-21	Malaysia	Gamaleya Research Institute	Gamaleya Research Institute	Sputnik V				In discussio
2020-12-21	Iraq	Pfizer/BioNTech	Pfizer/BioNTech	BNT-162		1,500,000		Formalized
2020-12-21	Malaysia	Sinovac	Sinovac	CoronaVac				In discussio
2020-12-21	Malaysia	Tianjin CanSino	Tianjin CanSino	Ad5-nCoV				In discussio
2020-12-23	Philippines	AstraZeneca	AstraZeneca	AZD1222		20,000,000		In discussio
2020-12-25	Turkey	Pfizer/BioNTech	Pfizer/BioNTech	BNT-162		4,500,000	30,000,000	Formalized
2020-12-28	Kazakhstan	Pfizer/BioNTech	Pfizer/BioNTech	BNT-162				Formalized
2020-12-28	Lebanon	Pfizer/BioNTech	Pfizer/BioNTech	BNT-162		2,000,000		Formalized
2020-12-28	Saudi Arabia	Pfizer/BioNTech	Pfizer/BioNTech	BNT-162		3,000,000		Unconfirme
2020-12-29	Venezuela	Gamaleya Research Institute	Gamaleya Research Institute	Sputnik V		10,000,000		Formalized
2020-12-29	Germany	Pfizer/BioNTech	Pfizer/BioNTech	BNT-162		30,000,000		Formalized
2020-12-30	Taiwan	AstraZeneca	AstraZeneca	AZD1222		10,000,000		Formalized
2020-12-30	Ukraine	Sinovac	Sinovac	CoronaVac		1,800,000		Formalized

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EMERGENCIES

Coronavirus [COVID-19]

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Weekly Epidemiological and Operational updates

Last update: 2 January 2021, 8:34 am GMT-5

Confirmed cases :: 82 356 727 [week ago: 78 604 532] [two weeks ago: 74 299 042]

Confirmed deaths :: 1 815 433 [week ago: 1 744 235] [two weeks ago: 1 669 982]

Countries, areas or territories with cases :: 222

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[WHO Director-General's opening remarks at the media briefing on COVID-19](#)

28 December 2020

[Weekly epidemiological update - 29 December 2020](#)

Overview

Globally in the past week, over 4 million new COVID-19 cases and 72 000 new deaths were reported. This brings the cumulative numbers to over 79 million reported cases and over 1.7 million deaths globally since the start of the pandemic.

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[Emergencies](#)

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

[Polio this week as of 30 December 2020](#)

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

:: **Afghanistan:** one WPV1 positive environmental sample and 26 cVDPV2 cases

:: **Pakistan:** five WPV1 positive environmental samples

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

:: **Guinea:** seven cVDPV2 cases

:: **Liberia:** two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples

:: **Sierra Leone:** three cVDPV2 cases

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Editor's Note:

With this edition, we add information about the last apparent update evident on the WHO emergency webpage, recognizing significant interims regardless of the level of the emergency listed.

[WHO Grade 3 Emergencies](#) [to 2 Jan 2021]

[Democratic Republic of the Congo](#) - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 15 October 2020]*

[Mozambique floods](#) - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 3 November 2020]*

[Nigeria](#) - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 29 Jun 2020]*

Somalia - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 17 July 2020]*
South Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 4 February 2020]*
Syrian Arab Republic - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 24 October 2020]*
Yemen - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 30 June 2020]*

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 2 Jan 2021]

Myanmar

:: 24 December 2020 *News release*

Bangladesh gradually resumes essential health services delivery disrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Afghanistan - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 5 July 2020]*
Angola - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 03 December 2020]*
Burkina Faso - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 17 décembre 2020]*
Burundi - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 04 July 2019]*
Cameroon - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 22 August 2019]*
Central African Republic - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 12 June 2018]*
Ethiopia - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 22 August 2019]*
Iran floods 2019 - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 12 March 2020]*
Iraq - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 16 December 2020]*
Libya - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 7 October 2019]*
Malawi Floods - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 09 October 2019]*
Measles in Europe - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 16-12-2020]*
MERS-CoV - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 8 July 2019]*
Mozambique - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 03 November 2020]*
Niger - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 24 December 2020]*
occupied Palestinian territory - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 4 September 2019]*
HIV in Pakistan - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 27 August 2019]*
Sao Tome and Principe Necrotizing Cellulitis (2017) - *No new digest announcements*
Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 24 June 2020]*
Ukraine - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 1 May 2019]*
Zimbabwe - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 10 May 2019]*

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WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 2 Jan 2021]

Chad - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 30 June 2018]*
Djibouti - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 25 novembre 2020]*
Kenya - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 11 December 2020]*
Mali - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 3 May 2017]*
Namibia - viral hepatitis - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 20 July 2018]*
Tanzania - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 21 October 2020]*

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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 - No new digest announcements identified

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 (29 December 2020)

East Africa Locust Infestation

:: Desert Locust situation update - 30 December 2020

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:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch

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

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly

[to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

29 December 2020

SC/14403

Security Council Encourages States to Engage More Actively against Terrorism, Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2560 (2020)

The Security Council, acting through its temporary silence procedure amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, adopted a resolution today encouraging Member States to engage more actively with its committee overseeing sanctions on individuals and groups related to Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL/Da'esh) and Al-Qaida.

28 December 2020

SG/SM/20518

Secretary-General, in New Year's Video Message, Calls for Unity, Healing from Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic, Climate Crisis

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 2 Jan 2021]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

Top News

Comment by UN Human Rights Office Spokesperson Ravina Shamdasani on execution of child offender in Iran today

Argentina: UN experts praise historic law legalising abortion

Uganda: UN experts gravely concerned by election clampdown

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 2 Jan 2021]

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 2 Jan 2021]

<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 2 Jan 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 2 Jan 2021]

<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 2 Jan 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Latest News

[Argentina: UN experts praise historic law legalising abortion](#)

31 December 2020

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 2 Jan 2021]

<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 2 Jan 2021]

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

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases

31 December 2020

[2021 Madagascar's Grand Sud Flash Appeal at a Glance](#)

31 December 2020

[Home quarantine compounds the hardship of thousands of families in Gaza](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected Press releases, Statements

Press release

12/31/2020

[New Year's Babies: Over 370,000 children will be born worldwide on New Year's Day - UNICEF](#)

With the calendar flipping to 2021, UNICEF dedicates its 75th year to reimagining a better world for children.

Press release

12/30/2020

[An estimated 10.4 million children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, northeast Nigeria, the Central Sahel, South Sudan and Yemen will suffer from acute malnutrition in 2021](#)

UNICEF warns numbers could rise further without urgent action

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

UNAIDS [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

No new digest content identified.

WHO & Regional Offices [to 2 Jan 2021]

31 December 2020 *News release*

[WHO issues its first emergency use validation for a COVID-19 vaccine and emphasizes need for equitable global access](#)

30 December 2020 *Statement*

[COVID-19: One year later – WHO Director-General's new year message](#)

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

[WHO African Region AFRO](#)

:: [WHO urges greater surveillance as new COVID-19 variants emerge](#)

30 December 2020 Brazzaville – With the recent emergence in the African region of new COVID-19 variants which seem to have higher transmissibility, the World Health Organization (WHO) calls on countries to boost genomic surveillance and analysis through the African genome sequencing laboratory network to detect any new mutations and strengthen the efforts to curb the pandemic...

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

No new digest content identified

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified

WHO European Region EURO

:: Can people afford to pay for health care? New report considers status of universal health coverage in the Republic of Moldova 28-12-2020

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO::

:: Meeting exceptional challenges together 28 December 2020 [Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean]

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Meetings and events

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 2 Jan 2021]

<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 2 Jan 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 2 Jan 2021]

<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 2 Jan 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News

28 Dec 2020 | DESA

[Our top five news tell the story of a tumultuous year](#)

2020 was a year like no other, bringing a deadly pandemic, climate disasters and political turmoil. Most of us cannot wait to see the end of it. Some might even be tempted to forget it altogether. But for all the suffering it brought, we would not be wise to disregard the lessons it taught us. From harnessing science and technology in our fight against pandemic to assessing the social and economic devastation of COVID-19, the five UN DESA stories you've read most often in 2020 tell a story of a troubled year

UNESCO [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected Latest News

No new digest content identified.

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Announcements

No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 2 Jan 2021]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Food Programme [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News releases

31 December 2020

[Germany helps WFP respond to families' needs across Iraq](#)

BAGHDAD – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has received a Euro 21 million contribution from the Federal Government of Germany to support vulnerable families across Iraq as well as the digitalisation and reform of the country's national Public Distribution System (PDS) for food rations.

31 December 2020

[Russian Federation supports vulnerable Syrians to fight hunger and malnutrition](#)

DAMASCUS – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in Syria welcomes a generous donation of US\$20 million from the Russian Federation to provide food assistance for up to 2.3 million Syrians – including nutritional support for mothers and children.

28 December 2020

[United Nations agencies deliver lifeline food assistance to 25,000 Eritrean refugees in Tigray](#)

ADDIS ABABA – Eritrean refugees in two camps in the Tigray Region of Ethiopia received a month's worth of food supplies through a joint distribution by the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and Ethiopia's Agency for Refugees and Returnee Affairs (ARRA).

ILO International Labour Organization [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 2 Jan 2021]
<https://www.imo.org/>
Latest Press Briefings
No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 2 Jan 2021]
<https://public.wmo.int/en/media/press-release>
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 2 Jan 2021]
<https://www.upu.int/en/News-Media/Press/Press-Releases>
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 2 Jan 2021]
<http://www.unido.org/news-centre/news.html>
News
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 2 Jan 2021]
https://www.iso.org/news_archive/x/
News
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 2 Jan 2021]
<https://www.unwto.org/news>
News
No new digest content identified.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 2 Jan 2021]
<http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/>
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 2 Jan 2021]
<https://www.cbd.int/>
Announcements

[30.12.2020 Specieswatch: monarch butterfly needs urgent protection](#)

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USAID [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements

[USAID Signs Memoranda of Understanding with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Department Of Homeland Security](#)

December 30, 2020

On Wednesday, December 30, 2020, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) signed two Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) to increase cooperation to combat the threats to American prosperity posed by malign actors in developing countries, one with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) within the U.S. Department of Commerce and one with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

[Legislation Helps Reintegrate the Republic of Sudan into the Global Economy, Creating New Development Opportunities](#)

December 30, 2020

Statement by Acting Deputy Administrator John Barsa

As we approach the 13th anniversary of the tragic death of our colleague, John Granville, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) welcomes key provisions in the 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act that, at long last, will lead to compensation for Mr. Granville's family. The adoption of this legislation is a necessary step to ensure Mr. Granville's family and the victims of other terrorist attacks on the U.S. Embassies in the Republic of Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania in 1998 and the USS Cole in 2000 receive \$335 million in compensation from the Government of the Republic of Sudan.

[USAID Provides \\$5 Million in Additional Humanitarian Aid to Help Nicaraguans Affected by Hurricanes Iota and Eta](#)

December 30, 2020

The United States, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is providing an additional \$5 million in humanitarian assistance to help Nicaraguans affected by Hurricanes Iota and Eta. This brings the total U.S. humanitarian aid to respond to the storms in the Republic of Nicaragua to \$6.6 million, and to nearly \$53 million for the region.

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [nee DFID] [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases. Announcements

[Approval of the Oxford University/AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine: Foreign Secretary's statement](#)

UK Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab gave a statement on the approval of the Oxford University/AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine.

Updated: 30 December 2020

[UK pledges urgent life-saving aid for families hit by coronavirus and hunger around the world](#)

The UK is releasing new emergency aid to help over 1.3 million vulnerable people in some of the world's most dangerous places.

Updated: 30 December 2020

ECHO [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Latest News

[Bosnia and Herzegovina: EU allocates additional €3.5 million to support vulnerable refugees and migrants](#)

03/01/2021

The European Commission has announced today an additional €3.5 million in humanitarian aid to help vulnerable refugees and migrants in Bosnia and Herzegovina facing a humanitarian disaster. More than 1,700 refugees and migrants remain without...

[EU mobilises emergency assistance for Croatia in the aftermath of devastating earthquake](#)

30/12/2020

The EU Civil Protection Mechanism has been activated to assist Croatia in the aftermath of a 6.4 magnitude earthquake, following a request for assistance from Croatian authorities on 29 December. Today, Vice-President of the European Commission...

[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 2 Jan 2021]

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

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

[Déclaration préliminaire: Mission d'observation électorale de UA au Niger](#)

December 29, 2020

[AU Celebrates Outstanding Education Innovations Across Africa, Crowning 3 Winner](#)

December 29, 2020

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Secretariat News

[Review of regional pandemic response tops December 2020 "ASEAN Today"](#)

December 31st, 2020

How ASEAN member states handled the Coronavirus pandemic in the past year tops the December 2020 edition of "ASEAN Today." Raissa Chentami of The Indonesia Channel co-anchors the program

from Jakarta with Dennis Reinhard in Phnom Penh. They also report on the impact of COVID-19 on the gold business in Thailand, and prospects for the auto [...]

European Commission [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Latest

Press release 3 January 2021

[Bosnia and Herzegovina: EU allocates additional €3.5 million to support vulnerable refugees and migrants](#)

Press release 28 December 2020

[Commission adopts €70 million package for early access to EU COVID-19 vaccines in the Western Balkans](#)

Today, the European Commission adopted a package of €70 million under the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA II) to help fund the access of Western Balkans partners to COVID-19 vaccines procured by EU Member States.

OECD [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Top Stories

No new digest content identified.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Press Releases

[New Report Warns Number of Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants could Rise to 7 million in 2021](#)

December 30, 2020

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Group of 77 [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 2 Jan 2021]

<https://unctad.org/media-centre>
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 2 Jan 2021]
<http://www.wcoomd.org/>
Latest News – Selected Items
No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 2 Jan 2021]
http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm
WTO News and Events
No new digest content identified.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 2 Jan 2021]
<https://www.ipu.org/news/press-releases>
Press releases
No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 2 Jan 2021]
<http://www.icj-cij.org/en/press-releases>
Latest Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 2 Jan 2021]
Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity
<https://www.icc-cpi.int/>
News
No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 2 Jan 2021]
<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/all>
Selected News, Announcements

[Statement Following Devastating Earthquake in Croatia](#)

It is with great sadness that we received news of a new, devastating earthquake that struck Petrinja, Sisak, Glina, and the surrounding areas. The World Bank would like to express its deepest condolences...

Date: December 31, 2020 Type: Statement

IMF [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News, Announcements

No new digest content identified.

African Development Bank Group [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Press Releases

[**The African Development Bank appoints Mr. Mohamed Cherif, Country Manager, Senegal**](#)

29-Dec-2020

Asian Development Bank [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

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

News

No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News

31 DEC 2020

[**National Calls for Proposals \(The Gambia, Ghana, Senegal\): Supporting Remittances in Times of Crisis in Africa**](#)

The Financing Facility for Remittances (FFR) of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is pleased to announce the 2020 National Calls for Proposals: Supporting Remittances in Times of Crisis in Africa.

Through its over US\$60 million fund, the FFR works to reduce poverty and promote development by leveraging both international and domestic remittances and migrant capital in rural areas of developing countries. In this context, the FFR intervenes in Africa through the Platform for Remittances, Investments and Migrants' Entrepreneurship in Africa (PRIME Africa), a programme co-financed by the European Union, with the aim to reduce inequality and enhance financial inclusion in Africa through the reduction of remittance costs and the maximization of their impact.

Through this year's national Calls, the FFR seeks to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on remittance markets and flows in Africa, and foster a sustained recovery and resilience for remittance families. In doing that, the awarded proposals are expected to increase economic opportunities for the rural poor through support and development of innovative, cost-effective and easily accessible

international or domestic remittance services, to and from the targeted countries and their respective remittance corridors...

Islamic Development Bank [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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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 2 Jan 2021]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

Climat

L'intelligence artificielle pour lutter contre le changement climatique au Sahel

Posté le 18 décembre 2020

Un message radio dans différentes langues locales qui indique une nouvelle direction aux éleveurs pour nourrir leurs chameaux.

Un bulletin qui alerte régulièrement les gouvernements et les bailleurs de fonds dans les zones où l'approvisionnement en eau et les réserves de nourriture s'épuisent et où le risque de sous-nutrition est élevé.

C'est ce que propose un projet qui combine des images satellites haute résolution et des données collectées par les éleveurs sur le terrain pour suivre la sécheresse et identifier les meilleurs pâturages du Sahel, l'une des régions du monde les plus touchées par le changement climatique et par la faim...

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 2 Jan 2021]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

BSI News

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Latest

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 2 Jan 2021]

<https://drc.ngo/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News from ECPAT

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

GE2P2 Global [to 2 Jan 2021]

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/Analysis/Statements

[An Informed Choice/Consent/Right-to-Refuse Imperative :: Statement on Immunization Involving COVID-19 Vaccines Under Emergency Use Authorization/Listing \[EUA/L\]](#)

1 January 2021 The GE2P2 Global Foundation's Center for Vaccine Ethics and Policy has developed a statement that argues that immunization involving COVID-19 vaccines available under emergency use mechanisms or expanded access/compassionate use triggers an imperative to assure that individuals receive the information required to support free exercise of meaningful informed choice/consent, with a right to refuse such vaccination for any reason or no reason. The full statement is available here: <http://www.ge2p2.org/the-informed-choice/consent/right-to-refuse-imperative>

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[Yemen: 3 ICRC staff members killed in airport blast](#)

Editor's note: This post has been updated to reflect that the colleague who was originally reported as unaccounted for has been confirmed to have been killed. Geneva (ICRC) – The International Committee of the Red Cross is profoundly saddened that thr
30-12-2020 | News release

[Central African Republic: ICRC condemns attack on its Bouar office and calls for humanitarian workers to be respected](#)

Bangui (ICRC) – The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has been forced to drastically reduce its humanitarian activities in Bouar in Nana-Mambéré prefecture after its office was raided.
28-12-2020 | News release

IFRC [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

No new digest content identified.

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 2 Jan 2021]

[https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/stories-and-news/Updates / Alerts](https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/stories-and-news/Updates/Alerts)

[We Are Responding to the Earthquake in Central Croatia](#)

December 29, 2020

Just after noon local time on Tuesday, December 29, a 6.4-magnitude earthquake struck central Croatia about 30 miles southeast of the capital, Zagreb, near the towns of Petrinja and Sisak. According to initial reports, seven people have died, and scores have been injured, some seriously. These numbers are expected to rise as search-and-rescue efforts ...

Story

[A COVID-19 Nurse in One Virus Hotspot After Another](#)

December 28, 2020

In April, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic's first wave, registered nurse Alex Gary volunteered with International Medical Corps in New York City. She subsequently volunteered at a hospital in Texas stricken by the virus, and is today working in the COVID-19 unit of Christos Saint Vincent Regional Medical Center's emergency department in Santa ...

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Media highlights [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

IRCT [to 2 Jan 2021]

<https://irct.org/>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Landsea [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News Releases & Alerts

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

No new digest content identified.

Operation Smile [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

[Program Schedule](#)

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

OXFAM [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected News/Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

Pact [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News

[Our Most-Read Stories of 2020](#)

Though the COVID-19 pandemic flooded our work, website, and lives in 2020, a third of our most-read blog posts this year focused on other topics. Here are the 12 most-read stories of 2020, listed by date of publication.

December 30, 2020

PATH [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Press Release

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News

31 December 2020 - *Afghanistan*

[300,000 children face illness, even death from Afghanistan's freezing winter conditions](#)

31 December 2020 - *Bosnia and Herzegovina*

[CHARITIES WARN UP TO 500 STRANDED MIGRANTS & REFUGEES' LIVES ARE AT RISK AMID BITTER WINTER CONDITIONS IN BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA](#)

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

All News

No new digest content identified.

Tostan [to 2 Jan 2021]

<http://www.tostan.org>

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Blogs & Updates

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 2 Jan 2021]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

[Committee Staff Report Finds No Evidence World Vision Knew ISRA was Blocked Party](#)

December 30th 2020

... We appreciate the acknowledgement that the committee staff's report to the chairman "found no evidence that World Vision knew that ISRA was a sanctioned entity prior to receiving notice from Treasury." Terrorism runs counter to everything World Vision stands for as an organization and we strongly condemn any act of terrorism or support for such activities.

World Vision is also pleased that the committee staff's report praised the changes we have made to our vetting process...

Northwest Syria: A Winter of Misery. Again and again.

December 28th 2020

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 2 Jan 2021]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

Human Rights Watch [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

December 29, 2020 *Dispatches*

Fifty Years After Safety Act, US Workers Still at Risk

Transparency International [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Press

No new digest content identified.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 2 Jan 2021]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

News/ Statements

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 2 Jan 2021]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements
No new digest content identified.*

Evidence Aid [to 2 Jan 2021]

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
No new digest content identified.*

Gavi [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News releases

[Gavi welcomes final approval of U.S. support for global immunisation in Year-End Omnibus and COVID Supplemental Package](#)

Geneva, 28 December 2020

Getty Conservation Institute [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 2 Jan 2021]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources, events, content

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Blog Post

InterAction's Top 10 Stories of 2020

Jeremy Doran | Dec 31, 2020

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 2 Jan 2021]

<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 its 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 2 Jan 2021]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

Our Impact

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 2 Jan 2021]

<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 2 Jan 2021]

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

News/Blog/Events

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 2 Jan 2021]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Publications, Events, News

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 2 Jan 2021]

<https://ihsa.info/>

Weekly humanitarian blog posts selection

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 2 Jan 2021]

<https://inee.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 2 Jan 2021]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news, events

No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News and Blog

No new digest content identified.

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Brookings

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

Accessed 2 Jan 2021

Latest Research/Events

Essay

[To expand the economy, invest in Black businesses](#)

Andre M. Perry and Carl Romer

Thursday, December 31, 2020

Report

[Reframing US Syria policy: The road to Damascus runs through Moscow](#)

Daniel L. Magruder Jr. and Rodrick H. McHaty

December 2020

National Security

[Transparency and War Powers](#)

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

National Security

[Congress and Control of the Military](#)

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

National Security

[Trade and National Security Exceptionalism](#)

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

Center for Global Development [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected Publications, News and Events

No new digest content identified.

CSIS [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected Reports

Report

No new digest content identified.

Rand [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected Research Reports/Journal Articles

Report

Journal Article

[Measuring Public Preferences Between Health and Social Care Funding Options](#)

Additional funding will be needed to meet the growing demand for health and social care in the UK.

What is the most acceptable way to raise it? Options range from taxation to mandatory insurance, voluntary insurance and user charges. We sought to analyse the preferences of the UK general public.

Dec 31, 2020
Hui Lu, Peter Burge, Jon Sussex

Journal Article

[Outcomes Are Worse in US Patients Undergoing Surgery on Weekends Compared With Weekdays](#)

The aim of this study was to determine whether patients undergoing surgery on weekends are more likely to die or experience a major complication compared with patients undergoing surgery on a weekday.

Dec 31, 2020

Laurent G. Glance, Turner M. Osler, Yue Li, Stewart J. Lustik, Michael P. Eaton, Richard P. Dutton, Andrew W. Dick

Journal Article

[The Differential Mortality of Glasgow Coma Score in Patients with and Without Head Injury](#)

This article determines if the association of Glasgow Coma Score with mortality is influenced by the presence of traumatic brain injury.

Dec 31, 2020

Turner M. Osler, Alan Cook, Laurent G. Glance, Fiona Lecky, Omar Bouamra, Mark Garrett, Jeffery S. Buzas, David W. Hosmer

Journal Article

[Quality of Quality Measurement: Impact of Risk Adjustment, Hospital Volume, and Hospital Performance](#)

Monte Carlo simulation was used to examine the accuracy of performance profiling as a function of statistical methodology, case volume, and the extent to which hospital or physician performance deviates from the average.

Dec 31, 2020

Laurent G. Glance, Yue Li, Andrew W. Dick

Journal Article

[Impact of Medicare's Nonpayment Program on Hospital-acquired Conditions](#)

This article determines whether Medicare's Nonpayment Program was associated with changes in incidence of hospital-acquired conditions, and whether this association varies across hospitals with differential Medicare patient load.

Dec 31, 2020

Caroline P. Thirukumaran, Laurent G. Glance, Helena Temkin-Greener, Meredith B. Rosenthal, Yue Li

Journal Article

[Feasibility of Report Cards for Measuring Anesthesiologist Quality for Cardiac Surgery](#)

We conducted a study of 55,436 patients undergoing cardiac surgery between 2009 and 2012. Hierarchical logistic regression modeling was used to examine the variation in in-hospital mortality or major complications.

Dec 30, 2020

Laurent G. Glance, Edward L. Hannan, Lee A. Fleisher, Michael P. Eaton, Richard P. Dutton, Stewart J. Lustik, Yue Li, Andrew W. Dick

Report

[Clinical Interventions for Adults with Comorbid Alcohol Use and Depressive Disorders: A Systematic Review and Network Meta-Analysis](#)

The authors synthesize evidence on the effects and compare the effectiveness of clinical interventions for improving symptoms of adults with co-occurring alcohol use and depressive disorders.

Dec 30, 2020

Sean Grant, Gulrez Shah Azhar, Eugeniu Han, Marika Booth, Aneesa Motala, Jody Larkin, Susanne Hempel

Journal Article

[Racial Disparities in the Use of Blood Transfusion in Major Surgery](#)

We detected racial disparities in the use of blood transfusion for patients undergoing major surgery.

Dec 30, 2020

Feng Qian, Michael P. Eaton, Stewart J. Lustik, Samuel F. Hohmann, Carol B. Diachun, Robert Pasternak, Richard Wissler, Laurent G. Glance

Journal Article

[Assessment of Filled Buprenorphine Prescriptions for Opioid Use Disorder During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic](#)

Retail buprenorphine sales for opioid addiction plateau during COVID-19 pandemic amidst sharp declines in total prescription sales.

Dec 30, 2020

Thuy D. Nguyen, Sumedha Gupta, Engy Ziedan, Kosali Ilayperuma Simon, G. Caleb Alexander, Brendan Saloner, Bradley D. Stein

Journal Article

[Redesigning Surgical Decision Making for High-Risk Patients](#)

This article discusses how patients should be counseled about the risks of complications and functional impairment after major surgery.

Dec 30, 2020

Laurent G. Glance, Turner M. Osler, Mark D. Neuman

Journal Article

[What Can the National Quality Forum Tell Us About Performance Measurement in Anesthesiology?](#)

In this article, we describe the current state of performance measurement in anesthesia care at the national level and highlight gaps and opportunities in performance measurement for anesthesiologists.

Dec 30, 2020

Joseph A. Hyder, Jonathan Niconchuk, Laurent G. Glance, Mark D. Neuman, Robert R. Cima, Richard P. Dutton, Louis L. Nguyen, Lee A. Fleisher, Angela M. Bader

Journal Article

[Does Mandating Nursing Home Participation in Quality Reporting Make a Difference? Evidence From Massachusetts](#)

In this study, we investigate one of the mechanisms that may detract from the effectiveness of health care quality report cards: voluntary versus mandatory participation of nursing homes in public quality reporting.

Dec 30, 2020

Dana B. Mukamel, Zhiqiu Ye, Laurent G. Glance, Yue Li

Journal Article

[Disparities in 30-Day Rehospitalization Rates Among Medicare Skilled Nursing Facility Residents by Race and Site of Care](#)

This article examines racial and site-of-care disparities in all-cause and potentially avoidable 30-day rehospitalization rates among a national cohort of Medicare skilled nursing facility residents.

Dec 30, 2020

Yue Li, Xueya Cai, Laurent G. Glance

Journal Article

[Reflections on the 7th International Jerusalem Conference on Health Policy in the Wake of the Covid-19 Outbreak](#)

In 2019, a conference in Israel showcased new frontiers in technology in healthcare, highlighting research conducted in Israel as well as across the globe.

Dec 30, 2020

Shira H. Fischer

Journal Article

[End-of-Life Cost Trajectories in Cancer Patients Treated by Medicare Versus the Veterans Health Administration](#)

To evaluate differences in end-of-life cost trajectories for cancer patients treated through Medicare versus by the Veterans Health Administration (VA).

Dec 30, 2020

Risha Gidwani, Steven M. Asch, Jack Needleman, Katherine Faricy-Anderson, Derek B. Boothroyd, Samantha Illarmo, Karl Lorenz, Manali L. Patel, Gary Hsin, Kavitha Ramchandran, Todd H. Wagner

Report

[An Experiment in Tactical Wargaming with Platforms Enabled by Artificial Intelligence](#)

RAND researchers explored the capabilities and limitations of future artificial intelligence and machine learning weapon systems in two wargame experiments that brought together operators and engineers.

Dec 29, 2020

Danielle C. Tarraf, J. Michael Gilmore, D. Sean Barnett, Scott Boston, David R. Frelinger, Daniel Gonzales, Alexander C. Hou, Peter Whitehead

Journal Article

[Trends in Family Ratings of Experience With Care and Racial Disparities Among Maryland Nursing Homes](#)

We analyzed trends of consumer ratings publicly reported for Maryland nursing homes during 2007-2010, and determined whether racial/ethnic disparities in experiences with care changed.

Dec 29, 2020

Yue Li, Zhiqiu Ye, Laurent G. Glance, Helena Temkin-Greener

Journal Article

[Waste in the Medicare Program: A National Cross-Sectional Analysis of 2017 Low-Value Service Use and Spending](#)

In this analysis, we provide updated national estimates of low-value service use and spending in Medicare in 2017.

Dec 29, 2020

Rachel O. Reid, John N. Mafi, Lesley Baseman, A. Mark Fendrick, Cheryl L. Damberg

Journal Article

[Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Care for Health System-Affiliated Physician Organizations and Non-Affiliated Physician Organizations](#)

This article assesses racial and ethnic disparities in care for Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries and whether disparities differ between health system-affiliated physician organizations (POs) and nonaffiliated POs.

Dec 29, 2020

Justin W. Timbie, Ashley M. Kranz, Maria DeYoreo, Blen Eshete-Roesler, Marc N. Elliott, Jose J. Escarce, Mark E. Totten, Cheryl L. Damberg

Journal Article

[Health System Affiliation of Physician Organizations and Quality of Care for Medicare Beneficiaries Who Have High Needs](#)

This article tests the hypothesis that health systems provide better care to patients with high needs by comparing differences in quality between system-affiliated and nonaffiliated physician organizations.

Dec 29, 2020

Ashley M. Kranz, Maria DeYoreo, Blen Eshete-Roesler, Cheryl L. Damberg, Mark E. Totten, Jose J. Escarce, Justin W. Timbie

Tool

[Quantifying the Bias Due to Observed Individual Confounders in Causal Treatment Effect Estimates: A Tutorial for the Selection Bias Decomposition \(SBdecomp\) Package](#)

In this tool, the authors explain the methodology behind the primary function of the selection bias decomposition (SBdecomp) package; describe its features, syntax and how to implement the function; and illustrate its use with an example.

Dec 29, 2020

Layla Parast, Beth Ann Griffin

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 2 Jan 2021]

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

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

RoRI News

No new digest content identified.

Alan Turing Institute

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

News, Research, Events

No new digest content identified.

Unitaid [to 2 Jan 2021]

<https://unitaid.org/>

Featured News

No new digest content identified.

Urban Institute [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Publications

[VictimConnect Evaluability Assessment](#)

This brief is the third of seven toolkit resources supporting the Urban Institute's formative evaluation of the VictimConnect Resource Center, a nationwide victims' helpline operated by the National Center for Victims of Crime. The evaluation was conducted in 2019 and 2020 with funding from the National Institute of Justice. In this brief, we describe the activities that Urban's researchers engaged in to

[Jennifer Yahner](#), [Malore Dusenbery](#), [Sara Bastomski](#), [Krista White](#)

December 31, 2020

Brief

[Formative Evaluation of VictimConnect](#)

Launched in 2015 by the National Center for Victims of Crime, the VictimConnect Resource Center was the nation's first (and is still its only) technology-based resource center to offer comprehensive helpline services to victims of all types of crime and their loved ones. In 2019, with funding from the National Institute of Justice, the Urban Institute launched a formative evaluation of VictimConnect in

[Jennifer Yahner](#), [Malore Dusenbery](#), [Sara Bastomski](#), [Krista White](#)

December 31, 2020

Research Report

[VictimConnect Outcome Evaluation Plan](#)

This brief is the fifth of seven toolkit resources supporting the Urban Institute's formative evaluation of the VictimConnect Resource Center. The evaluation was conducted in 2019 and 2020 with funding from the National Institute of Justice. In this brief, we identify the goals of the planned outcome evaluation of VictimConnect, highlight the outcomes to be examined from VictimConnect's logic model, and

[Sara Bastomski](#), [Jennifer Yahner](#), [Malore Dusenbery](#)

December 31, 2020

Brief

[VictimConnect Evaluation Instruments](#)

This brief is the seventh of seven toolkit resources supporting the Urban Institute's formative evaluation of the VictimConnect Resource Center, a nationwide victims' helpline operated by the National Center for Victims of Crime. The evaluation was conducted in 2019 and 2020 with funding from the National Institute of Justice. In this brief, we present drafts of the instruments to be used in Urban's planned

[Malore Dusenbery](#), [Sara Bastomski](#), [Krista White](#), [Erica Henderson](#)

December 31, 2020

Brief

[VictimConnect Research Capacity Building](#)

This brief is the sixth of seven toolkit resources supporting the Urban Institute's formative evaluation of the VictimConnect Resource Center. The evaluation was conducted in 2019 and 2020 with funding from

the National Institute of Justice. In this brief, we summarize activities that the National Center for Victims of Crime has engaged in with Urban's assistance to build research capacity in preparation [Jennifer Yahner](#), [Malore Dusenbery](#), [Sara Bastomski](#)

December 31, 2020

Brief

[The Pandemic and President-Elect Biden's Opportunity to Chart a New Course](#)

How much has the COVID-19 pandemic changed America's fiscal future and affected President-elect Biden's opportunity to set a new course for fiscal policy? Largely as a consequence of the pandemic, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) in September projected a deficit of more than \$3 trillion for 2020, three times higher than the original projection of \$1 trillion made earlier this year. Yet even before the

[Erald Kolasi](#), [C. Eugene Steuerle](#)

December 30, 2020

Brief

[How Automated Valuation Models Can Disproportionately Affect Majority-Black Neighborhoods](#)

Automated valuation models (AVMs), which allow for contact-free assessment of a home's market value, hold great promise for reducing the costs and increasing the accuracy of home valuations. They have also been critical to supporting the real estate market during the COVID-19 pandemic. But AVMs in majority-Black neighborhoods produce larger errors, relative to the underlying sales price, than AVMs in majority-

[Michael Neal](#), [Sarah Stochak](#), [Linna Zhu](#), [Caitlin Young](#)

December 29, 2020

Brief

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

The December 2020 edition of At a Glance, the Housing Finance Policy Center's reference guide for mortgage and housing market data, includes updated figures describing the size and value of the US housing market, the share of loans in and near negative equity, COVID-19 forbearance rates, and agency gross issuance. Housing Finance at a Glance: Monthly Chartbooks Archive

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

December 29, 2020

Research Report

[Strengthening the Federal Role in the Federal-State Partnership for Funding Higher Education](#)

The national interest in narrowing the gaps in educational opportunity across socioeconomic, racial, and ethnic groups and in increasing educational attainment cannot be addressed without a strong federal effort. Pell grants, the primary form of federal investment in higher education, provide funding for low-income students to attend college. Increasing them is important but not sufficient. Among other issues,

[Sandy Baum](#), [Michael McPherson](#)

December 28, 2020

Brief

The Wistar Institute [to 2 Jan 2021]
<https://www.wistar.org/news/press-releases>
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 2 Jan 2021]
<https://agenda.weforum.org/news/>
Media

US and UK Are Optimistic Indicators for COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake

News 29 Dec 2020

:: A World Economic Forum-Ipsos global survey found intentions to get vaccinated against COVID-19 are up in the US and UK, but down in several others
:: Some 13,500 adults in 15 countries were asked if they would take the vaccine and, if not, why
:: In every country between 57% and 80% of those who say they would not take a COVID-19 vaccine mention being worried about the side effects
:: View the findings and country-specific data [here](#)

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:: *Foundation/Major Donor Watch*

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

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 2 Jan 2021]
<https://alleninstitute.org/what-we-do/frontiers-group/news-press/>
News
No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 2 Jan 2021]
<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Media-Center/Press-Releases>
Press Releases and Statements
No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 2 Jan 2021]
<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 2 Jan 2021]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 2 Jan 2021]

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 2 Jan 2021]

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

The Latest

No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 2 Jan 2021]

<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 2 Jan 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Stories

[Thanks to all our partners for their exceptional work](#)

Throughout 2020, as the COVID-19 pandemic has threatened families' health and incomes around the world, our partners' work has been more important than ever. "We're so impressed with how our...

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HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

Kellogg Foundation [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News, Events, What We're Learning

No new digest content identified.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 2 Jan 2021]

<https://mellon.org/>

Mellon News, Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 2 Jan 2021]

<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 2 Jan 2021]

<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 2 Jan 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 2 Jan 2021]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 2 Jan 2021]

<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

January 2021 Volume 49 Issue 1 p1-136

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

Major Articles

[Systematic review with meta-analysis of the accuracy of diagnostic tests for COVID-19](#)

Beatriz Böger, Mariana M. Fachi, Raquel O. Vilhena, Alexandre F. Cobre, Fernanda S. Tonin, Roberto Pontarolo

Published online: July 09, 2020

p21-29

State of the Science Review

[A systematic review of chlorine-based surface disinfection efficacy to inform recommendations for low-resource outbreak settings](#)

Karin Gallandat, Riley C. Kolus, Timothy R. Julian, Daniele S. Lantagne

Published online: May 19, 2020

p90-103

Open Access

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

January 2021 Volume 60 Issue 1 p1-150

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

Research Letters

[The Impact of Public Health Organization and Political Figure Message Sources on Reactions to Coronavirus Prevention Messages](#)

Marcella H. Boynton, Ross E. O'Hara, Howard Tennen, Joseph G.L. Lee

Published online: August 27, 2020
p136-138

Current Issues

[The Impact of Public Health Organization and Political Figure Message Sources on Reactions to Coronavirus Prevention Messages](#)

Marcella H. Boynton, Ross E. O'Hara, Howard Tennen,
Joseph G.L. Lee

Published online: August 27, 2020
p136-138

American Journal of Public Health

December 2020 110(12)

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

PERSPECTIVES

[Public Libraries as Key Partners for Advancing Health Equity](#)

Health Education, Prevention, Socioeconomic Factors, Community Health, Health Promotion, Health Service Delivery

Melissa A. Simon, Catherine A. O'Brian, Magdalena Nava, Rabih Dahdouh, Q. Eileen Wafford, Shenita Mack and Kristi L. Holmes

111(1), pp. 40–42

STUDENT PERSPECTIVES ON COVID-19

[Human Rights Advocacy and Us, the Next Generation of Public Health Leaders](#)

Human Rights, Social Science, Public Health Practice

Hanna E. Huffstetler, Tamira Daniely, Meredith Dockery, Tsion Ghedamu, Lenore Hango, Ashley Huff, Victoria Matus, Hannah Rice, Sonam J. Shah, Sonam K. Shah, Niharika Soni and Caitlin R. Williams

111(1), pp. 74–76

INTERSECTIONALITY

[Artificial Intelligence, Intersectionality, and the Future of Public Health](#)

Other Race/Ethnicity, Human Rights, Statistics/Evaluation/Research, Epidemiology, Ethics, Race/Ethnicity, Gender, Other Statistics/Evaluation/Research

Greta R. Bauer and Daniel J. Lizotte

111(1), pp. 98–100

LAW & ETHICS

[Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Immigration Detention Centers Requires the Release of Detainees](#)

William D. Lopez, Nolan Kline, Alana M. W. LeBrón, Nicole L. Novak, Maria-Elena De Trinidad Young, Gregg Gonsalves, Ranit Mishori, Basil A. Safi and Ian M. Kysel

111(1), pp. 110–115

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

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 290 January 2021

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/290/suppl/C>

Research article Abstract only

[Swarm intelligence for self-organized clustering](#)

Michael C. Thrun, Alfred Ultsch

Article 103237

Abstract

Algorithms implementing populations of agents which interact with one another and sense their environment may exhibit emergent behavior such as self-organization and swarm intelligence. Here a swarm system, called Databionic swarm (DBS), is introduced which is able to adapt itself to structures of high-dimensional data characterized by distance and/or density-based structures in the data space. By exploiting the interrelations of swarm intelligence, self-organization and emergence, DBS serves as an alternative approach to the optimization of a global objective function in the task of clustering. The swarm omits the usage of a global objective function and is parameter-free because it searches for the Nash equilibrium during its annealing process.

To our knowledge, DBS is the first swarm combining these approaches. Its clustering can outperform common clustering methods such as K-means, PAM, single linkage, spectral clustering, model-based clustering, and Ward, if no prior knowledge about the data is available. A central problem in clustering is the correct estimation of the number of clusters. This is addressed by a DBS visualization called topographic map which allows assessing the number of clusters. It is known that all clustering algorithms construct clusters, irrespective of the data set contains clusters or not. In contrast to most other clustering algorithms, the topographic map identifies, that clustering of the data is meaningless if the data contains no (natural) clusters. The performance of DBS is demonstrated on a set of benchmark data, which are constructed to pose difficult clustering problems and in two real-world applications.

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 2 Jan 2021)

[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 2 Jan 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 2 Jan 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 2 Jan 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 2 Jan 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 2 Jan 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

Research

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Research Notes

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

Editorial No access

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Jaap Doek, Stuart Hart, Yanghee Lee

Article 104683

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

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Volume 15, Issue 8, 2020

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Video-capture studies • Benefit sharing and genomics research

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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 6, December 2020

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Migration and health

[Assessing health systems' preparedness for providing care for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants: a scoping review](#)

Ewa Kocot, Anna Szetela

European Journal of Public Health, Volume 30, Issue 6, December 2020, Pages 1157–1163,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckaa135>

Health care systems and care professionals often face the challenge of providing adequate health care for migrant groups. The objective of this study is to answer the question of whether and how meeting the special health system requirements regarding refugees (R), asylum seekers (AS) and migrants (M) (RASM) is checked and evaluated.

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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.

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Volume 47, 2020 - Issue 3

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[Statistical power in COVID-19 case-control host genomic study design](#)

The identification of genetic variation that directly impacts infection susceptibility to SARS-CoV-2 and disease severity of COVID-19 is an important step towards risk stratification, personalized treatment pl...

Authors: Yu-Chung Lin, Jennifer D. Brooks, Shelley B. Bull, France Gagnon, Celia M. T. Greenwood, Rayjean J. Hung, Jerald Lawless, Andrew D. Paterson, Lei Sun and Lisa J. Strug

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Published on: 28 December 2020

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Volume 12, issue 4, December 2020

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Volume 14, Issue 1 (2021)

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[Characterizing 'health equity' as a national health sector priority for maternal, newborn, and child health in Ethiopia](#)

Nicole Bergen, Arne Ruckert, Lakew Abebe, Shifera Asfaw, Getachew Kiros, Abebe Mamo, Sudhakar Morankar, Manisha A. Kulkarni & Ronald Labonté

Article: 1853386

Published online: 30 Dec 2020

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[Integrating the social sciences in epidemic preparedness and response: A strategic framework to strengthen capacities and improve Global Health security](#)

Authors: Kevin Louis Bardosh, Daniel H. de Vries, Sharon Abramowitz, Adama Thorlie, Lianne Cremers, John Kinsman and Darryl Stellmach

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Vol. 39, No. 12 December 2020

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[Mitigating Health Disparities After Natural Disasters: Lessons From The RISK Project](#)

Ethan J. Raker, Mariana C. Arcaya, Sarah R. Lowe, Meghan Zacher, Jean Rhodes, and Mary C. Waters
2128-2135

Review Article Environmental Health

[Management Of Chronic Noncommunicable Diseases After Natural Disasters In The Caribbean: A Scoping Review](#)

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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

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Volume 15 - Issue 4 - October 2020

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Volume 42, Number 4, November 2020

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Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 78, October 2020

<https://odihpn.org/magazine/inclusion-of-persons-with-disabilities-in-humanitarian-action-what-now/>

[Disability inclusion in humanitarian action](#)

by HPN October 2020

The theme of this edition of Humanitarian Exchange, co-edited with Sherin Alsheikh Ahmed from Islamic Relief Worldwide, is disability inclusion in humanitarian action. Persons with disabilities are not only disproportionately impacted by conflicts, disasters and other emergencies, but also face barriers to accessing humanitarian assistance. At the same time, global commitments and standards and the IASC Guidelines on the inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action all emphasise how persons with disabilities are also active agents of change. Disability and age-focused organisations have

led on testing and demonstrating how inclusion can be done better. Yet despite this progress, challenges to effective inclusion remain.

As Kirstin Lange notes in the lead article, chief among these challenges is humanitarian agencies' lack of engagement with organisations of persons with disabilities. Simone Bula, Elizabeth Morgan and Teresa Thomson look at disability inclusion in humanitarian response in the Pacific, and Kathy Al Jubeh and Alradi Abdalla argue for a 'participation revolution', building on learning from the gender movement. Tchaurea Fleury and Sulayman AbdulMumuni Ujah outline how the Bridge Article 11 training initiative is encouraging constructive exchange between humanitarian and disability actors. The lack of good, disaggregated data is highlighted by Sarah Collinson; Frances Hill, Jim Cranshaw and Carys Hughes emphasise the need for training resources in local languages and accessible formats; and Sophie Van Eetvelt and colleagues report on a review of the evidence on inclusion of people with disabilities and older people.

Rebecca Molyneux and co-authors analyse the findings of a review of a DFID programme in north-east Nigeria, while Carolin Funke highlights the importance of strategic partnerships between disability-focused organisations, drawing on her research in Cox's Bazar. Sherin Alsheikh Ahmed describes Islamic Relief Worldwide's approach to mainstreaming protection and inclusion, while Pauline Thivillier and Valentina Shafina outline IRC's Client Responsive Programming. The edition ends with reflections by Mirela Turcanu and Yves Ngunzi Kahashi on CAFOD's SADI approach.

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Two Decades of Public Health Achievements in Lymphatic Filariasis (2000–2020): Reflections, Progress and Future Challenges

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Volume 49, Issue 5, October 2020
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Volume 13 Issue 4 2020
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International Journal of Infectious Diseases
December 2020 Volume 101p1-412
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Volume 54 Issue 4, December 2020
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July-December 2020 Volume 18 | Issue 2 Page Nos. 97-183
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December 22/29, 2020, Vol 324, No. 24, Pages 2467-2566
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JAMA Network

[COVID-19 Update January 2, 2021](#)

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

Selected Articles

Opinion

[Mandating COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

Lawrence O. Gostin, JD; Daniel A. Salmon, MPH, PhD; Heidi J. Larson, PhD

...From EUAs to BLA Approvals

Mandating COVID-19 vaccines under an EUA is legally and ethically problematic. The act authorizing the FDA to issue EUAs requires the secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to specify whether individuals may refuse the vaccine and the consequences for refusal. Vaccine mandates are unjustified because an EUA requires less safety and efficacy data than full Biologics License Application (BLA) approval. Individuals would also likely distrust vaccine mandates under emergency use, viewing it as ongoing medical research.

Should SARS-CoV-2 Vaccines Be Mandatory?

Once SARS-CoV-2 vaccines receive a BLA, policy makers must determine to which, if any, populations mandates should apply. Vaccine mandates could be imposed in multiple sectors, each with their own legal and ethical considerations...

JAMA Health Forum

Opinion

[Older Adults' Perspectives on a COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

Preeti N. Malani, MD, MSJ; Erica Solway, PhD, MSW, MPH; Jeffrey T. Kullgren, MD, MS, MPH

Video

AMA Network Open Live

[COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates](#)

Emily A. Largent, JD, PhD, RN, joins JAMA Network Open Digital Media Editor, Seth Trueger, MD, MPH, to discuss a survey study assessing the acceptability of coronavirus disease 2019 vaccine mandates among members of the US public

JAMA Pediatrics

December 2020, Vol 174, No. 12, Pages 1130-1228

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January 2021 Volume 68 Issue 1 p1-222
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Commentary

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Laura Chiang, Ashleigh Howard, Alexander Butchart
Published online: November 09, 2020
p11-12

Review Article

[Three Decades of Research: The Case for Comprehensive Sex Education](#)

Eva S. Goldfarb, Lisa D. Lieberman
Published online: October 12, 2020
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Vol. 69 (2020)
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Volume 15 Issue 5, December 2020

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Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

December 2020 - Volume 74 - 12

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Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine

Volume 13, Issue 4 Pages: 251-324 November 2020

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Journal of Global Ethics

Volume 16, Issue 2, 2020

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Volume 31, Number 4, November 2020 Supplement

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Volume 18, 2020_ Issue 4

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January 2021 - Volume 47 - 1

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[**Fair allocation of scarce medical resources in the time of COVID-19: what do people think?**](#)

(12 October, 2020)

Francesco Fallucchi, Marco Faravelli, Simone Quercia

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Maud O. Jansen, Peter Angelos, Stephen J. Schrantz, Jessica S. Donington, Maria Lucia L. Madariaga, Tanya L. Zakrison

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Volume 66, Issue 7-8 Pages: 751-1023 October-December 2020

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[Reviewed earlier]

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Volume 7, Issue 4 (2020)

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January 2021 Volume 228 p1-326

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Ran D. Goldman, Sophie McGregor, Shashidhar R. Marneni,...Samina Ali, Julie C. Brown
andfor the International COVID-19 Parental Attitude Study (COVIPAS) Group

Published online: August 06, 2020

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Volume 41, issue 4, December 2020

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Volume 3, Issue 1 (2020)

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December 2020 Volume 17 Issue 173
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[Health as a foundation for society](#)

The Lancet

Comment

[Poliovirus vaccine options: another step forward](#)

Kimberly M Thompson

[The COVID-19 vaccines rush: participatory community engagement matters more than ever](#)

Rochelle Ann Burgess, et al

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[Fragmented health systems in COVID-19: rectifying the misalignment between global health security and universal health coverage](#)

Arush Lal, et al

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[The UK Government's Vaccine Taskforce: strategy for protecting the UK and the world](#)

Kate Bingham

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Jan 2021 Volume 5 Number 1 p1-90, e1-e2
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Christopher Eccleston, et al

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Artificial intelligence for COVID-19: saviour or saboteur?

The Lancet Digital Health

Review

Development and dissemination of infectious disease dynamic transmission models during the COVID-19 pandemic: what can we learn from other pathogens and how can we move forward?

Alexander D Becker, Yra H Grantz, Sonia T Hegde, Sophie Bérubé, Derek A T Cummings, Amy Wesolowski

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Jan 2021 Volume 9 Number 1 e1-e98

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Effect of ten-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine introduction on pneumonia hospital admissions in Fiji: a time-series analysis

Rita Reyburn, et al

Lancet Infectious Diseases

Jan 2021 Volume 21 Number 1 p1-148, e1-e16

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Editorial

Tuberculosis and malaria in the age of COVID-19

The Lancet Infectious Diseases

Comment

Time to prioritise influenza vaccination in pregnancy

Jean Li-Kim-Moy, Kristine Macartney

Universal and targeted varicella vaccination

Paolo Bonanni, Patrizio Zanobini

Articles

Safety and immunogenicity of an inactivated SARS-CoV-2 vaccine, BBIBP-CorV: a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 1/2 trial

Shengli Xia, et al

Genomic evidence for reinfection with SARS-CoV-2: a case study

Richard L Tillett, et al

Indirect effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on malaria intervention coverage, morbidity, and mortality in Africa: a geospatial modelling analysis

Daniel J Weiss, et al

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[Epidemiology of varicella among immigrants and non-immigrants in Quebec, Canada, before and after the introduction of childhood varicella vaccination: a retrospective cohort study](#)

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[Dynamic changes in paediatric invasive pneumococcal disease after sequential switches of conjugate vaccine in Belgium: a national retrospective observational study](#)

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[Invasive pneumococcal disease incidence in children and adults in France during the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine era: an interrupted time-series analysis of data from a 17-year national prospective surveillance study](#)

Naïm Ouldali, et al

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[ROBERT HANDFIELD, DANIEL JOSEPH FINKENSTADT, EUGENE S. SCHNELLER, A. BLANTON GODFREY](#)

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Pages: 1058-1090

First Published: 02 November 2020

Ethical and Legal Implications of Remote Monitoring of Medical Devices

I. GLENN COHEN, SARA GERKE, DANIEL B. KRAMER

Pages: 1257-1289

First Published: 20 October 2020

Abstract

Policy Points

:: Millions of life-sustaining implantable devices collect and relay massive amounts of digital health data, increasingly by using user-downloaded smartphone applications to facilitate data relay to clinicians via manufacturer servers.

:: Our analysis of health privacy laws indicates that most US patients may have little access to their own digital health data in the United States under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Privacy Rule, whereas the EU General Data Protection Regulation and the California Consumer Privacy Act grant greater access to device-collected data.

:: Our normative analysis argues for consistently granting patients access to the raw data collected by their implantable devices.

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Volume 588 Issue 7839, 24 December 2020

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Nature Biotechnology

Volume 38 Issue 12, December 2020

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Nature Reviews Genetics

Volume 22 Issue 1, January 2021

<https://www.nature.com/nrg/volumes/22/issues/1>
Review Article | 28 August 2020

[Genetics meets proteomics: perspectives for large population-based studies](#)

In this Review, Suhre, McCarthy and Schwenk describe how combining genetics with plasma proteomics is providing notable insights into human disease. As changes in the circulating proteome are often an intermediate molecular readout between a genetic variant and its organismal effect, proteomics can enable a deeper understanding of disease mechanisms, clinical biomarkers and therapeutic opportunities.

Karsten Suhre, Mark I. McCarthy & Jochen M. Schwenk

Nature Reviews Immunology

Volume 20 Issue 12, December 2020

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December 31, 2020 Vol. 383 No. 27

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Original Articles

[Safety and Efficacy of the BNT162b2 mRNA Covid-19 Vaccine](#)

Fernando P. Polack, M.D., et al for the C4591001 Clinical Trial Group
Conclusions

A two-dose regimen of BNT162b2 conferred 95% protection against Covid-19 in persons 16 years of age or older. Safety over a median of 2 months was similar to that of other viral vaccines. (Funded by BioNTech and Pfizer; ClinicalTrials.gov number, [NCT04368728](#))

Editorials

[SARS-CoV-2 Vaccination — An Ounce \(Actually, Much Less\) of Prevention](#)

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Walter S. Gilliam, Aryn A. Malik, Mehr Shafiq, Madeline Klotz, Chin Reyes, John Eric Humphries, Thomas Murray, Jad A. Elharake, David Wilkinson, Saad B. Omer

Pediatrics, Jan 2021, 147 (1) e2020031971

[A Survivor-Derived Approach to Addressing Trafficking in the Pediatric ED](#)

Carmelle Wallace, Yvette Schein, Gina Carabelli, Heta Patel, Needhi Mehta, Nadia Dowshen, Nancy Kassam-Adams, Kenneth Ginsburg, Cynthia Mollen

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Zahra Hoodbhoy, Sarah Masroor Jeelani, Abeer Aziz, Muhammad Ibrahim Habib, Bilal Iqbal, Waqaas Akmal, Khan Siddiqui, Babar Hasan, Mariska Leeflang, Jai K. Das

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Volume 38, issue 12, December 2020

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[Comparative efficacy and safety of pharmacological interventions for the treatment of COVID-19: A systematic review and network meta-analysis](#)

Min Seo Kim, Min Ho An, Won Jun Kim, Tae-Ho Hwang

published 30 Dec 2020 PLOS Medicine

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1003501>

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[Perspectives of Singaporean biomedical researchers and research support staff on actual and ideal IRB review functions and characteristics: A quantitative analysis](#)

Markus K. Labude, Liang Shen, Yujia Zhu, G. Owen Schaefer, Catherine Ong, Vicki Xafis

| published 31 Dec 2020 PLOS ONE

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0241783>

[Rapid detection of fast innovation under the pressure of COVID-19](#)

Nicola Melluso, Andrea Bonaccorsi, Filippo Chiarello, Gualtiero Fantoni

Research Article | published 31 Dec 2020 PLOS ONE

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0244175>

[The 10-year course of mental health, quality of life, and exile life functioning in traumatized refugees from treatment start](#)

Marianne Opaas, Tore Wentzel-Larsen, Sverre Varvin

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[**Leadership, social determinants of health and health equity: the case of Costa Rica**](#)

Current topic | English |

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Original research | Spanish |

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Volume 40, Issue 12 Pages: 2479-2695 December 2020

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Feature

[**Open access takes flight**](#)

By Jeffrey Brainard

Science01 Jan 2021 : 16-20 Full Access

As a new mandate takes effect, researchers and institutions grapple with the trade-offs of making scientific publications free for all

Books et al.

[**Science's irrational origins**](#)

By Itai Yanai, Martin J. Lercher

Science01 Jan 2021 : 37 Restricted Access

Disputes in modern science are settled with empiricism alone, an approach early scholars would have questioned

Summary

What is the scientific method, and what makes it the most efficient approach for generating insight? In *The Knowledge Machine*, Michael Strevens argues that to answer this question, we must acknowledge the role played by the undisciplined and emotional nature of the humans who carry it out. The book takes readers on a whirlwind tour through the history of science, rendering Arthur Eddington, Louis Pasteur, G. G. Simpson, Lord Kelvin, and many others as "warm-blooded organisms, whose enthusiasms, hopes, and fears mold their thinking far below the threshold of awareness."

Policy Forum

Mapping the global threat of land subsidence

By Gerardo Herrera-García, Pablo Ezquerro, Roberto Tomás, Marta Béjar-Pizarro, Juan López-Vinielles, Mauro Rossi, Rosa M. Mateos, Dora Carreón-Freyre, John Lambert, Pietro Teatini, Enrique Cabral-Cano, Gilles Erkens, Devin Galloway, Wei-Chia Hung, Najeebullah Kakar, Michelle Sneed, Luigi Tosi, Hanmei Wang, Shujun Ye

Science01 Jan 2021 : 34-36 Restricted Access

Nineteen percent of the global population may face a high probability of subsidence

Summary

Subsidence, the lowering of Earth's land surface, is a potentially destructive hazard that can be caused by a wide range of natural or anthropogenic triggers but mainly results from solid or fluid mobilization underground. Subsidence due to groundwater depletion (1) is a slow and gradual process that develops on large time scales (months to years), producing progressive loss of land elevation (centimeters to decimeters per year) typically over very large areas (tens to thousands of square kilometers) and variably affects urban and agricultural areas worldwide. Subsidence permanently reduces aquifer-system storage capacity, causes earth fissures, damages buildings and civil infrastructure, and increases flood susceptibility and risk. During the next decades, global population and economic growth will continue to increase groundwater demand and accompanying groundwater depletion (2) and, when exacerbated by droughts (3), will probably increase land subsidence occurrence and related damages or impacts. To raise awareness and inform decision-making, we evaluate potential global subsidence due to groundwater depletion, a key first step toward formulating effective land-subsidence policies that are lacking in most countries worldwide.

Science Translational Medicine

16 December 2020 Vol 12, Issue 574

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Volume 266 December 2020

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Stanford Social Innovation Review

Winter 2021 Volume 19, Number 1

https://ssir.org/issue/winter_2021#

Read about how workers are using digital tools and online engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic to achieve real benefits, how win-win strategies promoted by academics and business leaders are unproven and counterproductive, how human-centered design for social innovation has become more collaborative and focused on systems change, how employees are fighting to make their companies better corporate citizens, and other topics in the Winter 2021 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review.

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Research

[The state of population health research performance in the Middle East and North Africa: a meta-research study](#)

Population health (PH) research capacity and performance are essential pillars of evidence-based practice to help address health inequalities. Best evidence is provided by systematic reviews (SRs). None of the...

Authors: Karima Chaabna, Sohaila Cheema, Amit Abraham, Patrick Maisonneuve, Albert B. Lowenfels and Ravinder Mamtani

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Trauma, Violence, & Abuse

Volume 22 Issue 1, January 2021

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Review Manuscripts

[An Integrative Review of Safety Strategies for Women Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence in Low- and Middle-Income Countries](#)

Shannon N. Wood, Nancy Glass, Michele R. Decker

First Published January 22, 2019; pp. 68–82

Abstract

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is prevalent and a leading source of morbidity and mortality to women worldwide. Safety planning is a cornerstone of harm reduction and violence support in many upper income countries. Far less is known about safety strategies used by women in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) where the IPV support service infrastructure may be more limited. This study aimed to review the literature regarding safety strategies in LMICs. A PubMed search was conducted using search terms “safety,” “coping,” “harm reduction,” and “intimate partner violence.” Inclusion criteria comprised IPV studies mentioning characterization and utilization of safety strategies that were written in English and conducted in an LMIC. Our search yielded 16 studies (in-depth interviews, n = 5; focus group discussions, n = 2; case study, n = 2; mixed qualitative methods, n = 4; mixed methods, n = 1; and semi-structured quantitative survey, n = 2). Four distinct themes of strategies emerged: engaging informal networks, removing the stressor/avoidance, minimizing the damage to self and family through enduring violence, and building personal resources. IPV-related safety strategies literature primarily emerged from site-specific qualitative work. No studies provided effectiveness data for utilized strategies. Across geoculturally diverse studies, results indicate that women are engaging in strategic planning to minimize abuse and maximize safety. Women highlighted that safety planning strategies were feasible and acceptable within their communities. Further research is needed to test the effectiveness of these strategies in decreasing revictimization and increasing health and well-being. Further adoption of safety strategies into violence programming could increase monitoring and evaluation efforts.

[Vulnerabilities Relevant for Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children/Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking: A Systematic Review of Risk Factors](#)

Hannabeth Franchino-Olsen

First Published February 3, 2019; pp. 99–111

Abstract

The commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) and domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST) occur across the United States, violating the rights and health of far too many children and youth. Adequate prevention efforts should seek to understand the factors that make minors vulnerable to sexual exploitation in order to properly design programs to prevent victimization. This review presents the identified risk factors collected via a systematic literature review. Following full-text review, 15 studies were selected for inclusion by meeting the following criteria: original quantitative or qualitative research studies published in English from January 2010 to September 2017 with titles or abstracts that indicated a focus on the risk factors, vulnerabilities, or statistics of CSEC/DMST and a domestic focus on CSEC/DMST (for U.S.-based journals) with findings that did not combine associations between minors and adults in the study. Relevant risk factors and vulnerabilities found in this review include child abuse and maltreatment, caregiver strain, running away or being thrown away, substance use, peer influence, witnessing family violence or criminality, poverty or material need, difficulty in school, conflict with parents, poor mental health or view of self, involvement in child protective services, involvement in juvenile detention or delinquency, early substance use, and prior rape or adolescent sexual victimization.

[Child Abuse in Natural Disasters and Conflicts: A Systematic Review](#)

Hamed Seddighi, Ibrahim Salmani, Mohhammad Hossein Javadi, Saeideh Seddighi

First Published March 13, 2019; pp. 176–185

Abstract

Violence against children affects a significant portion of youth around the world. Emergencies and natural disasters escalate the risk due to weakened child protection systems and disruption of preventative mechanisms. In this systematic review, 692 related papers were searched in various databases in the initial search. After review, 11 papers were finally selected for full review. These papers were selected based on publication date, relevance to emergencies, their geographical area type of violence, age of subjects, and their gender. Most families affected by natural disasters, especially those in lower socioeconomic status, face greater social and economic pressures. The families that are more vulnerable to loss of food and shelter commit violence against children more frequently. On the other hand, while the rate of violence increases in emergencies, the reported rate of violence is less than the actual rate due to lack of required infrastructure and reporting mechanisms. The emergency housing increased risk of some types of child abuse. The history of exposure to violence, parental substance abuse, poverty, and child labor were predictors of increased violence against children in emergency situations. Sexual violence against girls after conflicts and physical violence against boys after emergencies are common forms of violence. Poverty as another predictor exposes children to more violence due to limited family economic resources and support. Given the identified predictors of violence, humanitarian organizations can come closer to providing appropriate plans to reduce the risk during and postdisaster.

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World Heritage Review

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Current Issue

World Heritage and Biodiversity

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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