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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.



UNHCR and IOM welcome Colombia's decision to regularize Venezuelan refugees and migrants

UNHCR-IOM Joint Press Release

8 Feb 2021

BOGOTA/GENEVA – UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency and IOM, the International Organization for Migration, today praised **Colombia's initiative to provide ten-year temporary protection status to Venezuelans in the country.**

Colombia is host to 1.7 million Venezuelans, which represent more than 37 per cent of the estimated 4.6 million Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Latin America and the Caribbean. More than half of the Venezuelan population in Colombia lack regular status, affecting their ability to access essential services, protection and assistance.

"This bold humanitarian gesture serves as an example for the region and the rest of the world. It is a life-changing gesture for the 1.7 million displaced Venezuelans who will now benefit from added protection, security and stability while they are away from home," said UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi who is currently in Colombia, assessing humanitarian needs.

"We applaud Colombia for its extraordinary generosity and its commitment to ensure protection for displaced Venezuelans. This decision serves as a model of pragmatism and humanity."

With the COVID-19 pandemic compounding needs throughout the region, many Venezuelan refugees and migrants, as well as local communities, struggle to survive as they face worsening poverty, job losses, evictions, hunger, and a lack of food and access to medical treatment.

The Temporary Protection Status will also provide access to basic services including the national health system and COVID-19 vaccination plans. Regularization is also key to long-term solutions, including access to the job market, which in turn serves to lessen the dependency of people on humanitarian assistance while also contributing to the country's post COVID-19 socio-economic recovery.

"The regularization of Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Colombia through the provision of a generous temporary protection status is a key to facilitating their socio-economic integration and access to the national health system and COVID-19 vaccination campaigns," said IOM Director General António Vitorino.

“The Government of Colombia has once again shown both great solidarity and leadership. Its decision serves as an example to the world.”

The implementation of such a large-scale initiative will require a significant investment in time, logistics and resources. IOM and UNHCR, as co-leaders of the Regional Inter-agency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela (R4V), and in coordination with their 159 partners, stand ready to contribute with their technical expertise, field presence, logistical capacity and resources to support the roll-out of this important initiative...

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Myanmar

[INGO joint Statement on the Unfolding Crisis in Myanmar](#)

12. February 2021

As international NGOs working in Myanmar, we support the fulfilment of human rights and all people’s equal, democratic participation. We are deeply concerned about the military seizure of power in the country in light of the potential immediate and longer-term impacts on the safety, rights and wellbeing of people across Myanmar, particularly those already experiencing vulnerability and marginalization.

We remain committed to working with and supporting our civil society partners; from local community groups to national civil society networks. Most of our work in Myanmar is carried out with our partners, supporting communities with urgently needed assistance to meet their immediate basic needs, and with programmes that build greater resilience over the longer term.

However:

We are concerned that the current situation undermines recent progress to enable local communities to participate in and influence decisions that impact their lives and the full enjoyment of their rights. We call on all stakeholders to respect the fundamental human rights of all people in Myanmar, including freedom of peaceful assembly, freedom of speech, and free flow of information, and to refrain from all forms of violence against peaceful protestors, journalists and media workers.

We have been working to support the safety, health and livelihoods of communities across Myanmar during the COVID-19 pandemic and we have seen the very real challenges so many are facing first hand as sources of income have vanished and health care capacity is stretched. We are concerned that the recent events in Myanmar will undo efforts to contain the disease and that existing vulnerabilities will increase in severity.

We believe NGOs play a critical role in providing assistance and services in these challenging times. We call upon all relevant authorities to ensure humanitarian access for national and international stakeholders.

We hope all relevant parties inside Myanmar, and concerned countries in the region and around the world, contribute to a swift and peaceful resolution to the crisis and to the uncertainty that the Myanmar people face.

List of signatories

Action Against Hunger
ActionAid
AVI
BBC Media Action
The Border Consortium
CARE International in Myanmar
CDN-ZOA
Centre for Development and Environment Community Partners International
Cord
Danish Refugee Council
Democracy Reporting International
Energy and Poverty Research Group
Finnish Refugee Council
HelpAge
Helvetas
Humanity & Inclusion
Johanniter International Assistance
The Lutheran World Federation
MA-UK
Médecins du Monde France
Mercy Corps
Norwegian Refugee Council
Norwegian People's Aid
Oxfam International
People in Need
Save the Children International
SWISSAID
Trócaire
World Vision International
Welthungerhilfe
Yangon Film School

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Syria

[Syria: UN experts urge 57 States to repatriate women and children from squalid camps](#)

GENEVA (8 February 2021) – UN human rights experts expressed serious concerns at the **deteriorating security and humanitarian situation at the Al Hol and Roj camps in northeast Syria - home to over 64,000 people, mostly women and children - and urged 57 States* whose nationals are held there to repatriate them without delay.**

“The number of the countries concerned and the dire humanitarian conditions of the camps highlight the need for collective, sustained and immediate action to prevent irreparable harm to the persons in vulnerable situation held there” the experts said. “Thousands of people held in the camps are exposed to violence, exploitation, abuse and deprivation in conditions and treatment that may well amount to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment under international law, with no

effective remedy at their disposal. An unknown number have already died because of their conditions of detention.”

UN human rights experts have issued official letters to 57 governments who are believed to have nationals in the camps. At the Al-Hol camp – the largest camp for refugees and internally displaced people in Syria - more than 80 percent of those being held are women and children.

Reports of increased violence in the camps since the start of the year compound the experts’ calls for urgent action...

“States have a primary responsibility to act with due diligence and take positive steps and effective measures to protect individuals in vulnerable situations, notably women and children, located outside of their territory where they are at risk of serious human rights violations or abuses, where States’ actions or omissions can positively impact on these individuals’ human rights,” the experts said.

The experts reminded the States concerned that the repatriation process must be done in accordance with international human rights law. They also stressed that States must refrain from any actions that would expose the individuals to further human rights violations on their return to their country of nationality, and that they should actively support their re-integration with adequate social, psychological, and educational support, conscious of gender-specific traumas that could have been experienced by women and girls.

They also expressed concern at a ‘data collection’ process that took place in the camps last July. “Highly personal and unique data were gathered from women and children in conditions where consent could not be freely given, nor under circumstances in which it was clear whom would have access to those data, and how they might be used,” said the experts echoing the call of the High Commissioner for States to assume responsibility for all of their nationals

“We fear that this exercise was in fact aimed at identifying third country nationals who may pose a security risk, information that could be further communicated and used by States of origin, as a basis for deciding the further course of action for their nationals. This could include trial and repatriation, or children’s separation from their families, including that of male children for further detention.”

The experts said they were gravely concerned that the exercise, reportedly to evaluate security threats, lacked regard for basic principles of due process and solely targeted families with alleged links to foreign ISIL fighters, including women and children, who already suffer from heightened discrimination, marginalisation and abuse on the basis of their alleged affiliation with the group.

They added that the process had largely excluded humanitarian actors, including medical personnel.

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Heritage Stewardship

UNESCO

[Protecting, preserving and promoting access to the world's documentary heritage](#)

11/02/2021

Key challenges

Documentary heritage – from preserving documents in libraries, archives and museums to the software that is driving the digital transformation – is an essential part of humanity's collective memory. It is a key resource that helps us learn from the past; whether it be contributing to building more equitable, inclusive and sustainable societies or helping us tackle current crises with information on past responses.

Many original and unaltered items and collections are today endangered because of looting and dispersal, illegal trading, deliberate destruction, inadequate storage and a lack of funding.

Moreover, these risks are heightened during times of crisis such as conflicts and natural disasters. New strategies are thus needed to support and update documentary heritage preservation tools and techniques, and digital preservation should be included as a component in disaster risk reduction strategies. This should also include strengthening the capacities of memory and research institutions to improve their resilience in the face of emergency and crisis situations.

UNESCO aims to:

- Raise awareness about the importance of preservation and accessibility of documentary heritage for sustainable development and peace through increasing visibility of the Memory of the World Programme and reinforcing its role as a global mechanism.
- Strengthen local, regional and international networks and partnerships to support the identification, preservation and accessibility of documentary heritage.
- Support capacity building among policy makers and memory institutions to implement UNESCO's Recommendation on the preservation of, and access to, documentary heritage.
- Support preservation and digital access to ancient manuscripts in the Sahel and sub-Saharan Africa through the development of an online platform to digitally preserve and showcase these archives.
- Foster the resilience and emergency preparedness of memory institutions, especially in Africa and Small Island Developing States, by leading workshops on disaster risk reduction strategies and how to protect documentary heritage in conflict zones.
- Enhance collaboration with educational institutions through leveraging online solutions to promote the value of documentary heritage among persons of all ages.
- Promote dialogue and joint action for the digital preservation of documentary heritage through initiatives such as PERSIST, a project under the Memory of the World Programme that aims to build stakeholder capacities on digitization to support long-term preservation and access to digital documentary heritage.
- Promote the role of women and marginalized groups in documentary heritage processes and projects and support relevant research and monitoring initiatives.



COVID-19: Perspective/Opinion

Why the world needs a Covid-19 exit strategy

The public needs to know when, how and how quickly restrictions will be lifted

Financial Times - The editorial board

February 12, 2021

February is one of the busiest months of the year for travel bookings in the northern hemisphere. Families plan how they will spend their summer holidays and try to grab a bargain spot in the sun. Not this year, however. The uncertainty over how long coronavirus restrictions will remain in place means that while some have taken a risk and booked a break, most are sitting on the sidelines, unsure of what to do. This confusion is emblematic of the wider uncertainties that exist over the reopening of economies. Tired of severe curbs of civil liberties — which have lasted far longer than most anticipated — many people are asking when governments will finally set out a path for life to return to something like normal, how it will happen, and how fast.

This anxiety has only been heightened in recent weeks by signs that in some cases restrictions, instead of easing as lockdowns take effect, are in fact being toughened to guard against more infectious and possibly more deadly new mutations of the virus. In the UK, tough border controls will take effect from Monday for people arriving in the country, including jail terms for those offending. Germany is poised to reinstate border controls with some areas of Austria and the Czech Republic, while in Australia the state of Victoria has announced a snap five-day lockdown after an outbreak.

A global, well-funded vaccination campaign is the only way to end the pandemic for good. But despite relatively high inoculation rates in some countries, it is now clear that vaccinating enough people to achieve herd immunity will take much longer than hoped. Covax, the global initiative to distribute vaccines equitably, aims to deliver at least 2bn doses by the end of this year but that will not cover much more than a third of its target population. The new variants mean that some of the measures we have become accustomed to during lockdown will have to stay in place for some time. While some curbs on freedom will be accepted, others — bans on foreign travel and on seeing family and friends — cannot be tolerated indefinitely. A point will come where the public will rebel against restrictions that make life unbearably bleak. In the UK, scientific advisers are calling for a debate on the terms of allowing a “big wave of infection”.

The solution is for politicians to provide as much certainty as is possible. They must make it clear what will trigger the lifting of restrictions and what will not be possible in the short-to-medium term. In the UK, the government has so far produced little evidence of the costs and benefits of current restrictions.

Priorities must be set, supported by appropriate economic and epidemiological modelling. Concern is rife over the impact of the lockdowns on young people and the loss of education. Reopening schools must therefore be a priority. Teachers will need to be vaccinated. Fast testing and accurate and quick contact tracing is critical. How to reboot travel must also be a consideration. For this to happen, vaccination passports would be essential, but with the aim of facilitating travel, not prohibiting travel. A recent policy document proposes that areas in Europe where the virus has been eliminated are

declared green zones in which civil liberties are restored. These zones expand as more regions achieve elimination. Such an approach, while appealing, will require careful, global co-ordination.

The pandemic has severely damaged economies and societies. As far as is scientifically possible, the public deserves to know the route out of current restrictions. It is time for politicians to play their part and move from crisis response to forward planning.

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Featured Journal Content – COVID Vaccines/Therapeutics

The Lancet

Feb 13, 2021 Volume 397 Number 10274 p555-640, e6

Comment

[Urgent needs of low-income and middle-income countries for COVID-19 vaccines and therapeutics](#)

Lancet Commission on COVID-19 Vaccines and Therapeutics Task Force Members

WHO and partners have learnt from the mis-steps in the response to the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic¹ and established the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator to promote equitable access to vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics.² However, many high-income countries already have bilateral agreements with manufacturers of COVID-19 vaccines.³ The COVAX Facility of the ACT Accelerator has agreements to access 2 billion doses of WHO pre-qualified vaccines during 2021, but this represents only 20% of the vaccine needs of participating countries.⁴ Most low-income and middle-income countries (LMICs) face difficulties in accessing and delivering vaccines and therapeutics for COVID-19 to their populations.⁵ COVAX will require decisive action by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, WHO, and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), supported by the countries they serve and with financing for vaccine purchasing, to ensure people worldwide have equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines.^{6, 7, 8}

For 80% of the populations in LMICs that will not benefit from COVAX-provided COVID-19 vaccines, finances for purchase or donations are needed. Government measures in response to COVID-19 and the broader global financial situation have led to increasing fiscal imbalances of heavily indebted countries.⁹ Multinational agencies, financial institutions, and wealthier countries should consider measures that could provide relief to indebted LMICs. The World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and others need to lead an international initiative to mobilise support for LMICs in need.

Many LMICs do not have an established platform for vaccinating their adult populations.¹⁰ Although it is feasible to deliver COVID-19 vaccines to health-care and other front-line essential workers, in some LMICs it will be difficult to effectively reach and vaccinate with two doses all elderly populations and individuals with co-morbidities, given insufficient mechanisms to identify such groups. Governments and technical leaders will need to use transparent, accountable, and unbiased processes when they make and explain evidence-based vaccine prioritisation decisions, while also building confidence in COVID-19 vaccines and engaging with all the stakeholders.

The ultracold chain requirements of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are likely to be an insurmountable hurdle in LMICs, outside of major cities. COVID-19 vaccine delivery will require considerable investment of resources, health-care staff, and careful planning to avoid opportunity costs, including a disruption

of routine health services and a decline in essential childhood vaccination coverage, which could result in outbreaks of measles and other vaccine-preventable diseases. There were more deaths from measles than Ebola virus disease in 2019 in the aftermath of the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, due to failure to maintain adequate childhood vaccinations.¹¹ The infrastructure for vaccination in many LMICs is already inadequate, as shown by the 19.7 million under-vaccinated infants globally, most of whom are in these countries.¹² Thus, preparation for all aspects of COVID-19 vaccine delivery in LMICs must begin now with the support of international partners.

Strengthening the capacity of LMICs to do clinical trials and promoting LMIC participation in research are also crucial.¹³ More LMICs need to participate in future vaccine trials and in testing the clinical effectiveness of different therapeutic agents to ensure that interventions and implementation are suitable for local contexts.

Tracking the safety and effectiveness of different COVID-19 vaccines over time in various populations and settings will necessitate improvements in pharmacovigilance.¹⁴ Regulatory authorities in many LMICs need to be strengthened and could benefit from a programme of national and international support, as well as regional cooperation and reliance mechanisms.¹⁵ As part of internationally coordinated actions, COVID-19 technologies should be transferred to LMIC-based manufacturers, accompanied by regulatory guidance. Efforts to boost local manufacturing capacity in LMICs will contribute to equity, global solidarity, and global health security. India and South Africa have called for the suspension of intellectual property rights related to COVID-19 vaccines to improve access for LMICs, a move now supported by many other countries, but opposed by the pharmaceutical industry, which cites the disincentive to innovation.¹⁶

There are further challenges. Governments in LMICs with strong private health sectors, as those in high-income countries, will need to manage the inherent potential for inequity, whereby the rich could access COVID-19 vaccines before individuals with less access to private care who may be at increased risk of severe disease and death, such as older people and those with comorbidities. LMICs affected by war, civil conflict, economic crises, or natural disasters, or with large refugee populations or populations with special needs or vulnerabilities need additional support for vaccines and vaccination under extremely difficult operational conditions.

Re-examining global governance structures, including the UN and its Security Council, is much needed so that the voices and interests of billions of people in LMICs are better represented and recognised. Global support to multilateral institutions is essential to sustain their support to LMICs to facilitate vaccinations globally. The COVID-19 pandemic shows that no nation can stand alone. We are all part of a common humanity that requires us to respect our diverse experiences, cultures, and countries and forge partnerships that better serve the interests of all.

[Author conflicts and disclosures at title link above]

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Coronavirus [COVID-19] - WHO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Weekly Epidemiological and Operational updates

Last update: 23 January 2021

Confirmed cases :: 107 838 255 [week ago: 104 956 439] [two weeks ago: 101 561 219]

Confirmed deaths :: 2 373 398 [week ago: 2 290 488] [two weeks ago: 2 196 9440]

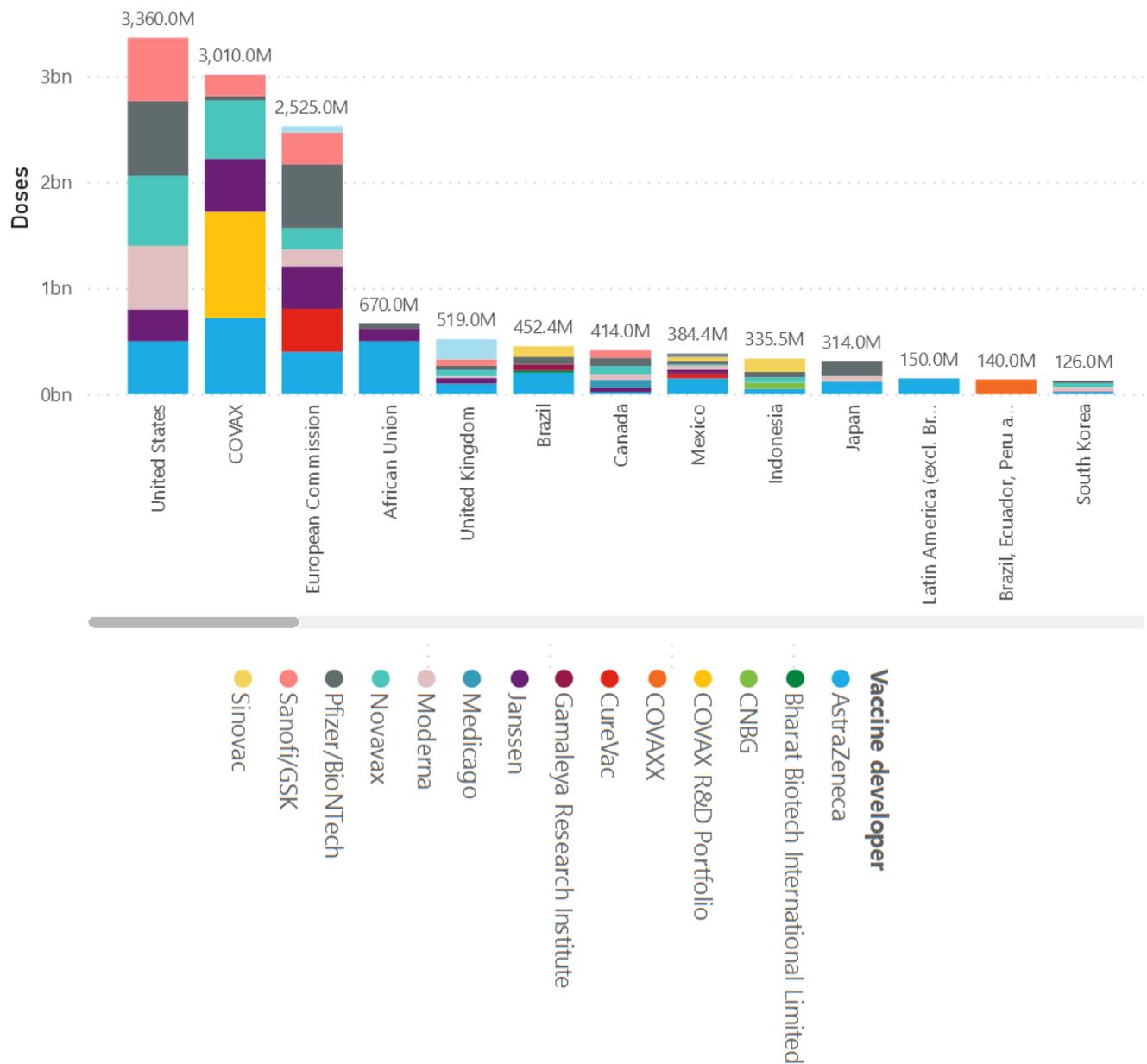
Countries, areas or territories with cases :: 223



[UNICEF COVID-19 Vaccine Market Dashboard :: Agreements Table Accessed 13 Feb 2021](#)

An overview of information collected from publicly announced bilateral and multilateral supply agreement [Agreements view from 2021-02-03 to date]

COVID-19 vaccine supply agreements (doses) by recipient country/group





Our World in Data

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccinations

Our World in Data and the SDG-Tracker are collaborative efforts between researchers at the University of Oxford, who are the scientific editors of the website content; and the non-profit organization [Global Change Data Lab](#), who publishes and maintains the website and the data tools that make our work possible. At the University of Oxford we are based at the [Oxford Martin Programme on Global Development](#).

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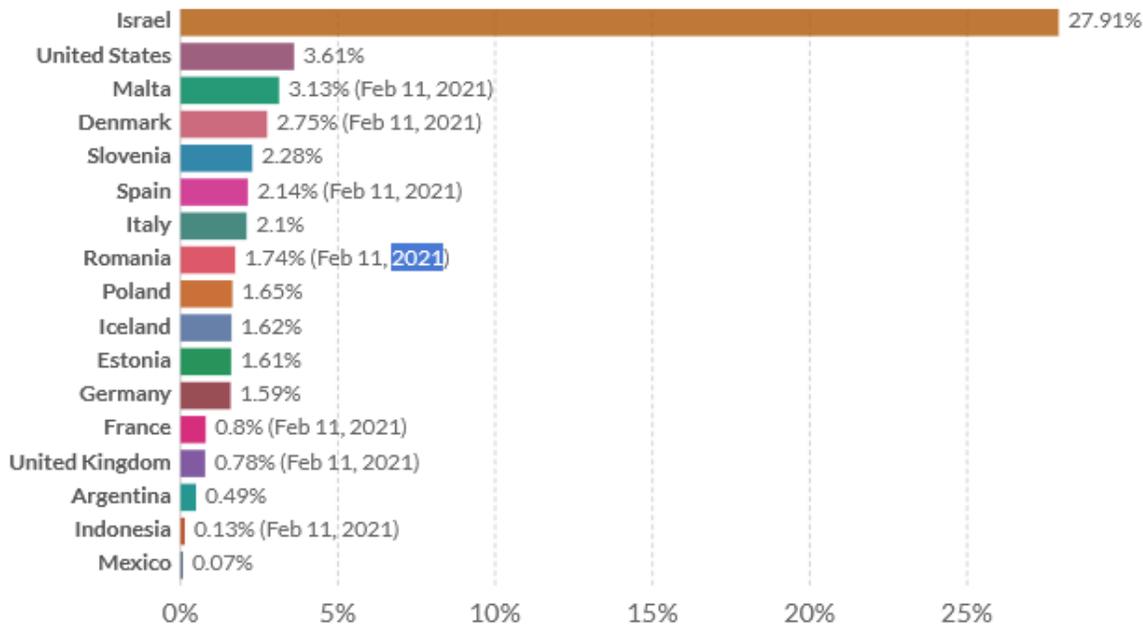
Web development: Breck Yunits, Ernst van Woerden, Daniel Gavrilov, Matthieu Bergel, Shahid Ahmad, Jason Crawford, and Marcel Gerber

Share of the population fully vaccinated against COVID-19, Feb 12, 2021



Share of the total population that have received all doses prescribed by the vaccination protocol. This data is only available for countries which report the breakdown of doses administered by first and second doses.

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Source: Official data collated by Our World in Data - Last updated 13 February, 11:40 (London time)

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 10 February 2021

:: The Polio Oversight Board (POB) held its last meeting of 2020 taking stock of programme epidemiology, finances, and strategy and management revision, and make decisions on next steps to achieve the polio eradication goal. The minutes of the meeting are available [here](#).

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

:: **Afghanistan:** 34 cVDPV2 cases

:: **Pakistan:** four WPV1 and three cVDPV2 positive environmental samples

:: **Chad:** one cVDPV2 case

:: **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo):** one cVDPV2 case

:: **Kenya:** one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample

:: **Tajikistan:** one cVDPV2 case

:: **South Sudan:** two cVDPV2 cases

:: **Yemen:** one cVDPV1 case

Meeting of the Polio Oversight Board (POB) - Teleconference 18 December 2020

[Excerpt; text formatting from original text]

[p.13-14]

ANNEX: Donor Statement at the December 18, 2020 POB meeting

Presented by H.E. Leslie Norton, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations in Geneva

...Specifically, we would like to register five points of concern with the POB:

First, we expect to see the **Independent Monitoring Board's (IMB) analysis and recommendations** considered and fully implemented. We expect to see a **clear and direct link between the analysis of the IMB and the future work of GPEI**.

Second, we would like to again underscore how the **Governance Review** process is crucial to achieving progress on eradication, integration and transition. The formal role of Donors, governments and NGOs/civil society in the decision-making of GPEI urgently needs to be addressed in order to reverse the current trend and overcome chronic barriers to eradication. We recommend **a rapid and full implementation of the recommendations over the next six months** as well as improved leadership and accountability by the GPEI partners in this next year. This includes a **clear and transparent communications** on the process.

Third, we welcome the engagement of partners and donors in the **strategy review process**. Greater involvement and leadership from government and civil society partners, particularly in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and the most at-risk countries, is critical for strong country commitment and ownership especially when it comes to implementing the revised strategy. Please note, Donors expect to review and provide input into a draft of the strategy before it is finalized.

Fourth, we believe that programmatic and financial decisions must be better aligned. GPEI has completed important work in reviewing the budget and funding gaps for 2021. As a next step, we ask

the GPEI to develop a **robust approach to managing risks** that clearly outlines **key budget assumptions**. This also includes regular revision of the budget to allow for immediate reactions.

Fifth, as the Finance and Accountability Committee highlighted last week, **intense and diverse resource mobilisation**, including through innovative financing, is needed in order to have the resources available to reach eradication. Given the global economic downturn we do not see any more space for complacency. Making progress on integration, cost sharing, and maximizing synergies between related programs are likely to be essential for donor investments...

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Editor's Note:

Continuing with this edition, we include information about the last apparent update evident on the WHO emergency country webpages, recognizing almost universal and significant interims since last update regardless of the level of the emergency listed.

WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 13 Feb 2021]

Democratic Republic of the Congo - *No new digest announcements [Last apparent update: 12 Jan 2021]*

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 13 Feb 2021]

Niger - Le ministre de la Santé du Niger sur le maintien des cas de COVID-19 à un faible niveau
11 février 2021

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 04 février 2021]*

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]*
Myanmar - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: :: 3 January 2021]*
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 13 Feb 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.

East Africa Locust Infestation

:: Desert Locust situation update 9 February 2021

COVID-19 - *No new digest announcements identified*

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:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch

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

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly

[to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

10 February 2021

DSG/SM/1541

[Seize Chances that COVID-19 Provides while Mourning Human Tragedy of Pandemic, Deputy-Secretary General Tells Inaugural World Sustainable Development Summit](#)

9 February 2021

SG/SM/20577

[Greater Diversity Fosters More Innovation, Secretary-General Stresses, Marking International Day of Women and Girls in Science](#)

8 February 2021

SG/SM/20576

[Decision to Extend Protection to 1.7 Million Venezuelans in Colombia Important Act of Solidarity, Secretary-General Says](#)

8 February 2021

SG/SM/20575

[Secretary-General Welcomes United States Intent to Re-Engage with Human Rights Council](#)

8 February 2021

[As COVID-19 Exposes Global Disparities, Closing Digital Gap Key for Achieving Sustained Equitable Growth, Speakers Say as Social Development Commission begins Annual Session](#)

Economic and Social Council SOC/4890 Commission for Social Development

Fifty-ninth Session, 2nd Meeting (AM & PM)

With the pandemic exposing massive disparities in access to health, education and employment across the world, countries must urgently usher in a socially just transition towards sustainable development — first and foremost by enacting policies that close the digital divide, United Nations officials emphasized today, as the Commission for Social Development opened its fifty-ninth session.

“We are living in a time which is testing all paradigms,” said María del Carmen Squeff (Argentina), Commission Chair, following her election to the role. There is a moral imperative to prioritize the world’s forgotten. Stressing that COVID-19 has laid bare the problems of poverty, inequity, and unfair conditions between and within countries, she said “it is our responsibility to follow up on the objectives of Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action” — adopted at the 1995 World Summit for Social Development to fight poverty, achieve full employment and foster social inclusion...

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 13 Feb 2021]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

Top News

[**29th Special Session of the Human Rights Council on the human rights implications of the crisis in Myanmar**](#)

[**UN experts call for removal of rights defenders Ramy Shaath and Zyad El-Elaimy from 'terrorism entities' list**](#)

[**UN expert warns security forces in Myanmar: Following orders is no defence for atrocities**](#)

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[**Syria: UN experts urge 57 States to repatriate women and children from squalid camps**](#)

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[**Human Rights Council calls for release of all arbitrarily detained persons in Myanmar, and lifting of state of emergency**](#)

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[**Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights to the Special Session of the Human Rights Council on Myanmar: Seizure of Power by the Military Constitutes a Profound Setback for Myanmar**](#)

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[International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers: Joint statement by EU High Representative Josep Borrell & SRSR for Children & Armed Conflict Virginia Gamba](#)

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[UN Special Representative Patten calls on the Government of South Sudan to expedite the establishment of the African Union Hybrid Court to address sexual violence and other grave violations of human rights](#)

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[UN's integrated approach to humanitarian assistance in Albay and Catanduanes is strengthening recovery and resilience of typhoon-affected families](#)

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

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February 10, 2021

[The State of Open Humanitarian Data 2021](#)

By [Sarah Telford](#)

The goal of [The State of Open Humanitarian Data 2021](#) is to increase awareness of the data that is available to inform humanitarian operations around the world and to highlight what is missing, as measured through OCHA's Humanitarian Data Exchange (HDX) platform. In a year dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic and its devastating impact on already-vulnerable populations, we saw record-breaking demand for data in the humanitarian sector coupled with persistent data gaps.

UNICEF [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

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[UNICEF deploys staff, medical equipment and supplies in response to new Ebola case in eastern DRC](#)

UNICEF working with Government and partners in North Kivu province following announcement by the Ministry of Health of the death of a 42 year-old-mother

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

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[UN High Commissioner for Refugees commends Costa Rica for commitment to those forced to flee](#)

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[UNHCR appeals for access as Central African displacement soars](#)

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[UNHCR welcomes expansion of Guatemala's asylum capacity](#)

10 Feb 2021

[UNHCR and IOM welcome Colombia's decision to regularize Venezuelan refugees and migrants](#)

[UNHCR-IOM Joint Press Release](#)

8 Feb 2021

[Statement by the UN High Commissioner for refugees on Colombia's new temporary protection measure for Venezuelans](#)

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IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

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[IOM Calls for End to Pushbacks and Violence Against Migrants at EU External Borders](#)

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Geneva– The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is calling on the European Union (EU) and its Member States to take urgent action to end pushbacks, collective expulsions, and the use of violence against migrants and refugees, including children, at the EU's external..

[IOM and UNHCR Welcome Colombia's Decision to Regularize Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants](#)

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Bogota/Geneva – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, on Monday praised Colombia's initiative to provide ten-year temporary protection status to Venezuelans in the country.

UNAIDS [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

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[People living with HIV in Kyrgyzstan have won the right to adopt](#)

10 February 2021

[Making a mark on the COVID-19 pandemic: joint efforts to meet the needs of young key populations in Asia and the Pacific](#)

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[How was a COVID-19 vaccine found so quickly?](#)

8 February 2021

[Provision of services for domestic violence uneven](#)

WHO & Regional Offices [to 13 Feb 2021]

12 February 2021 *Joint News Release*

[Acute malnutrition threatens half of children under five in Yemen in 2021: UN](#)

11 February 2021 *Feature story*

[WHO Executive Board stresses need for improved response to mental health impact of public health emergencies](#)

10 February 2021 *Departmental news*

[WHO Publishes Quality Criteria for Health National Adaptation Plans](#)

10 February 2021 *Joint News Release*

[In the COVID-19 vaccine race, we either win together or lose together](#)

[See full statement above]

10 February 2021 *Statement*

[ILO joins the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All](#)

8 February 2021 *Departmental news*

[France and WHO: a strategic partnership for global health security](#)

8 February 2021 *Statement*

[COVAX Statement on New Variants of SARS-CoV-2](#)

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WHO African Region AFRO

:: [Minister of Health of Niger on keeping COVID-19 cases low](#) 11 February 2021

Niger has witnessed a decline in COVID-19 cases in recent weeks following a surge. Public Health Minister Hon. Botto Ahmet explains what it took to cut back infections and the efforts being strengthened to curb the spread of the virus.

:: [Minister of Health of Mauritania speaks about efforts to curb COVID-19](#) 11 February 2021

With COVID-19 cases declining after a second wave of the pandemic in Mauritania saw an acute, fast rise, Minister of Health Minister Hon. Dr Mohamed Nedhirou Hamed shares what it took to limit the spread of the virus and the lessons learned that can be applied to an eventual COVID-19 vaccination.

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:: New WHO report reveals urgency of confronting tobacco use among women 12-02-2021

:: Getting resources to projects that matter – how WHO/Europe helped countries raise almost US\$ 3 million from the Global Fund 11-02-2021

:: Update on COVID-19: cautious optimism 11-02-2021

:: EU and WHO Regional Office for Europe join forces to ensure deployment of COVID-19 vaccines and vaccination in six European countries, their largest collaboration in the European Region to date 11-02-2021

:: Countries strengthen health supply chains with support from UNICEF and WHO 08-02-2021

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: Glimmer of hope: COVID-19 vaccines roll out in countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region

8 February 2021 – While 2020 was a unique and challenging year for the Eastern Mediterranean Region, 2021 has provided a glimmer of hope as vaccines for COVID-19 are rolled out. As part of the COVAX Facility – a global mechanism led by WHO, Gavi and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness and Innovations (CEPI), for fair and equitable distribution of vaccines...

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[52nd session of the United Nations Statistical Commission](#)

The 52nd session of the United Nations Statistical Commission will be held in a scaled down virtual format on 1 to 3 and 5 March 2021. Additional information can be found [here](#).

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

12 Feb 2021 *Press release*

[Government of Bihar to chart low carbon development pathway with UNEP support](#)

Delhi, 12 February 2021 – India's Bihar State will pursue a climate resilient and low-carbon development pathway with the support of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), the two entities announced today. UNEP will...

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

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UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 13 Feb 2021]

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[Least developed countries in 2021 – progress amidst the COVID-19 crisis?](#)

2021 commemorates the 50th anniversary of the creation of the least developed country (LDC) category by the United Nations.

10 Feb 2021 | DESA

[The ECOSOC Youth Forum needs your voice](#)

The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Youth Forum is back and will be held online this year from 7 to 8 April 2021. [Register now](#) to secure your spot.

08 Feb 2021 | DESA

[Social development key pillar for 'sustainable and resilient' world – Commission hears](#)

As coronavirus vaccines provide a glimmer of optimism around the world, a high-level UN official said on Monday that it was "painful to witness"...

UNESCO [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

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[UNESCO: Harnessing AI innovation to accelerate sustainability for the planet](#)

12/02/2021

UNESCO, in collaboration with UNEP, StartUp Inside, and Microsoft, will host a global virtual conference, AI for the Planet, on 16 February (2pm – 6pm, Central European Time). During the event, leading international experts and AI pioneers will share concrete solutions, identify best practices, celebrate successes, and inspire AI innovations to accelerate sustainable development.

Protecting, preserving and promoting access to the world's documentary heritage

11/02/2021

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World Food Programme [to 13 Feb 2021]

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12 February 2021

WFP cuts refugees' food rations in Rwanda as funding declines

Kigali – Today, the World Food Programme (WFP) announced it would reduce food assistance to refugees in Rwanda by a dramatic 60 percent, as of March 2021. Some 135,000 Burundian and Congolese refugees in camps in Rwanda rely on humanitarian assistance to meet their basic food needs each month.

12 February 2021

Acute malnutrition threatens half of children under five in Yemen in 2021: UN

Humanitarian crisis continues to exert a terrible toll on children, warn FAO, UNICEF, WFP and WHO

SANA'A/ADEN/ROME/NEW YORK/GENEVA - Nearly 2.3 million children under the age of five in Yemen are projected to suffer from acute malnutrition in 2021, four United Nations agencies warned today. Of these, 400,000 are expected to suffer from severe acute malnutrition and could die if they do

not receive urgent treatment.

12 February 2021

[The Government of Canada contributes CAD 1 million to WFP to support the national school meal programme and boost local farming in Sri Lanka](#)

COLOMBO – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the Government of Sri Lanka welcome a funding of CAD 1 million (LKR 151 million) from Global Affairs Canada to help smallholder farmers cultivate nutritious crops for the National School Meal Programme.

11 February 2021

[Humanitarian airlift to continue with the Republic of Korea donation](#)

Dili – WFP humanitarian air service in support of the Government’s COVID-19 response will continue thanks to a US\$150,000 donation from the Republic of Korea.

8 February 2021

[Switzerland and WFP help urban Kyrgyz families overcome pandemic hardship](#)

BISHKEK – The Swiss Government has contributed CHF2.5 million to boost United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) support to vulnerable Kyrgyz families hit hard by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

8 February 2021

[WFP and UN Women join forces to foster gender equality and women's empowerment in Palestine](#)

Jerusalem- - The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) signed an agreement to better support the State of Palestine to accelerate progress on gender equality and women’s empowerment in line with the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

8 February 2021

[WFP and the World Bank partner on socio-economic research in Iraq](#)

Baghdad - The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the World Bank are partnering on gathering key data on the impacts of COVID-19 on households, including people who are displaced, in camps, and those who have returned to their areas, as well as host communities.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

COVID-19: Protecting workers in the workplace

[Protect the mental health of health and care workers in the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

12 February 2021

Health and care workers have been at the forefront of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic for more than a year. It has resulted in heavier workloads and longer working hours, with insufficient time for rest and recuperation while continuously being exposed to the risk of infection. In addition, many face violence, harassment and stigmatization as they try to do their jobs. All this is taking a toll on health workers’ mental health and wellbeing.

Digital economy

Post-COVID digital economy must include persons with disabilities

11 February 2021

Changes brought about by the expanding digital economy could help persons with disabilities gain more equal access to the world of work, or they could create greater barriers. A new ILO report proposes actions to ensure that the post-COVID world of work is disability-inclusive.

Labour rights

ILO calls on Myanmar to respect freedom of association and restore democratic order

10 February 2021

In the wake of the military takeover that has sparked widespread demonstrations in Myanmar, the Director-General of the International Labour Organization says workers and employers must be able to exercise their right to protest without violence or threats.

Health at work

ILO joins partnership to promote global health

09 February 2021

The ILO has joined 12 other multilateral organizations in a partnership to promote health at work and elsewhere, and help countries achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Greening the Blue

ILO achieves carbon neutrality

08 February 2021

The ILO's efforts are part of a broader UN strategy – Greening the Blue – to erase the carbon footprint of its agencies.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

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IMO International Maritime Organization [to 13 Feb 2021]

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WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 13 Feb 2021]

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La Niña has peaked, but impacts continue

Publish Date: 9 February 2021

The 2020-2021 La Niña event has passed its peak, but impacts on temperatures, precipitation and storm patterns continue, according to a new update from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). Despite the general cooling influence of La Niña events, land temperatures are expected to be above-normal for most parts of the globe in February-April 2021. La Niña appears to have peaked in October-November as a moderate strength event. There is a 65% likelihood that it will persist during

February-April, with a 70% chance that the tropical Pacific will return to ENSO-neutral conditions by the April-June 2021 season, according to WMO's El Niño-La Niña Update.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 13 Feb 2021]
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UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 13 Feb 2021]
<http://www.unido.org/news-centre/news.html>
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[UNIDO and Switzerland to support the beef value chain in Costa Rica](#)

VIENNA, 9 February 2021 – As part of the Global Quality and Standards Programme (GQSP) designed to encourage systematic trade development along specific value chains, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) will support Costa Rica in achieving compliance with the European Union regulations and quality standards.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 13 Feb 2021]
https://www.iso.org/news_archive/x/
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By Clare Naden on 9 February 2021

[Building better cities for a net-zero carbon future](#)

A new report from the World Economic Forum promotes an integrated approach as the solution to decarbonizing urban areas. Here are some top ISO standards to help.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 13 Feb 2021]
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WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 13 Feb 2021]
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USAID [to 13 Feb 2021]

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[USAID Immediately Redirects \\$42 Million in Response to the Military Coup in Burma](#)

February 11, 2021

USAID has stood shoulder to shoulder with the people of Burma for decades in their struggle for peace, democracy, and freedom. They deserve nothing less. President Biden has described the Burmese military's February 1, 2021 coup as a "direct assault on the country's transition to democracy and the rule of law." The people of Burma have struggled for too long and made too many sacrifices for the military to erase this progress in such an undemocratic manner.

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [nee DFID] [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

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[China's decision to ban BBC World: Foreign Secretary's statement](#)

11 February 2021 — Press release

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab comments on the Chinese decision to ban the broadcasting of BBC World News.

[UK donates 100 vehicles to stop terrorists crossing into Lebanon](#)

The British Army gave 100 Armoured Patrol Vehicles to the Lebanese Armed Forces to help prevent militants crossing its border from Syria.

Updated: 12 February 2021

ECHO [to 13 Feb 2021]

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[Coronavirus: EU dispatches additional medical material to neighbouring countries](#)

10/02/2021

The European Union is sending medical supplies, such as gloves, masks and overalls to Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia following their requests for assistance through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. The EU will draw on its rescEU...

[Commission welcomes political agreement to strengthen the EU Civil Protection Mechanism](#)

09/02/2021

On 8 February, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union have reached an important political agreement to strengthen the EU Civil Protection system and the EU's response to disasters. Following an initiative by the Commission of...

[European Union to host Brussels V Conference on Syria](#)

08/02/2021

The European Union will host the fifth Brussels Conference on "Supporting the future of Syria and the region" on 29-30 March 2021. In view of COVID-19 restrictions, the Conference will take place in virtual format. 15 March will mark the 10th...

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Press release 11 February 2021

[New EU programme to support readiness for vaccination efforts in Eastern Partnership countries with WHO](#)

Today, the EU in partnership with the World Health Organisation (WHO) launched a new regional programme worth over €40 million to provide critical assistance to ensure local readiness and preparedness for safe and effective vaccination of the population in the six Eastern Partnership countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

Speech 10 February 2021

[Remarks by Commissioner Stella Kyriakides in the Plenary of the European Parliament on the EU Vaccine Strategy](#)

Remarks by Commissioner Stella Kyriakides in the Plenary of the European Parliament on the EU Vaccine Strategy

Speech 10 February 2021

[Speech by President von der Leyen at the European Parliament Plenary on the state of play of the EU's COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy](#)

The President of the Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, gave a speech at the European Parliament Plenary debate on the state of play of the EU's COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy.

OECD [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

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[OECD's Gurría congratulates Colombia on its impressive humanitarian action to address the situation of vulnerable migrants from Venezuela](#)

OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría congratulates Colombian President Iván Duque on his initiative to address the difficult situation of the Venezuelan migrants who fled from the dire situation in their origin country.

11-February-2021

Services trade restrictions increased in 2020, compounding COVID-19 economic shock

The global regulatory environment for services trade became more restrictive in 2020, with new barriers compounding the shock of the COVID-19 pandemic on exporters, according to a new OECD report.

9-February-2021

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

Statement of the OAS General Secretariat on the Political Situation in El Salvador

February 11, 2021

Statement from the OAS General Secretariat on the Situation in Haiti

February 09, 2021

The OAS General Secretariat is closely monitoring the current situation in Haiti. We are concerned with the respect for human rights and the independence of powers.

The OAS General Secretariat has an essential interest in the protection of democratic institutions and the political rights of its citizens. It is fundamental that state institutions work together to resolve the problems afflicting Haiti.

We call for democratic structural changes in Haiti through the discussion of a new Constitution and an effective participation in general elections this year.

The OAS General Secretariat renews its support for the electoral process as the only option consistent with the Democratic Charter to replace the current constitutional President with another President on February 7, 2022.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

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OIC Condemns Demolition of Palestinian Homes and Installations by Israeli Occupation Forces

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) condemned the Israeli occupation forces' demolition of Palestinian homes and installations in Khirbet Hamsa Al-Fouqa in the Jordan Valley and the forced displacement of tens of Palestinian families from their homes and lands....

10/02/2021

Al-Othaimen Congratulates UAE as "Hope Probe" Enters Orbit around Mars

Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Dr. Yousef A. Al-Othaimen, congratulated the leadership and people of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on the success of the "Hope Probe" interplanetary mission after the Probe successfully reached its orbit around Mars on its first attempt, making the UAE the first Arab and Islamic country and the fifth in history to reach the red planet....

10/02/2021

OIC Commemorates the International Day of Women and Girls in Science

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) attaches special attention to the promotion and empowerment of women in OIC Member States and to highlighting their contributions in various fields,

including in science and technology. This is reflected specifically in the resolution on the promotion of women's education in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, adopted by the 7th session of the Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in Development in OIC Member States held in Ouagadougou, Burkina-Faso in 2018. The resolution supports and encourages the Member States to commemorate the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. In this vein, the OIC General Secretariat commemorates this year's International Day of Women and Girls in Science celebrated on 11 February of every year pursuant to the relevant resolution of the UN General Assembly....

10/02/2021

Group of 77 [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

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[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by H.E. Ambassador Ahmed Tidiane Sakho from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Guinea to the United Nations at the fifty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development \(New York, 9 February 2021\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by H.E. Ambassador Boubacar Diallo from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Guinea to the United Nations at the organizational meeting of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries \(New York, 8 February 2021\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

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08 Feb 2021 –

[**UNCTAD launches new tool to help transform economies amid global crisis**](#)

UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2021/004

Ginebra, Switzerland

UNCTAD has launched a new tool to help developing countries improve their development policies, reduce poverty and build economic resilience to negative shocks such as the coronavirus pandemic, which has devastated economies across the world.

The [Productive Capacities Index \(PCI\)](#) is an online portal with publications, manuals, resources and tools that allow policymakers to measure their countries' performance in achieving their national development goals, as well as their ability to meet the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

"As countries fight the coronavirus crisis, their need to build economy-wide productive capacities for inclusive and sustainable growth is greater than ever," said UNCTAD Secretary-General Mukhisa Kituyi while launching the tool.

UNCTAD [defines productive capacities](#) as "the productive resources, entrepreneurial capabilities and production linkages that together determine the capacity of a country to produce goods and services and enable it to grow and develop."...

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 13 Feb 2021]

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[The Revised Kyoto Convention \(RKC\) now has 126 Contracting Parties following the accession of Liberia and Turkmenistan](#)

09 February 2021

[WCO supports the Americas and Caribbean region in fostering the role of Customs in the fight against COVID-19](#)

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

WTO News and Events

[WTO General Council to consider appointment of next Director-General](#)

9 February 2021

The WTO's General Council will hold a special meeting on 15 February at 15:00 Geneva time to consider the appointment of the next Director-General. The meeting will take place in virtual format.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

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[IPU publishes new social media guide book for parliaments](#)

International Court of Justice [to 13 Feb 2021]

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[Judge Joan E. Donoghue \(United States of America\) elected President of the International Court of Justice; Judge Kirill Gevorgian \(Russian Federation\) elected Vice-President](#)

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 13 Feb 2021]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

News

[Statement of ICC Prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, on the International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers: "Children's voices and their stories of unspeakable abuses during war and conflict must not go unheard."](#)

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World Bank [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Selected News, Announcements

WBG Vaccine Announcement– Key Facts

February 12, 2021 Type: Factsheet

COVID-19 vaccines, alongside widespread testing, improved treatment and strong health systems are critical to the recovery. To provide relief for vulnerable populations, low- and middle-income countries need fair and equitable access to the vaccine.

That's why the World Bank Group **will build on its initial COVID-19 response with \$12 billion** to help poor countries purchase and distribute vaccines, tests, and treatments, and protect the most vulnerable.

Financing:

:: The World Bank Group (WBG) is building on its initial COVID-19 response with \$12 billion to help poor countries purchase and distribute vaccines, tests, and treatments and protect the most vulnerable people. This financing is part of the up to \$160 billion [announced in May 2020](#).

:: The financing scales up our assistance to help low & middle-income countries ([IDA & IBRD](#)) procure and get ready to deploy vaccines and strengthen national systems for public health preparedness. It builds on the WBG's COVID-19 emergency response programs that we have up and running in more than 100 countries, which are making rapid progress.

:: We are aiming to disburse the largest share of this support in the next 12 to 24 months. Financing will be provided in accordance with countries' existing eligibility for grants, credits, and loans.

:: This financing package helps signal to the research and pharmaceutical industry that citizens in developing countries need equal access to safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines. Only once the pandemic is contained in all countries will each country be safe from a resurgence.

How it works:

:: Developing countries will have flexibility to choose the best approach and to use the financing in ways that best help them, based on their specific context and needs:

- o **Vaccine readiness assessments:** The Bank is working with partners to assess the readiness of countries' health systems for vaccine deployment and identify gaps and areas for possible investment. This will allow Bank financing to support each country's priority needs. The assessments involve analysis of policy and regulatory capacities, data and tracking systems, health infrastructure including cold chains and training of health workers. Assessments are already underway in more than 70 countries.

- o **Vaccine Access:** To facilitate access to vaccines, the WBG will help countries procure vaccines through various approaches (i.e., country mechanisms, multilateral mechanisms currently led by WHO and GAVI through COVAX, Bank-facilitated procurement and implementation support).

- o **Vaccine distribution:** To help countries get ready to deploy vaccines and strengthen their health systems, the WBG financing will support countries to establish policies for safe and effective deployment, expand storage and building cold chains, develop data and tracking systems, train health workers and build trust in immunizations through citizen and community engagement.

:: The WBG will help client countries develop appropriate criteria for making the selected vaccine available to all their citizens.

- o There is consensus to first target health workers, other essential workers, and priority groups such as the elderly, people with co-morbidities, and others at high risk from COVID-19.

:: Eligible low- and middle-income countries ([IBRD/IDA countries](#)) can apply for financing as part of their coronavirus responses, including for the purchase and distribution of vaccines under the World Bank's fast-track emergency response.

IFC's support on vaccines

Another important part of the World Bank Group's response has come from IFC, our private sector development arm: the \$4 billion Global Health Platform, through which we will support private companies in delivering health products and services – including vaccines – to developing countries. This includes:

- :: Investments in vaccine manufacturers to foster expanded production of COVID-19 vaccines in low- and middle-income countries, with production reserved for emerging markets.
- :: Ability to invest in production to address other potential bottlenecks, including vials, needles and syringes, and cold storage capacity.
- :: Support for mapping COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing capacity, focusing on potential bottlenecks in manufacturing processes.

World Bank and IFRC Support Independent Monitoring of COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign in Lebanon

BEIRUT, February 12, 2021 — The World Bank and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) have signed today an agreement for the independent monitoring of Lebanon's COVID-19 vaccination campaign. Under this agreement, IFRC acting as the Third Party Monitoring Agency (TPMA), will be in charge of independently monitoring the compliance of the vaccination deployment with national plans, international standards and World Bank requirements in order to ensure safe handling of the vaccines, as well as fair and equitable access to all.

According to the agreement, IFRC's oversight and supervision will cover COVID-19 vaccine supply chain management as well as vaccine administration at vaccination sites from the technical, environmental and social safeguards perspectives. This includes but is not limited to storage, stock and temperature maintenance across the supply chain, service delivery at vaccination sites, eligibility of vaccine recipients and capturing client perspectives and feedback. The agreement will extend through December 2021 and may be prolonged as needed.

This agreement will cover the roll-out of vaccines to be procured under World Bank financing made possible through the re-allocation of US\$34 million under the existing [Lebanon Health Resilience Project](#) to help Lebanon as it faces an unprecedented surge in COVID-19 cases. This re-allocation was the first World Bank-financed operation to fund the procurement of COVID-19 vaccines and will cover over 2 million individuals. In a first phase, this financing will cover the purchase of 1.5 million vaccines (750,000 individuals) from Pfizer, and the first batch is expected to arrive to Lebanon on February 13, 2021...

IMF [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

News, Announcements

No new digest content identified.

African Development Bank Group [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

[African Development Bank's AFAWA, African Guarantee Fund, partner to unlock \\$1.3 - \\$2 billion in loans to women entrepreneurs](#)

12-Feb-2021 - The African Development Bank's Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) program has agreed a partnership with the African Guarantee Fund (AGF) to unlock \$1.3 to 2 billion in loans to women-owned Small and Medium Sized Enterprises(SMEs) in Africa, by working with financial institutions to enhance their ability to lend to women.

[African Development Bank President says vaccines and debt relief will be key to Africa's recovery from COVID-19](#)

10-Feb-2021 - The President of the African Development Bank, Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina, has called for fair access to COVID-19 vaccines for Africans and said debt relief would help African economies recover faster and better from the pandemic. Speaking on 8 February at a virtual event held in his honour as the outgoing African of the Year of African Leadership Magazine, the Bank President warned that so long as the coronavirus was unchecked in any part of the world, no one would be safe.

[African Development Bank assists West African countries to deliver carbon emission reductions and meet their Paris Agreement commitments](#)

09-Feb-2021 - The African Development Bank has extended financial support to a project that will strengthen the efforts of West African countries to meet their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) targets under the Paris climate accord. The Bank will underwrite the preparation of concept notes exploring the use of internationally transferable mitigation outcomes (ITMOs) in selected West African countries.

Asian Development Bank [to 13 Feb 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]

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[Leveraging Digital Technologies Key to Asia's COVID-19 Recovery — ADB](#)

Digital platforms and other technology-based tools are providing new growth opportunities for businesses of all sizes and across all industries in Asia and the Pacific, according to a new report by the Asian Development Bank.

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[ADB Issues Inaugural Education Bond](#)

ADB on 2 February priced its first education bond to finance a pool of projects related to the sector, including technical and vocational training, in Asia and the Pacific.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

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News

No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

News

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[Increased investment in Sahel will boost development and resilience of rural populations](#)

Islamic Development Bank [to 13 Feb 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 13 Feb 2021]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

Rapport

[Révélations sur le double discours de la France en matière d'agriculture](#)

Posté le 9 février 2021

2 513 projets et 7 institutions pour 5,8 milliards d'euros de soutiens financiers : Action contre la Faim, le CCFD-Terre Solidaire et Oxfam ont analysé 10 ans de financements agricoles de la France.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 13 Feb 2021]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

BSI News

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Latest

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

News/Events

[Join Our Next Clubhouse WANA Webinar on Feb 17!](#)

We are excited to continue our live Clubhouse Webinar Series: WE ARE NOT ALONE: GROWING STRONGER TOGETHER. Join us for our next webinar on Wednesday February 17!

Danish Refugee Council [to 13 Feb 2021]

<https://drc.ngo/>

Press Releases

Global

[Digital workshop to discuss protection issues along the Central and Western Mediterranean migration routes](#)

12. February 2021

In a three-day digital workshop, UNHCR and the Mixed Migration Centre of the Danish Refugee Council will bring together 50 specialists on mixed migration to discuss and develop strategic recommendations to engage asylum and migration policymakers at the local, national, and international level. Follow the workshop here.

Myanmar

[INGO joint Statement on the Unfolding Crisis in Myanmar](#)

12. February 2021

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Colombia

[DRC commends Colombia's decision to regularize Venezuelan migrants](#)

10. February 2021

The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) in Colombia commends the decision of the Colombian government to implement a Temporary Protection Statute for Venezuelans. The initiative could benefit more than 1.7 million Venezuelans who left their country. The announcement was made on February 8th during a meeting between the Colombian President and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi.

ECPAT [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

News from ECPAT

[Our plea to the EU on Safer Internet Day 2021](#)

09/02/2021

Children have the right to be safe online. This Safer Internet Day, ECPAT's message is that online privacy is essential for everyone, but it cannot be used to jeopardize a child's right to safety online. By ensuring children can enjoy the right to privacy and safety, we can build a better Internet!

Fountain House [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

GE2P2 Global [to 13 Feb 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/Webinars

[Informed Consent: A Monthly Review - February 2021](#)

New edition posted: PDF - <https://asymmetricphilanthropy.files.wordpress.com/2021/02/ge2p2-global-informed-consent-a-monthly-review-february-2021.pdf>

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

["It is time to end the violence in the Central African Republic"](#)

Bangui (ICRC) - The president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Peter Maurer completed his five-day visit to Central African Republic today.

12-02-2021 | *Statement*

[One year of COVID-19: Vaccines bring hope, but Africa must be included](#)

Statement from ICRC President Peter Maurer as he makes a visit to the Central African Republic one year after the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Africa.

12-02-2021 | *News release*

[Table of National Committees and other national bodies on international humanitarian law](#)

States face a formidable task when it comes to implementing international humanitarian law (IHL) within the domestic legal order. This table contains information on all existing national committees and other national bodies on IHL. PDF: [https://www.icrc.org/en/download/file/154930/210204 -_nihlc final table final clean version.pdf](https://www.icrc.org/en/download/file/154930/210204_-_nihlc_final_table_final_clean_version.pdf)

08-02-2021 | *Article*

IFRC [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

Ethiopia

[After visiting Tigray, IFRC President calls for increased humanitarian response](#)

Addis Ababa/Nairobi/Geneva, 10 February 2021 – The President of the world's largest humanitarian network has ended a visit to Ethiopia's Mekele city in Tigray region with a plea for increased humanitarian response to better meet the needs of people affected ...

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International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Updates / Alerts

No new digest content identified

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Media highlights [Selected]

Statement

[IRC receives \\$17.8m USAID grant to scale up health services in Liberia](#)

February 9, 2021

Statement

[IRC applauds initiative by the Colombian government to protect Venezuelan migrants](#)

February 8, 2021

IRCT [to 13 Feb 2021]

<https://irct.org/>

Latest News

[New issue of the Torture Journal](#)

10 Feb 2021

We are delighted to announce that Vol 30 No 3 (2020): Journal on Rehabilitation of Torture Victims and Prevention of Torture has been published. Themes include physiotherapy in the work with torture survivors It is now available [here](#).

News 09 Feb 2021

[ExCom member, Roy Laifungbam, provides in-depth talk about the current coup in Myanmar](#)

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Latest News

[Communities in Kenya are creating thriving livelihoods through beekeeping](#)

Published: 10 February, 2021

["Many are hungry and freezing as camps in northwest Syria turn to quagmires"](#)

Published: 9 February, 2021

[Looking after our mental health: 10 ways to ease the lockdown blues](#)

Published: 8 February, 2021

Landsea [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Jan 26 2021

[Five years into the Sustainable Development Goals, land rights advocacy group finds little progress toward land degradation neutrality, with severe consequences for the fight against climate change](#)

Medecins du Monde [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

News Releases & Alerts

February 10, 2021

[Mercy Corps' MicroMentor Scales up Efforts to Curb COVID-19's Devastating Economic Blow to Small Businesses Globally](#)

The world's largest mentorship platform is joined by major U.S. companies including Tripadvisor, Verizon and S&P Global...

February 08, 2021

[Statement on Colombia's Decision to Grant Temporary Protected Status to Venezuelan Migrants and Refugees](#)

Colombian President Iván Duque announced on February 8th that Colombia will grant Temporary Protected Status to...

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Afghanistan

[Keeping an eye on COVID-19 cases in Herat, Afghanistan](#)

Project Update 12 Feb 2021

Pakistan

[After 12 years of support, MSF hands last hospital activities over in Timergara, Pakistan](#)

Project Update 8 Feb 2021

Operation Smile [to 13 Feb 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 13 Feb 2021]

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

Selected News/Announcements

[Global food security meeting "failed" while millions are pushed to hunger – Oxfam reaction](#)

12 February 2021

In reaction to the outcomes of the Committee on World Food Security meeting which ended yesterday, Thierry Kesteloot, Oxfam's food policy advisor said: "Oxfam is outraged that the world's foremost platform on global food security and nutrition has failed to agree on any action close to sufficient in tackling to the world's COVID-fuelled food crisis.

[Oxfam stands with civil society and the people of Myanmar](#)

9 February 2021

Oxfam is deeply concerned about the impacts of the military coup on the people of Myanmar.

[#OpenLux shines a light on tax havens in the heart of Europe](#)

8 February 2021

#OpenLux shows how big companies and billionaires use EU tax havens to set up shell corporations and dodge their tax bills.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Latest news

Afghanistan | 10. Feb 2021

[Afghanistan girls' high school severely damaged in airstrike and fighting](#)

Recent fighting between Afghan security forces and armed opposition groups has destroyed a girls' high school in Faryab province in Northern Afghanistan. The destruction of the school has robbed more than 3,000 students of their classrooms.

Palestine | 09. Feb 2021

[Israel displaces more Palestinian Bedouins, seizes their tents in Humsa Al-Bqai'a](#)

Israel seized more tents donated by humanitarian organisations to Palestinian Bedouins in Humsa Al-Bqai'a yesterday, continuing to block international aid since demolishing or confiscating 46 structures in the community in one week.

Ethiopia | 08. Feb 2021

[Buildings belonging to NRC destroyed in Ethiopia's Tigray](#)

Buildings set up to serve refugees were among several destroyed in Ethiopia's Tigray region according to satellite imagery received by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC). In addition to NRC facilities, a school and a health clinic were also damaged and burned down in Hitsaats and Shimelba refugee camps in recent weeks.

Pact [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

News

[Reality Check: Montgomery Influencers Offer Perspective on COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

Trusted messengers, access to clear facts key to informed decision-making, say residents of the Alabama capital, where a history of racially driven medical exploitation looms large.
February 12, 2021

[Staff In Mexico Begin Receiving COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

PIH staff members in Chiapas, Mexico, began receiving their first dose of the vaccine in late January - the first step of many in the long journey back to a post-COVID world.
February 11, 2021

[Petition: U.S. Must Share COVID-19 Vaccine Technology](#)

Sign our petition in support of the U.S. joining C-TAP to hold the Biden administration accountable to its promise to "listen to the scientists" to end this pandemic.
February 10, 2021

PATH [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Press Release

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

News

12 February 2021 - *Yemen*

[**YEMEN: Over two million children expected to go hungry or starve in 2021 - Save the Children**](#)

Tostan [to 13 Feb 2021]

<http://www.tostan.org>

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Blogs & Updates

February 8, 2021

[**Women for Women International, Transformed**](#)

Article

World Vision [to 13 Feb 2021]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

[**INGO Joint Statement on the Unfolding Crisis in Myanmar**](#)

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Press Release | February 12, 2021

[Internet Users Deserve More Choice Through Interoperability and Better Privacy. They Can Have Both, EFF Says in White Paper](#)

San Francisco—The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) today released a white paper outlining how we can usher in a new regime of interoperability aimed at breaking big tech's grip on users' Internet experience while still protecting user privacy. In a white paper entitled [Privacy Without Monopoly: Data Protection and Interoperability...](#)

Freedom House [to 13 Feb 2021]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

Latest Updates

[Russia: Chechen Authorities Must Release Salekh Magamadov and Ismail Isayev](#)

Press release

February 9, 2021

Human Rights Watch [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

February 11, 2021

[For Valentine's Day, Traceable, Transparent Jewelry Supply Chains](#)

Jewelry and watch companies should improve efforts to ensure that human rights are respected in their global supply chains, Human Rights Watch said today ahead of Valentine's Day on February 14, 2021.

Europe/Central Asia February 11, 2021

Dispatches

[Russia Cracks Down on Planned Valentine's Day Protest](#)

[Damelya Aitkhozhina](#)

Researcher, Russia

February 12, 2021 *Dispatches*

[US to Permit Some Asylum Seekers to Return from Mexico](#)

[Clara Long](#)

Associate Director, US Program

Asia February 12, 2021

News Release

[Myanmar: Scrap Sweeping Cybersecurity Bill](#)

Transparency International [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Press

[OpenLux: 80 per cent of Luxembourg private investment funds at risk of laundering dirty money](#)

The OpenLux investigations published today by Le Monde and other media organisations illustrate major weaknesses in anti-money laundering frameworks in Luxembourg and the EU, Transparency...
08 February 2021

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ChildFund Alliance [to 13 Feb 2021]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

News/ Statements

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 13 Feb 2021]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 13 Feb 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

[**Predictive models for COVID-19 in India \(research up to 22 April 2020\) Added February 12, 2021**](#)

[**Routine laboratory tests don't help determine if someone has COVID-19 \(search done on 4 May 2020\) Added February 12, 2021**](#)

[**Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation \(ECMO\) in COVID-19 \(research up to June 2020\) Added February 12, 2021**](#)

[**Anxiety in medical students \(search done on 26 August 2020\) Added February 12, 2021**](#)

[**Interactions of psychiatric and COVID-19 medications \(research up to April 2020\) Added February 12, 2021**](#)

[**Risk factors for mortality in COVID-19 patients \(research up to 11 August 2020\) Added February 12, 2021**](#)

[**Neurological manifestations and COVID-19 \(multiple reviews\) Added February 10, 2021**](#)

[**Eyes and COVID-19 \(multiple reviews\) Added February 10, 2021**](#)

Gavi [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

News Releases

[COVAX Statement on New Variants of SARS-CoV-2](#)

8 February 2021

Getty Conservation Institute [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Latest News

Art Stories

["I, Too, Sing America"](#)

Remembering David C. Driskell, a foundational figure in art history

[Anya Ventura](#) | February 5, 2021

Global Fund [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

News & Stories

[Safely Reopening Requires Testing, Tracing and Isolation, Not Just Vaccines](#)

11 February 2021

by Peter Sands, Executive Director of the Global Fund & Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator

[Protecting the most vulnerable in Latin America and the Caribbean during times of COVID-19](#)

11 February 2021

Latin America and the Caribbean have made significant progress in the fight against HIV, tuberculosis and malaria in the last few decades. But the COVID-19 pandemic has hit the region hard, and its indirect effects could allow infectious diseases to resurge.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Website not responding at inquiry

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 13 Feb 2021]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources, events, content

[Open Letter to States on Universal Access to COVID-19 Vaccines - 8 February 2021](#)

PDF: [https://www.icvanetwork.org/system/files/versions/Civil%20Society%20Networks-](https://www.icvanetwork.org/system/files/versions/Civil%20Society%20Networks-Open%20Letter%20to%20Member%20States%2008.02.2021%20Final.pdf)

[Open%20Letter%20to%20Member%20States%2008.02.2021%20Final.pdf](https://www.icvanetwork.org/system/files/versions/Civil%20Society%20Networks-Open%20Letter%20to%20Member%20States%2008.02.2021%20Final.pdf)

InterAction [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Latest Updates

Blog Post

[InterAction Member Snapshot: Climate Change](#)

[Jeremy Doran](#) | Feb 10, 2021

Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment

[Preventing Sexual Exploitation and Abuse: It's Everyone's Responsibility](#)

[Kirsten Mullin](#) | Feb 9, 2021

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Publications/Events/Blogs

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 13 Feb 2021]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

Our Impact

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 13 Feb 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 13 Feb 2021]

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

News/Blog/Events

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 13 Feb 2021]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

News/Events

[New Course Catalogue 2021-2022](#)

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Groupe URD [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Publications, Events, News

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 13 Feb 2021]

<https://ihsa.info/>

Weekly humanitarian blog posts selection

[The challenges facing humanitarianism today](#)

Selection#43(1st-8th February)

This week we focus on the challenges facing humanitarianism today. Issues include the effect of Covid-19 for conflict-affected indigenous populations in the Brazilian Amazon, and the consequences of Myanmar's military coup for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

To address some challenges in humanitarian action, one blog post suggests more bureaucracy, for example to deal with sexual misconduct, the politicisation of resource allocation, or corruption. Another post presents practical ways in which climate change adaptation in Bangladesh can also tackle corruption.

Finally, other articles focus on specific topics such as the role that Covid-19 might have in fostering necessary changes in the humanitarian aid sector, how researchers can focus more on internal displacement, or how the political use of the well-known Build Back Better concept can carry Western neoliberal agendas and ideas.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 13 Feb 2021]

<https://inee.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 13 Feb 2021]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news, events

No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 13 Feb 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 13 Feb 2021

Latest Research/Events

Report

[Technology, growth, and inequality: Changing dynamics in the digital era](#)

Zia Qureshi

Friday, February 12, 2021

Report

[Executive actions to reduce poverty: A menu of options](#)

Megan Curran and Christopher Wimer

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Report

[Blueprints to streamline and improve domestic governance](#)

Elaine Kamarck

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Report

[America's crisis of despair: A federal task force for economic recovery and societal well-being](#)

Carol Graham

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Report

[A focused federal agency is necessary to oversee Big Tech](#)

Tom Wheeler

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Center for Global Development [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Publications, News and Events

February 11, 2021

[A COVID Vaccine Certificate: Building on Lessons from Digital ID for the Digital Yellow Card](#)

COVID-19 vaccination efforts are well and truly underway across the world. In addition to those in Europe and North America, vaccination campaigns are gathering pace across China, India, Russia, and the Middle East, though lagging in many other, mostly poor, countries. As more start scaling up their

own programs and the number of vaccinated people increases over the coming year, a COVID Vaccine Certificate is likely to become an important tool to help monitor and manage the rollout of vaccinations and get national economies back on track.

[Alan Gelb](#) and [Anit Mukherjee](#)

February 9, 2021

[Financing a Possible Expansion of the IMF's Support for LICs](#)

The IMF's concessional support for low-income countries (LICs) is provided primarily through the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust (PRGT). Since the start of the pandemic, lending from the PRGT has risen very sharply in response to the unprecedented and urgent needs of LICs; total PRGT credit outstanding nearly doubled during 2020 to far exceed past peaks. This note considers possible financing sources, taking into account legal, political, and practical constraints including the timeliness with which different resources could be mobilized.

[David Andrews](#)

CSIS [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Reports

Report

[The Future of Work in the Mekong Subregion](#)

February 12, 2021 | [Daniel F. Runde](#), [Romina Bandura](#), [Janina Staguhn](#) The Mekong Subregion has experienced dramatic growth in recent decades, but to sustain its progress in the face of a structural slowdown worsened by Covid-19 it must diversify its economy, move toward higher value-added production, and strengthen its education sector.

Report

[Clean Resilient States: The Role of U.S. States in Addressing Climate Action](#)

February 9, 2021 | [Morgan Higman](#), [Sarah Ladislaw](#), [Nikos Tsafo](#) U.S. states are important in addressing climate change. Their efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, support clean economic growth, and enhance resilience provide rich opportunities to identify barriers to and enablers of successful climate and energy policy.

Report

[Cheap Talk: China's Central Bank Still Struggles to Speak to Markets](#)

February 8, 2021 | [Scott Kennedy](#) The People's Bank of China has gained greater public visibility, but higher authorities within the central government and the Chinese Communist Party still set the agenda and speak most authoritatively for the regime.

Rand [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Research Reports

Report

[Measuring the Value of Invention: The Impact of Lemelson-MIT Prize Winners' Inventions](#)

This report uses the inventions of Lemelson-MIT Prize winners as examples to illustrate the scientific, technological, economic, and social impacts that inventions can have on society.

Feb 11, 2021

Benjamin M. Miller, David Metz, Jon Schmid, Paige M. Rudin, Marjory S. Blumenthal

Report

[Alternatives in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict](#)

RAND researchers used a novel focus group approach to assess which, if any, of five possible alternative futures in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict would be supported by Israelis and Palestinians.

Feb 10, 2021

Daniel Egel, C. Ross Anthony, Shira Efron, Rita T. Karam, Mary E. Vaiana, Charles P. Ries

Report

[Understanding Teaching Retention: Using a discrete choice experiment to measure teacher retention in England](#)

RAND Europe was commissioned by the UK Office of Manpower Economics (OME) to measure the impact of pay, rewards and other working conditions on the retention of teachers, using a quantitative survey containing two discrete choice experiments.

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Report

[Effects of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment on Separation from the U.S. Military: Findings from the 2014 RAND Military Workplace Study](#)

This report describes analyses, using data from the 2014 RAND Military Workplace Study, designed to assess the effects of sexual assault and sexual harassment on service members' decisions to separate from the military.

Feb 8, 2021

Andrew R. Morral, Miriam Matthews, Matthew Cefalu, Terry L. Schell, Linda Cottrell

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 13 Feb 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

[Research into impact of NHS COVID-19 app shows approximately 600,000 cases prevented and 1.7 million contacts made to stop the spread of the virus](#)

New analysis of the impact of NHS COVID-19 app

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Unitaid [to 13 Feb 2021]

<https://unitaid.org/>

Featured News

No new digest content identified.

Urban Institute [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Publications

[Supporting the Child Care and Early Education Workforce](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic has created unprecedented, urgent challenges for the child care and early education workforce. Though the workforce has always been fragile, new stressors presented over the past year have highlighted fundamental structural problems in the system, including the inequities facing Black, Latina, and Native American child care and early education staff and providers. Based on interviews with

[Gina Adams](#), [Danielle Ewen](#), [Grace Luetmer](#)

February 11, 2021

Research Report

[The Feasibility of Program-Level Accountability in Higher Education](#)

Policymakers have expressed increased interest in program-level higher education accountability measures as a supplement to, or in place of, institution-level metrics. But it is unclear what these measures should look like. In this report, we assess the ways program-level data could be developed to

facilitate federal accountability. Evidence shows that what students study matters as much as, if not more than,

[Kristin Blagg](#), [Erica Blom](#), [Robert Kelchen](#), [Carina Chien](#)

February 11, 2021

Research Report

[Contraband and Interdiction Strategies in Correctional Facilities](#)

Between 2017 and 2019, we visited 11 correctional facilities managed by the Florida Department of Corrections, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation to develop an understanding of the challenges and practices involved in managing correctional contraband. We conducted facility observations and semistructured interviews with staff and

[Rochisha Shukla](#), [Bryce Peterson](#), [KiDeuk Kim](#)

February 9, 2021

Brief

[Audio Analytics and Other Upgrades in Correctional Surveillance Systems](#)

This brief details the Minnesota Department of Corrections' (MnDOC) experiences optimizing its surveillance technologies—including benefits and challenges—and provides recommendations for correctional agencies using or planning to integrate audio analytic technologies and other upgrades in their surveillance systems. Between 2017 and 2019, we worked with MnDOC to optimize its surveillance system in two state

[Rochisha Shukla](#), [Bryce Peterson](#), [Lily Robin](#), [Daniel Lawrence](#)

February 9, 2021

Brief

[Making Community Development Capital Work in Small and Midsize Cities](#)

Community development investment differs from other forms of investment because community investors use financial tools explicitly to engender social good. However, community development investment can be more challenging to deploy in small and midsize cities. This report describes the challenges small and midsize cities can face in attracting and sustaining the capital needed to develop a pipeline of community

[Brett Theodos](#), [Jorge González](#), [Ananya Hariharan](#)

February 9, 2021

Research Report

[Cost and Coverage Implications of Five Options for Increasing Marketplace Subsidy Generosity](#)

We estimate the implications of five alternative Marketplace subsidy schedules, all providing more generous premium tax credit and cost-sharing assistance than that available under current law. All options would extend financial assistance to those with incomes above 400 percent of FPL, but how much they increase assistance for people in different income groups varies. We show the implications of each

[Linda J. Blumberg](#), [Matthew Buettgens](#), [Clare Wang Pan](#), [Robin Wang](#)

February 8, 2021

Brief

[Taxes and Foundations: A 50th Anniversary Overview](#)

Pervading the history and tax laws applying to foundations is a persistent suspicion of the wealthy and of concentrated power, while the battles between foundations and Congress largely center on who has control over the uses of wealth. Foundation laws, and by extension, laws proposed or enacted for donor advised funds and other charities, often develop on the basis of the administrative expedience possible with

[C. Eugene Steuerle](#), [Benjamin Soskis](#)

February 8, 2021

Brief

The Wistar Institute [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Media

[Young change-makers will power circular economy innovation in hubs around the world](#)

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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 13 Feb 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases and Statements

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 13 Feb 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 13 Feb 2021]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 13 Feb 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 13 Feb 2021]

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

The Latest

No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 13 Feb 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 13 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Latest Updates

[Evaluation: The role of 're-granters' in advancing a more inclusive and collaborative conservation movement](#)

By [Andrea Keller Hesel](#)

February 10, 2021

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

[Beth deHamel Joins the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation as Vice President of Operations and Chief Financial Officer](#)

February 10, 2021

... DeHamel will develop, implement and oversee core systems and processes that drive how the Hilton Foundation operates, including the organization's financial, information technology, and facilities operations. She will serve as an officer of the Foundation and report to President and CEO Peter Laugharn...

IKEA Foundation [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Stories

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Press Room

Institute Feb 12 2021

[HHMI VP and Chief Investment Officer Landis Zimmerman to Retire](#)

Landis Zimmerman, vice president and chief investment officer at HHMI since 2004, will be retiring from the Institute later this year.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

News Releases

February 12, 2021 *News Release*

[Reasons Vary Why People Want to "Wait and See" Before Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine.](#)

Nearly a third (31%) of the public says they want to "wait and see" how a COVID-19 vaccine works for others before they would get it, representing a critical group for efforts aimed at boosting vaccinations. The latest analysis from the KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor highlights how attitudes differ by...

February 10, 2021 *News Release*

[New KFF Analysis Finds 40 Out of 46 PEPFAR Countries Have Met At Least One HIV Target, Though No Countries Have Met All Progress Measures](#)

A new KFF analysis finds that across 46 PEPFAR countries and among six different indicators of progress, the majority (40) has met at least one target, 17 countries have met at least half of the targets, and one country has met five targets. No country has met all targets and...

February 10, 2021 *News Release*

[How the COVID-19 Pandemic is Affecting People's Mental Health and Substance Use](#)

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic crisis, about 4 in 10 adults nationwide have reported symptoms of anxiety or depressive disorder – a four-fold increase from pre-pandemic levels. Drawing on the latest national survey data, KFF polling and other research, an updated brief explores what's known about the pandemic's...

February 8, 2021 *News Release*

[At This Early Stage of the COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-Out, Most Older Adults Have Not Yet Been Vaccinated As Supply Remains Limited](#)

With the COVID-19 vaccination rollout still in its early stages, a KFF analysis finds that most older adults have not yet been vaccinated against the potentially deadly virus, as vaccine supplies remain limited and most states have only recently begun to make people 65 and older eligible. Since January 12,...

February 8, 2021 *News Release*

[In Their Own Words: What People are Saying about Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

As the country broadens COVID-19 vaccine distribution efforts, the latest research from the KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor finds that side effects, including allergic reactions and long-term consequences, are the public's top concern about getting vaccinated when asked to describe what worries them in their own words. The latest report from...

Kellogg Foundation [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Announcements

[New Orleans community launches "I Am New Orleans" to create a more equitable future for its children and families](#)

The year-long campaign will feature videos capturing New Orleans' voices and offer virtual events with stimulating panel discussions on the community-led priorities

Feb. 11, 2021

Aga Khan Foundation [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

News, Events, What We're Learning

[Sea Level Rise Threatens Affordable Housing](#)

February 11, 2021

Grantee Research

[Navigating Unfamiliar Territory to Get the Most from Evaluation](#)

February 10, 2021

Evaluations

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 13 Feb 2021]

<https://mellon.org/>

Mellon News, Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Newsroom

Press release February 10, 2021

[Civil Society Voices Key to Yemenis' Push for Peace, Open Society Report Shows](#)

Emphasizing justice, accountability, and the views of Yemenis themselves will be key to ending the country's horrific cycles of violence, according to a new publication.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Report

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Latest News and Highlights
No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 13 Feb 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 13 Feb 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 13 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

News

Opinion

[Why we should involve more young people in health research](#)

It is crucial to empower and support young people to shape health research, and this is why.

Anita Krishnamurthi, Head of Education and Learning

11 February 2021

Opinion

[Why we need a scientific approach to mental health at work](#)

With businesses looking to support the mental health of their staff more than ever, Wellcome is urging them to take a science-based approach. Miranda Wolpert shares what we've learned so far about what works for supporting mental health at work.

Miranda Wolpert, Head of Mental Health

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 13 Feb 2021]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 13 Feb 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 12, 2020 Issue 1

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uabr21/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

AMA Journal of Ethics

Volume 23, Number 2: E83-211 Feb 2021

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/racial-and-ethnic-health-equity-us-part-1>

Racial and Ethnic Health Equity in the US: Part 1

Health equity is defined by the World Health Organization as the “absence of unfair and avoidable or remediable differences in health among social groups.” Domestically and globally, health inequity is not a historical accident. Inequity today is not *unfortunate*—that is, not a product of a mere turn of the proverbial cosmic wheel—but *unjust*—that is, generated by colonial, White supremacist policies and practices structured and maintained over time, forged to persist in hierarchies that serve some of us, our ancestors, and our descendants well and some of us, our ancestors, and our descendants ill. This first of a 2-part theme issue focuses specifically on racial and ethnic inequity in morbidity, mortality, and access to services that are endemic to American life. We investigate health inequity as a product of transgenerational patterns of oppression that must be remediated by all of us compassionately and more deliberately and quickly than they were created.

American Journal of Infection Control

February 2021 Volume 49 Issue 2 p137-280
<http://www.ajicjournal.org/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine
February 2021 Volume 60 Issue 2 p151-310
<http://www.ajpmonline.org/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health
February 2021 111(2)
<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
Volume 104, Issue 1, January 2021
<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/104/1>
[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine
January 2021 Volume 174, Issue 1
<http://annals.org/aim/issue>
[Reviewed earlier]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology
Latest Issue: Issue 379 - February 2021
<https://antiquity.ac.uk/latest>
Research, Method & Debate

[The original Stonehenge? A dismantled stone circle in the Preseli Hills of west Wales](#)

Mike Parker Pearson, Josh Pollard, Colin Richards, Kate Welham, Timothy Kinnaird, Dave Shaw, Ellen Simmons, Adam Stanford, Richard Bevins, Rob Ixer, Clive Ruggles, Jim Rylatt and Kevan Edinborough

The discovery of a dismantled stone circle—close to Stonehenge's bluestone quarries in west Wales—raises the possibility that a 900-year-old legend about Stonehenge being built from an earlier stone circle contains a grain of truth. Radiocarbon and OSL dating of Waun Mawn indicate construction c. 3000 BC, shortly before the initial construction of Stonehenge. The identical diameters of Waun Mawn and the enclosing ditch of Stonehenge, and their orientations on the midsummer solstice sunrise, suggest that at least part of the Waun Mawn circle was brought from west Wales to Salisbury Plain. This interpretation complements recent isotope work that supports a hypothesis of migration of both people and animals from Wales to Stonehenge.

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal
Volume 292 March 2021

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/292/suppl/C>
[New issue; No digest content identified]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 13 Feb 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

February 2021 - Volume 6 - 2

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/6/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 13 Feb 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 13 Feb 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 13 Feb 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 13 Feb 2021)

[Who should be prioritized for COVID-19 vaccination in China? A descriptive study](#)

All countries are facing decisions about which population groups to prioritize for access to COVID-19 vaccination after the first vaccine products have been licensed, at which time supply shortages are inevitable...

Authors: Juan Yang, Wen Zheng, Huilin Shi, Xuemei Yan, Kaige Dong, Qian You, Guangjie Zhong, Hui Gong, Zhiyuan Chen, Mark Jit, Cecile Viboud, Marco Ajelli and Hongjie Yu

Citation: BMC Medicine 2021 19:45

Content type: Research article

Published on: 10 February 2021

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 13 Feb 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

Research

[Characterization of immunization secondary analyses using demographic and health surveys \(DHS\) and multiple indicator cluster surveys \(MICS\), 2006–2018](#)

Infant immunization coverage worldwide has plateaued at about 85%. Using existing survey data to conduct analyses beyond estimating coverage may help immunization programmes better tailor strategies to reach u...

Authors: Yue Huang and M. Carolina Danovaro-Holliday

Citation: BMC Public Health 2021 21:351

Content type: Research article

Published on: 12 February 2021

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 13 Feb 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

February 2021 - Volume 11 - 2

<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/11/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 99, Number 2, February 2021, 77-168

<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/99/2/en/>

EDITORIALS

[COVID-19 response and mitigation: a call for action](#)

— Viroj Tangcharoensathien, Poonam Singh & Anne Mills

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.20.285322>

RESEARCH

[Community perspectives on the COVID-19 response, Zimbabwe](#)

— Constance RS Mackworth-Young, Rudo Chingono, Constancia Mavodza, Grace McHugh, Mandikudza Tembo, Chido Dziva Chikwari, Helen A Weiss, Simbarashe Rusakaniko, Sithembile Ruzario, Sarah Bernays & Rashida A Ferrand

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.20.260224>

[Government trust, perceptions of COVID-19 and behaviour change: cohort surveys, Singapore](#)

— Vanessa W Lim, Rachel L Lim, Yi Roe Tan, Alexius SE Soh, Mei Xuan Tan, Norhudah Bte Othman, Sue Borame Dickens, Tun-Linn Thein, May O Lwin, Rick Twee-Hee Ong, Yee-Sin Leo, Vernon J Lee & Mark IC Chen

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.20.269142>

[Economic burden of COVID-19, China, January–March, 2020: a cost-of-illness study](#)

— Huajie Jin, Haiyin Wang, Xiao Li, Weiwei Zheng, Shanke Ye, Sheng Zhang, Jiahui Zhou & Mark Pennington

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.20.267112>

[A survey of national ethics and bioethics committees](#)

— Johannes Köhler, Andreas Alois Reis & Abha Saxena

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.19.243907>

Abstract

Objective

To assess the current state of national ethics committees and the challenges they face.

Methods

We surveyed national ethics committees between 30 January and 21 February 2018.

Findings

In total, representatives of 87 of 146 national ethics committees (59.6%) participated. The 84 countries covered were in all World Bank income categories and all World Health Organization regions. Many national ethics committees lack resources and face challenges in several domains, like independence, funding or efficacy. Only 40.2% (35/87) of committees expressed no concerns about independence. Almost a quarter (21/87) of committees did not make any ethics recommendations to their governments in 2017, and the median number of reports, opinions or recommendations issued was only two per committee. Seventy-two (82.7%) national ethics committees included a philosopher or a bioethicist.

Conclusion

National ethics (or bioethics) committees provide recommendations and guidance to governments and the public, thereby ensuring that public policies are informed by ethical concerns. Although the task is seemingly straightforward, implementation reveals numerous difficulties. Particularly in times of great uncertainty, such as during the current coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, governments would be well advised to base their actions not only on technical considerations but also on the ethical guidance provided by a national ethics committee. We found that, if the advice of national ethics committees is to matter, they must be legally mandated, independent, diverse in membership, transparent and sufficiently funded to be effective and visible.

POLICY & PRACTICE

[Immunity certification for COVID-19: ethical considerations](#)

— Teck Chuan Voo, Andreas A Reis, Beatriz Thomé, Calvin WL Ho, Clarence C Tam, Cassandra Kelly-Cirino, Ezekiel Emanuel, Juan P Beca, Katherine Littler, Maxwell J Smith, Michael Parker, Nancy Kass, Nina Gobat, Ruipeng Lei, Ross Upshur, Samia Hurst & Sody Munsaka

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.20.280701>

Abstract

Restrictive measures imposed because of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic have resulted in severe social, economic and health effects. Some countries have considered the use of

immunity certification as a strategy to relax these measures for people who have recovered from the infection by issuing these individuals a document, commonly called an immunity passport. This document certifies them as having protective immunity against severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2), the virus that causes COVID-19. The World Health Organization has advised against the implementation of immunity certification at present because of uncertainty about whether long-term immunity truly exists for those who have recovered from COVID-19 and concerns over the reliability of the proposed serological test method for determining immunity. Immunity certification can only be considered if scientific thresholds for assuring immunity are met, whether based on antibodies or other criteria. However, even if immunity certification became well supported by science, it has many ethical issues in terms of different restrictions on individual liberties and its implementation process. We examine the main considerations for the ethical acceptability of immunity certification to exempt individuals from restrictive measures during the COVID-19 pandemic. As well as needing to meet robust scientific criteria, the ethical acceptability of immunity certification depends on its uses and policy objectives and the measures in place to reduce potential harms, and prevent disproportionate burdens on non-certified individuals and violation of individual liberties and rights.

PERSPECTIVES

[Present value of future health data: ethics of data collection and use](#)

— Ann Dulhanty

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.19.237248>

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 47, Issue 2 Pages: 143-296 March 2021

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Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal

Volume 112 February 2021

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/112/suppl/C>

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Clinical Therapeutics

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

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

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Clinical Trials

Volume 18 Issue 1, February 2021

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/18/1>

Articles

[A survey of the feasibility of developing osteoporosis clinical trials in Duchenne muscular dystrophy: Survey of the opinion of young people with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, families and clinicians](#)

Sze Choong Wong, Shuko Joseph, Nadia Capaldi, Marina Di Marco, Jennifer Dunne, Michela Guglieri, Iain Horrocks, Volker Straub, S Faisal Ahmed, the UK NorthStar Clinical Network

First Published October 4, 2020; pp. 39–50Abstract

Abstract

Background/aims

Given the extent of osteoporosis in people with Duchenne muscular dystrophy treated with glucocorticoids and the limited evidence of bone-protective therapies, clinical trials are needed. We conducted surveys to obtain the opinion of young people with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, parents/guardians and neuromuscular clinicians on the feasibility of osteoporosis clinical trials in this population.

Methods

Online surveys were sent to three groups: (a) people with a confirmed diagnosis of Duchenne muscular dystrophy (≥ 14 years), (b) parents and guardians and (c) neuromuscular clinicians in the UK NorthStar Clinical Network. Surveys (a) and (b) were distributed via the UK Duchenne muscular dystrophy Registry.

Results

Survey respondents included 52 people with Duchenne muscular dystrophy with a median age of 17 years (range: 14, 40) and 183 parents/guardians. Fourteen out of 23 (61%) NorthStar centres responded. Of the 52 people with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, 13 (25%) were very concerned about their bone health and 21 (40%) were slightly concerned. Of the 183 parents/guardians, 75 (41%) were very concerned about their son's bone health and 90 (49%) were slightly concerned. Fractures and quality of life were the top two main outcome measures identified by people with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Fractures and bone density were the top two main outcome measures identified by parents/guardians and neuromuscular clinicians. Thirty percent of people with Duchenne muscular dystrophy and 40% of parents/guardians would not take part if an osteoporosis trial involved a placebo that was administered parenterally. Only 2 of the 14 NorthStar centres (14%) would enrol people with Duchenne muscular dystrophy if a parenteral placebo was used in an osteoporosis trial in Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

Conclusion

There is great awareness of bone health and the need for bone-protective trials among people with Duchenne muscular dystrophy and their carers. However, a proportion of people with Duchenne muscular dystrophy and parents are reluctant to participate in a placebo-controlled osteoporosis trial that included a parenteral therapy. A larger proportion of health care experts are unwilling to enrol their patients in such a trial. Our finding is relevant for the design of bone-protective studies in Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

Ethics

[Details of risk–benefit communication in informed consent documents for phase I/II trials](#)

Hannes Kahrass, Sabine Bossert, Christopher Schürmann, Daniel Strech

First Published November 24, 2020; pp. 71–80

Abstract

Background:

Informed consent documents for clinical studies should disclose all reasonably foreseeable risks and benefits. Little guidance exists on how to navigate the complexities of risk–benefit communication, especially in early clinical research. Practice-oriented development of such guidance should be informed by evidence on what and how details of risks and benefits are currently communicated.

Method:

We surveyed the responsible parties of phase I/II trials registered in ClinicalTrials.gov that started 2007 or later and completed between 2012 and 2016 to sample informed consent documents from a broad spectrum of early phase clinical trials. Based on an assessment matrix, we qualitatively and quantitatively assessed the informed consent documents for details of risk–benefit communication.

Results:

The risk–benefit communication in the 172 informed consent documents differed substantially in several regards. The outcome, extent, and likelihood of health risks, for example, were described in 83%, 32%, and 63% of the informed consent documents. Only 45% of informed consent documents specified the outcome of mentioned health benefits, and the extent and likelihood of health benefits were never specified. From those informed consent documents reporting risk likelihoods, only 57% added frequency numbers to words such as “common” or “rare,” and even in these cases, we found strong variations for presented frequency ranges. Substantial heterogeneity also exists for how informed consent documents communicate other risk and benefit types and related safeguards.

Conclusion:

Our study points to several shortcomings and heterogeneities in how informed consent documents communicate risks and benefits to potential research participants. Health risks, for example, should be specified with frequency numbers, and health benefits should be specified at least by mentioning their outcomes. Further demand for research and policy development is needed to harmonize risk–benefit communication and to clarify ways to specify the likelihood of health benefits.

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 13 Feb 2021]

[The effect of the ongoing civil strife on key immunisation outcomes in the North West and South West regions of Cameroon](#)

Civil strife has long been recognized as a significant barrier in the fight against vaccine preventable diseases in several parts of the world. However, little is known about the impact of the ongoing civil strife on the immunisation system in the Northwest (NW) and Southwest (SW) regions of Cameroon, which erupted in late 2016. In this paper, we assessed the effect of the conflict on key immunisation outcomes in the North West and South West regions of Cameroon.

Authors: Yauba Saidu, Marius Vouking, Andreas Ateke Njoh, Hassan Ben Bachire, Calvin Tonga, Roberts Mofor, Christain Bayiha, Leonard Ewane, Chebo Cornelius, Ndi Daniel Daddy Mbida, Messang Blandine Abizou, Victor Mbome Njie and Divine Nzuobontane

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Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 100 January 2021

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Research article Abstract only

[Using digital technologies in clinical trials: Current and future applications](#)

Carmen Rosa, Lisa A. Marsch, Erin L. Winstanley, Meg Brunner, Aimee N.C. Campbell

Article 106219

Abstract

In 2015, we provided an overview of the use of digital technologies in clinical trials, both as a methodological tool and as a mechanism to deliver interventions. At that time, there was limited

guidance and limited use of digital technologies in clinical research. However, since then smartphones have become ubiquitous and digital health technologies have exploded. This paper provides an update to our earlier publication and an overview of how technology has been used in the past five years in clinical trials, providing examples with varying levels of technological integration and across different health conditions. Digital technology integration ranges from the incorporation of artificial intelligence in diagnostic devices to the use of real-world data (e.g., electronic health records) for study recruitment. Clinical trials can now be conducted entirely virtually, eliminating the need for in-person interaction. Much of the published research demonstrates how digital approaches can improve the design and implementation of clinical trials. While challenges remain, progress over the last five years is encouraging, and barriers can be overcome with careful planning.

Research article Full text access

[Innovative trial designs and analyses for vaccine clinical development](#)

Mengya Liu, Qing Li, Jianchang Lin, Yunzhi Lin, Elaine Hoffman

Article 106225

Abstract

In the past decades, the world has experienced several major virus outbreaks, e.g. West African Ebola outbreak, Zika virus in South America and most recently global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Many vaccines have been developed to prevent a variety of infectious diseases successfully. However, several infections have not been preventable so far, like COVID-19, which induces an immediate urgent need for effective vaccines. These emerging infectious diseases often pose unprecedented challenges for the global health community as well as the conventional vaccine development paradigm. With a long and costly traditional vaccine development process, there are extensive needs in innovative vaccine trial designs and analyses, which aim to design more efficient vaccine trials. Featured with reduced development timeline, less resource consuming or improved estimate for the endpoints of interests, these more efficient trials bring effective medicine to target population in a faster and less costly way. In this paper, we will review a few vaccine trials equipped with adaptive design features, Bayesian designs that accommodate historical data borrowing, the master protocol strategy emerging during COVID-19 vaccine development, Real-World-Data (RWD) embedded trials and the correlate of protection framework and relevant research works. We will also discuss some statistical methodologies that improve the vaccine efficacy, safety and immunogenicity analyses. Innovative clinical trial designs and analyses, together with advanced research technologies and deeper understanding of the human immune system, are paving the way for the efficient development of new vaccines in the future.

The CRISPR Journal

Volume 3, Issue 6 / December 2020

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

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Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 8, issue 4, December 2020

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

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Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

February 2021 - Volume 34 - Issue 1

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

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Current Protocols in Human Genetics

Volume 108, Issue 1 December 2020

<https://currentprotocols.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/19348258/current>

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Developing World Bioethics

Volume 20, Issue 4 Pages: 173-230 December 2020

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Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 15, Issue 8, 2020

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

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Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 14 - Issue 5 - October 2020

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

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

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Volume 33 December 2020

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Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 149 - 2021

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue>

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Ethics & Human Research

Volume 43, Issue 1 January–February 2021

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

When disadvantaged by research • Privacy and medical records • Research misconduct

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Ethics & International Affairs

Winter 2020 (34,4)

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2021/winter-2020-34-4/>

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.

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The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 31, Issue 1, February 2021
<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/31/1>
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Food Policy

Volume 98, January 2021
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/98/suppl/C>

Food Loss and Waste: Evidence for effective policies

Edited by Andrea Cattaneo, Marco V. Sánchez, Máximo Torero, Rob Vos
Research article Open access

[Reducing food loss and waste: Five challenges for policy and research](#)

Andrea Cattaneo, Marco V. Sánchez, Máximo Torero, Rob Vos

Article 101974

Abstract

Despite broad agreement in policy circles on the need to reduce food loss and waste (FLW), considerable gaps in information still exist. This paper identifies policy-relevant information gaps, summarizes recent research that tries to fill these gaps and identifies five challenges for researchers, policymakers and practitioners in reducing FLW. The five challenges identified are: (i) measuring and monitoring FLW, (ii) assessing benefits and costs of FLW reduction and the tradeoffs involved, (iii) designing FLW-related policies and interventions under limited information, (iv) understanding how interactions between stages along food value chain and across countries affect outcomes of FLW reduction efforts, (v) preparing for income transitions and the shifting relative importance of losses and waste as economies develop.

Research article Abstract only

[Improving data on food losses and waste: From theory to practice](#)

Carola Fabi, Franck Cachia, Piero Conforti, Alicia English, José Rosero Moncayo

Article 101934

Research article Open access

[Global food waste across the income spectrum: Implications for food prices, production and resource use](#)

Emiliano Lopez Barrera, Thomas Hertel

Article 101874

Food Security

Volume 13, issue 1, February 2021
<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/13-1>
[Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 65 November 2020
<https://www.fmreview.org/recognising-refugees>
Recognising refugees

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 47, 2020 - Issue 3

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

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Gates Open Research

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

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Genome Medicine

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

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Geoheritage

Volume 13, issue 1, March 2021

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Global Health Action

Volume 14, Issue 1 (2021)

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

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Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

Vol. 8, No. 4 December 23, 2020

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Global Public Health

Volume 16, Issue 2 (2021)

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rqph20/current>

Special Issue: Understanding the health systems impacts of "Test and Treat" in sub-Saharan Africa: Findings from the SHAPE study; Guest Editors: Jenny Renju, Janet Seeley, Mosa Moshabela, and Alison Wrin
[Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health

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

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Research

Who suffered most after deaths due to COVID-19? Prevalence and correlates of prolonged grief disorder in COVID-19 related bereaved adults

Authors: Suqin Tang and Zhendong Xiang

11 February 2021

Health Affairs

Vol. 40, No. 1 January 2021

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

COVID-19 Response, Medicaid & More

[Reviewed earlier]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 22, Issue 2, December 2020

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 16 - Special Issue 1 - January 2021

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue>

SPECIAL ISSUE: The future of EU health law and policy

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Health Policy and Planning

Volume 35, Issue Supplement_2, November 2020

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

SUPPLEMENT

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Research Policy and Systems

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

[Accessed 13 Feb 2021]

[A landscape analysis of health technology assessment capacity in the Association of South-East Asian Nations region](#)

Progress towards achieving Universal Health Coverage and institutionalizing healthcare priority setting through health technology assessment (HTA) in the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) region ...

Authors: Manushi Sharma, Yot Teerawattananon, Saudamini Vishwanath Dabak, Wanrudee Isaranuwatjai, Fiona Pearce, Songyot Pilasant, Junainah Sabirin, Mayfong Mayxay, Melissa Guerrero, Nguyen Khanh Phuong, Sudigdo Sastroasmoro and Thant Sin Htoo

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Human Gene Therapy

Volume 32, Issue 1-2 / January 2021

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Special Issue: Gene and Cell Therapy for Inherited and Acquired Immune Deficiency

Guest Editor: Adrian J. Thrasher, PhD

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Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 42, Number 4, November 2020

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

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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.

Infectious Agents and Cancer

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

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Infectious Diseases of Poverty

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

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International Health

SUPPLEMENT Volume 13, Issue Supplement_1, January 2021

https://academic.oup.com/inthealth/issue/13/Supplement_1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

International Human Rights Law Review

Volume 9 (2020): Issue 2 (Oct 2020)

<https://brill.com/view/journals/hrlr/9/2/hrlr.9.issue-2.xml>

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The International Journal of Children's Rights

Volume 28 (2020): Issue 4 (Dec 2020)

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International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

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Volume 51 December 2020

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International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 49, Issue 6, December 2020

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International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 27, Issue 2, 2021

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International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

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International Journal of Infectious Diseases

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International Migration Review

Volume 54 Issue 4, December 2020

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Intervention – Journal of Mental Health and Psychological Support in Conflict Affected Areas

July-December 2020 Volume 18 | Issue 2 Page Nos. 97-183

<http://www.interventionjournal.org/currentissue.asp?sabs=n>

[Reviewed earlier]

JAMA

February 9, 2021, Vol 325, No. 6, Pages 507-596

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

Research Letter

[Prevalence and Outcomes of SARS-CoV-2 Infection Among Migrant Workers in Singapore](#)

Iain Beehuat Tan, MBBS, PhD; Clive Tan, MBBS, MPH; Li Yang Hsu, MBBS, MPH; et al.

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JAMA. 2021;325(6):584-585. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.24071

This study examines the prevalence and outcomes of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) infection among migrant workers in Singapore.

Viewpoint

Health Policy

[The COVID-19 Pandemic as an Opportunity to Ensure a More Successful Future for Science and Public Health](#)

K. M. Venkat Narayan, MD, MSc; James W. Curran, MD, MPH; William H. Foege, MD, MPH

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JAMA. 2021;325(6):525-526. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.23479

This Viewpoint suggests that the COVID-19 pandemic provides an opportunity to build trust in science and update federal agencies to improve public health and poses questions and offers recommendations for consideration.

[Genetic Variants of SARS-CoV-2—What Do They Mean?](#)

Adam S. Luring, MD, PhD; Emma B. Hodcroft, PhD

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JAMA. 2021;325(6):529-531. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.27124

This Viewpoint discusses emerging genetic variants of SARS-CoV-2, including new “UK” and “mink” variants and the significance of the new variants to coronavirus transmissibility, spread, virulence, and efforts to vaccinate the population against COVID-19.

[Mandating COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

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

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JAMA. 2021;325(6):532-533. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.26553

This Viewpoint discusses whether US states, businesses, health care facilities, and schools and universities can mandate vaccination against coronavirus as a condition of employment or service.

...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...

[Conversations with Dr Bauchner: Mandating COVID-19 Vaccines—Ethical and Legal Considerations](#)

[Problems With Paying People to Be Vaccinated Against COVID-19](#)

Emily A. Largent, JD, PhD, RN; Franklin G. Miller, PhD

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JAMA. 2021;325(6):534-535. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.27121

This Viewpoint describes features of 2 proposals to pay US residents to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and proposes ethical and practical complications of the plans, arguing that they are morally suspect, likely unnecessary, and may be counterproductive.

JAMA Network

[COVID-19 Update February 13, 2021](#)

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

JAMA Pediatrics

February 2021, Vol 175, No. 2, Pages 115-216

<http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>

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JBI Evidence Synthesis

January 2021 - Volume 19 - Issue 1

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Journal of Adolescent Health

February 2021 Volume 68 Issue 2 p223-428

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Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research

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Journal of Community Health

Volume 46, issue 1, February 2021

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10900/volumes-and-issues/46-1>

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Journal of Cultural Heritage

Volume 47 Pages 1-278 (January–February 2021)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-cultural-heritage/vol/47/suppl/C>

Research article Full text access

[Path intelligent optimization for dense crowd emergency evacuation in heritage buildings](#)

Yuxin Cao, Chengming Luo, Yuanyuan Liu, Siru Teng, Gaifang Xin

Pages 180-187

Abstract

There is a class of heritage buildings, such as museums, palaces and castles, which are closed buildings with multiple layers and exits. There are a lot of precious heritage and cultural relics in heritage buildings, and a large number of tourists need to be received every day. When suffering from emergencies such as fires, heritage buildings will be confronted with serious consequences if individuals cannot evacuate in time. In this paper, the path intelligent optimization for dense crowd emergency evacuation is proposed in heritage buildings. Firstly, based on Artificial Fish Swarm Algorithm (AFSA), agglomeration model is used when there is no guidance of guide personnel. Secondly, single-layer evacuation model is used to classify individuals into different categories based on improved K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN) algorithm. The model can help individuals choose the nearest stair and save escape time. Thirdly, based on Dijkstra shortest path algorithm, multi-layer evacuation model is used to find the shortest distance and the optimal path for individuals to reach the exit. These models are applied to the Louvre in order to verify the rationality by calculating the approximate evacuation time. In case of emergency, the algorithm proposed in this paper can be modified according to the actual heritage buildings.

Research article Open access

[Heritage Impact Assessment, beyond an Assessment Tool: A comparative analysis of urban development impact on visual integrity in four UNESCO World Heritage Properties](#)

Baharak Seyedashrafi, Michael Kloos, Carola Neugebauer

Pages 199-207

Review article Full text access

[Machine learning techniques for structural health monitoring of heritage buildings: A state-of-the-art review and case studies](#)

Mayank Mishra

Pages 227-245

Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development

2021 Volume 11 Issue 1

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Volume 149 March 2021

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Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics

Volume 15 Issue 5, December 2020

<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/jre/current>

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Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

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<https://jech.bmj.com/content/75/2>

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Editorial

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The Lancet

Comment

[Urgent needs of low-income and middle-income countries for COVID-19 vaccines and therapeutics](#)

Lancet Commission on COVID-19 Vaccines and Therapeutics Task Force Members
WHO and partners have learnt from the mis-steps in the response to the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic¹ and established the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator to promote equitable access to vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics.² However, many high-income countries already have bilateral agreements with manufacturers of COVID-19 vaccines.³ The COVAX Facility of the ACT Accelerator has agreements to access 2 billion doses of WHO pre-qualified vaccines during 2021, but this represents only 20% of the vaccine needs of participating countries.⁴ Most low-income and middle-income countries (LMICs) face difficulties in accessing and delivering vaccines and therapeutics for COVID-19 to their populations.⁵ COVAX will require decisive action by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance,

WHO, and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), supported by the countries they serve and with financing for vaccine purchasing, to ensure people worldwide have equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines.[6](#), [7](#), [8](#)

For 80% of the populations in LMICs that will not benefit from COVAX-provided COVID-19 vaccines, finances for purchase or donations are needed. Government measures in response to COVID-19 and the broader global financial situation have led to increasing fiscal imbalances of heavily indebted countries.[9](#) Multinational agencies, financial institutions, and wealthier countries should consider measures that could provide relief to indebted LMICs. The World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and others need to lead an international initiative to mobilise support for LMICs in need.

Many LMICs do not have an established platform for vaccinating their adult populations.[10](#) Although it is feasible to deliver COVID-19 vaccines to health-care and other front-line essential workers, in some LMICs it will be difficult to effectively reach and vaccinate with two doses all elderly populations and individuals with co-morbidities, given insufficient mechanisms to identify such groups. Governments and technical leaders will need to use transparent, accountable, and unbiased processes when they make and explain evidence-based vaccine prioritisation decisions, while also building confidence in COVID-19 vaccines and engaging with all the stakeholders.

The ultracold chain requirements of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are likely to be an insurmountable hurdle in LMICs, outside of major cities. COVID-19 vaccine delivery will require considerable investment of resources, health-care staff, and careful planning to avoid opportunity costs, including a disruption of routine health services and a decline in essential childhood vaccination coverage, which could result in outbreaks of measles and other vaccine-preventable diseases. There were more deaths from measles than Ebola virus disease in 2019 in the aftermath of the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, due to failure to maintain adequate childhood vaccinations.[11](#) The infrastructure for vaccination in many LMICs is already inadequate, as shown by the 19.7 million under-vaccinated infants globally, most of whom are in these countries.[12](#) Thus, preparation for all aspects of COVID-19 vaccine delivery in LMICs must begin now with the support of international partners.

Strengthening the capacity of LMICs to do clinical trials and promoting LMIC participation in research are also crucial.[13](#) More LMICs need to participate in future vaccine trials and in testing the clinical effectiveness of different therapeutic agents to ensure that interventions and implementation are suitable for local contexts.

Tracking the safety and effectiveness of different COVID-19 vaccines over time in various populations and settings will necessitate improvements in pharmacovigilance.[14](#) Regulatory authorities in many LMICs need to be strengthened and could benefit from a programme of national and international support, as well as regional cooperation and reliance mechanisms.[15](#) As part of internationally coordinated actions, COVID-19 technologies should be transferred to LMIC-based manufacturers, accompanied by regulatory guidance. Efforts to boost local manufacturing capacity in LMICs will contribute to equity, global solidarity, and global health security. India and South Africa have called for the suspension of intellectual property rights related to COVID-19 vaccines to improve access for LMICs, a move now supported by many other countries, but opposed by the pharmaceutical industry, which cites the disincentive to innovation.[16](#)

There are further challenges. Governments in LMICs with strong private health sectors, as those in high-income countries, will need to manage the inherent potential for inequity, whereby the rich could

access COVID-19 vaccines before individuals with less access to private care who may be at increased risk of severe disease and death, such as older people and those with comorbidities. LMICs affected by war, civil conflict, economic crises, or natural disasters, or with large refugee populations or populations with special needs or vulnerabilities need additional support for vaccines and vaccination under extremely difficult operational conditions.

Re-examining global governance structures, including the UN and its Security Council, is much needed so that the voices and interests of billions of people in LMICs are better represented and recognised. Global support to multilateral institutions is essential to sustain their support to LMICs to facilitate vaccinations globally. The COVID-19 pandemic shows that no nation can stand alone. We are all part of a common humanity that requires us to respect our diverse experiences, cultures, and countries and forge partnerships that better serve the interests of all.

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[The next 20 years of human genomics must be more equitable and more open](#)

By re-committing to data sharing, researchers can fulfil the long-delayed promise of the Human Genome Project.

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[The broken promise that undermines human genome research](#)

Data sharing was a core principle that led to the success of the Human Genome Project 20 years ago. Now scientists are struggling to keep information free.

Kendall Powell

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[Sequence three million genomes across Africa](#)

Capture the full scope of variation to improve health care, equity and medical research globally.
Ambroise Wonkam

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A new analysis traces the story of the draft genome's impact on genomics since 2001, linking its effects on publications, drug approvals and understanding of disease.

Alexander J. Gates, Deisy Morselli Gysi & Albert-László Barabási

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[Origins of modern human ancestry](#)

A Review describes the three key phases that define the origins of modern human ancestry, and highlights the importance of analysing both palaeoanthropological and genomic records to further improve our understanding of our evolutionary history.

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[Repurposed Antiviral Drugs for Covid-19 — Interim WHO Solidarity Trial Results](#)

WHO Solidarity Trial Consortium

Abstract

Background

World Health Organization expert groups recommended mortality trials of four repurposed antiviral drugs — remdesivir, hydroxychloroquine, lopinavir, and interferon beta-1a — in patients hospitalized with coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19).

Methods

We randomly assigned inpatients with Covid-19 equally between one of the trial drug regimens that was locally available and open control (up to five options, four active and the local standard of care). The intention-to-treat primary analyses examined in-hospital mortality in the four pairwise comparisons of each trial drug and its control (drug available but patient assigned to the same care without that drug). Rate ratios for death were calculated with stratification according to age and status regarding mechanical ventilation at trial entry.

Results

At 405 hospitals in 30 countries, 11,330 adults underwent randomization; 2750 were assigned to receive remdesivir, 954 to hydroxychloroquine, 1411 to lopinavir (without interferon), 2063 to interferon (including 651 to interferon plus lopinavir), and 4088 to no trial drug. Adherence was 94 to 96% midway through treatment, with 2 to 6% crossover. In total, 1253 deaths were reported (median day of death, day 8; interquartile range, 4 to 14). The Kaplan–Meier 28-day mortality was 11.8% (39.0% if the patient was already receiving ventilation at randomization and 9.5% otherwise). Death

occurred in 301 of 2743 patients receiving remdesivir and in 303 of 2708 receiving its control (rate ratio, 0.95; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.81 to 1.11; P=0.50), in 104 of 947 patients receiving hydroxychloroquine and in 84 of 906 receiving its control (rate ratio, 1.19; 95% CI, 0.89 to 1.59; P=0.23), in 148 of 1399 patients receiving lopinavir and in 146 of 1372 receiving its control (rate ratio, 1.00; 95% CI, 0.79 to 1.25; P=0.97), and in 243 of 2050 patients receiving interferon and in 216 of 2050 receiving its control (rate ratio, 1.16; 95% CI, 0.96 to 1.39; P=0.11). No drug definitely reduced mortality, overall or in any subgroup, or reduced initiation of ventilation or hospitalization duration.

Conclusions

These remdesivir, hydroxychloroquine, lopinavir, and interferon regimens had little or no effect on hospitalized patients with Covid-19, as indicated by overall mortality, initiation of ventilation, and duration of hospital stay. (Funded by the World Health Organization; ISRCTN Registry number, [ISRCTN83971151](#). opens in new tab; ClinicalTrials.gov number, [NCT04315948](#). opens in new tab.)

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[Randomized Trial of a Vaccine Regimen to Prevent Chronic HCV Infection](#)

Kimberly Page, Ph.D., M.P.H., et al

...In this trial, the HCV vaccine regimen did not cause serious adverse events, produced HCV-specific T-cell responses, and lowered the peak HCV RNA level, but it did not prevent chronic HCV infection. (Funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; ClinicalTrials.gov number, [NCT01436357](#). opens in new tab.)

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Population Biology

Open Access

[Cell-phone traces reveal infection-associated behavioral change](#)

Ymir Vigfusson, Thorgeir A. Karlsson, Derek Onken, Congzheng Song, Atli F. Einarsson, Nishant Kishore, Rebecca M. Mitchell, Ellen Brooks-Pollock, Gudrun Sigmundsdottir, and Leon Danon

PNAS February 9, 2021 118 (6) e2005241118; <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2005241118>

Significance

Infectious disease control critically depends on surveillance and predictive modeling of outbreaks. We argue that routine mobile-phone use can provide a source of infectious disease information via the measurements of behavioral changes in call-detail records (CDRs) collected for billing. In anonymous CDR metadata linked with individual health information from the A(H1N1)pdm09 outbreak in Iceland, we observe that people moved significantly less and placed fewer, but longer, calls in the few days around diagnosis than normal. These results suggest that disease-transmission models should explicitly consider behavior changes during outbreaks and advance mobile-phone traces as a potential universal data source for such efforts.

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[Strengthen scientific integrity under the Biden administration](#)

By Jacob M. Carter, Gretchen T. Goldman, Andrew A. Rosenberg, Genna Reed, Anita Desikan, Taryn Mackinney

Science 12 Feb 2021 : 668-671 Restricted Access

Accountability must extend to highest levels of leadership

Summary

At his victory speech on 7 November 2020, U.S. president Joseph R. Biden described that the will of the people was in part to “marshal the forces of science.” He declared that his plans to beat the novel coronavirus would be built on a bedrock of science. On 27 January, the Biden administration issued a presidential memorandum to strengthen scientific integrity and evidence-based decision-making (1). These are great steps to bring science back to the table, but the administration still has a lot of work ahead to improve the role of science in government decision-making. The records of abuses of the past

4 years and data from surveys provide evidence that under the Trump administration, scientists were censored, scientific information was ignored, and reports and publications were unduly suppressed—all actions that undermined the appropriate use of science in decision-making processes. This occurred despite many federal agencies already having scientific integrity policies, communications policies, and well-established science advisory systems in place to promote an appropriate role for science in agency decision-making. But from these setbacks, we can draw lessons and suggest a road map for moving forward.

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Winter 2021 Volume 19, Number 1

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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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[New World, New Radio: Celebrating the Resilience of the World's Most Widely Used Medium](#)

Mario Maniewicz

As the fight against the pandemic continues, radio has been a close companion for many around the world, with broadcasters curating trustworthy information, countering misinformation and providing much-needed entertainment during lockdowns.

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

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[Coping with perceived sources of discrimination: a survey on refugee children in Malaysia](#)

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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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