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:: Week in Review

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

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Global Governance

History is made: Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala chosen as WTO Director-General

World Trade Organisation News and Events

15 February 2021

WTO members made history today (15 February) when the General Council agreed by consensus to select Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala of Nigeria as the organization's seventh Director-General.

When she takes office on 1 March, Dr Okonjo-Iweala will become the first woman and the first African to be chosen as Director-General. Her term, renewable, will expire on 31 August 2025.

"This is a very significant moment for the WTO. On behalf of the General Council, I extend our warmest congratulations to Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala on her appointment as the WTO's next Director-General and formally welcome her to this General Council meeting," said General Council Chair David Walker of New Zealand who, together with co-facilitators Amb. Dacio Castillo (Honduras) and Amb. Harald Aspelund (Iceland) led the nine-month DG selection process...

"I am honoured to have been selected by WTO members as WTO Director-General," said Dr Okonjo-Iweala. "A strong WTO is vital if we are to recover fully and rapidly from the devastation wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic. I look forward to working with members to shape and implement the policy responses we need to get the global economy going again. Our organization faces a great many challenges but working together we can collectively make the WTO stronger, more agile and better adapted to the realities of today."...

Acceptance Statement [excerpts]

...1.10. **WTO Members have a further responsibility to reject vaccine nationalism and protectionism.** They should rather intensify cooperation on promising new vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics. There should be a "third way" to broaden access through facilitating technology transfer within the framework of multilateral rules, so as to encourage research and innovation while at the same time allowing licensing agreements that help scale up manufacturing of medical products. Some pharmaceutical companies are already ahead of the game because they are doing this. Astrazeneca has licensed production in several countries, and has recently declared that it is willing to look at more such arrangements. Johnson & Johnson seems willing to follow suit looking beyond contract manufacturing to licensing agreements. The Serum Institute of India, which is set to manufacture up to 1 billion doses of vaccines, is a good example. **Facilitating such arrangements will enable the WTO to support the WHO ACT-Accelerator, especially the COVAX facility to get affordable vaccines quickly to poor countries. Looking beyond this pandemic, the WTO must be proactive in strengthening cooperation with other multilateral and bilateral**

partners, the private sector, and civil society to set a framework for dealing with problems of the global commons such as this pandemic. The private sector, civil society, and parliamentarians are important partners of the WTO with whom collaboration will be further nurtured going forward...

1.18. **Let me conclude by saying that the challenges facing the WTO are numerous and tricky, but they are not insurmountable. There is hope.** There is light at the end of the tunnel if we work together in a transparent manner that builds trust, builds bridges, defuses political tensions, and encourages convergence. 1.19. The pandemic and its economic fallout have highlighted the interdependence of countries, the importance of multilateralism, and the need to strengthen collaboration to achieve fair and balanced trade agreements that provide opportunities for all WTO Members, particularly least developed countries and small island states. By working together, we can build trust, and we can achieve a stronger, more relevant, and inclusive trading system. I am passionate about these goals. I am keen to support you to carry out the necessary reforms. I look forward to working closely with all of you in the coming months and years, **to help build the WTO that we all want, a WTO that is about people, a WTO that is dynamic, robust, and that provides essential support to economic growth and sustainable development through trade.** Once again ladies and gentlemen, I thank you for this opportunity

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Children in a Post-COVID World

[Five opportunities for children we must seize now](#)

Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director

Annual Letter, 2021

An open letter on why I believe we can reimagine a better post-COVID world for every child.

COVID-19 is the first truly global crisis we have seen in our lifetime. No matter where we live, the pandemic affects every person – children most of all. Millions are missing out on basic health services, education and protection simply because they were born into poverty or because of their ethnicity, religion or race. COVID-19 has widened this inequality gap and the social, economic and health impacts of the pandemic will reverberate for years to come, threatening child rights.

But this is not the time to be intimidated or paralyzed by these challenges. **As we kick off UNICEF's 75th anniversary, we are reminded that this organization was created in the midst of another historic crisis in the aftermath of World War II.** Back then, it would have been easy to be overwhelmed by the scale of the problems facing children in a war-ravaged world. But we reimagined what was possible. We built new health and welfare systems around the world. We defeated smallpox. We built the United Nations.

History is calling upon us once again. In previous major global crises, from world wars to pandemics, leaders have come together to negotiate deals and pacts, agreeing to build new ways to restore peace, recover and rebuild, and to cooperate.

We need to rally the world behind a practical and concrete [plan to protect our children](#) – a promise from our generation to the next to invest in health and education, build more resilient systems and

services that can reach all children, and ensure that budget cuts and economic downturns do not harm them.

While we must be clear-eyed about the scale of the challenges facing the world's children, we can also advance in partnership and solidarity by building on our past, with ambition and confidence in our future.

This is not about a return to the way things were. For hundreds of millions of children around the world, 'normal' was never good enough to begin with.

Here are five opportunities for the world's children revealed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and five lessons on how we can reimagine a better future for them, as reflected in the voices of young people:

1: For vaccines to work, we must build trust

2: Bridging the digital divide can help bring quality education for all

3: COVID-19 has unlocked attention on global youth mental health

4: COVID-19 does not discriminate, but our societies do

5: Climate change is the other planetary crisis that won't wait

...A final word...

In a public letter I wrote in 2019, I laid out my worries and hopes for the future of children and young people. Little did I know that a year on, a global pandemic would demonstrate, in dramatic fashion, how well-founded these worries would be.

The bad news: As the crisis continues and the economic fallout deepens, we still have difficult days before us. The economic storm is decimating government budgets and reversing decades of development and progress. If we fail to act decisively and quickly, the effects could be felt for generations.

But here's the good news: We can reverse this trend by harnessing this moment as an unprecedented opportunity to rebuild and reimagine the systems upon which children and young people rely.

So this is a call to action for children, young people and leaders in every sphere of our societies – politicians on the global stage, faith leaders, government policymakers, star athletes, media owners, advocates and each and every one of us.

The international community must support an inclusive recovery that prioritizes investments for children and child rights. On a wide range of issues, from internet safety and privacy, to digital learning, to providing clean water, the private sector must do more to reach and protect children with innovation. And citizens must continue to hold those in power to account and stand up to discrimination and inequality.

This year, as UNICEF celebrates 75 years of reimagining the future for every child, let's gather behind children and young people with a new spirit of urgency, as we create opportunities, ignite their dreams, and support them across every part of their lives.

COVID-19 will not be the last crisis faced by humanity. So let's work side by side as partners and friends to emerge from this pandemic stronger than before.

Video: <https://youtu.be/nr0j3y9J-x0>

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COVID Vaccines – UN Security Council

Secretary-General, Addressing Security Council, Pledges Full Support for Creating Emergency Task Force to Prepare Global COVID-19 Vaccine Plan

17 February 2021

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Following are UN Secretary-General António Guterres' remarks, as delivered, to the Security Council open meeting: "Equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines in contexts affected by conflict and insecurity", today:

I thank the United Kingdom for organizing this meeting and for reinforcing my call for a global ceasefire to ease suffering, create space for diplomacy and enable humanitarian access — including for the delivery of vaccines worldwide.

COVID-19 continues its merciless march across the world — upending lives, destroying economies and undermining the Sustainable Development Goals. The pandemic is exacerbating all the factors that drive instability — hindering our efforts to implement Security Council resolution 2532 (2020) for the cessation of hostilities, conflict prevention and resolution.

Defeating COVID-19, now that we have begun to have the scientific capacity to do so, is more important than ever. **The rollout of COVID-19 vaccines is generating hope. At this critical moment, vaccine equity is the biggest moral test before the global community. We must ensure that everybody, everywhere, can be vaccinated as soon as possible.**

Yet, progress on vaccinations has been wildly uneven and unfair. Just 10 countries have administered 75 per cent of all COVID-19 vaccines. Meanwhile, more than 130 countries have not received a single dose. Those affected by conflict and insecurity are at particular risk of being left behind.

When pandemic strikes, we are only safe if everyone is safe. If the virus is allowed to spread like wildfire in the Global South, or parts of it, it will mutate again and again. New variants could become more transmissible, more deadly and, potentially, threaten the effectiveness of current vaccines and diagnostics. This can prolong the pandemic significantly, enabling the virus to come back to plague the Global North. It will also delay the world economic recovery.

We have come together to create the COVAX facility — the one global tool to procure and deliver vaccines for low- and middle-income countries. COVAX requires to be fully funded. **But we must do even more. Our efforts need to be comprehensive and well-coordinated everywhere. The world urgently needs a global vaccination plan to bring together all those with the required power, scientific expertise and production and financial capacities.**

I believe the G20 is well placed to establish an emergency task force to prepare such a global vaccination plan and coordinate its implementation and financing. This task force should include all countries in which there is a capacity to develop vaccines or to produce them if licenses are available, together with the WHO [World Health Organization], Gavi, and other relevant technical organizations and the international financial institutions. **The task force would have the capacity to mobilize the pharmaceutical companies and key industry and logistics actors.**

I am ready to galvanize the full United Nations System in support of this effort. The G7 meeting later this week can help create the momentum to mobilize the necessary financial resources. Together, we can ensure sufficient supply, fair distribution and vaccine confidence.

We can defeat this disease. We can get our economies running again. I am convinced it is possible. Let's make it happen, together.

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G7 Leaders' statement, 19 February 2021

European Council *Statements and remarks [Editor's text bolding]*

We, the leaders of the Group of Seven, met today and resolved to work together to beat COVID-19 and build back better. Drawing on our strengths and values as democratic, open economies and societies, we will work together and with others to make 2021 a turning point for multilateralism and to shape a recovery that promotes the health and prosperity of our people and planet.

We will intensify cooperation on the health response to COVID-19. The dedication of essential workers everywhere represents the best of humanity, while the rapid discovery of vaccines shows the power of human ingenuity. Working with, and together to strengthen, the World Health Organisation (WHO), and supporting its leading and coordinating role, **we will:**

- :: accelerate global vaccine development and deployment;**
- :: work with industry to increase manufacturing capacity, including through voluntary licensing;**
- :: improve information sharing, such as on sequencing new variants; and,**
- :: promote transparent and responsible practices, and vaccine confidence.**

We reaffirm our support for all pillars of the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A), its COVAX facility, and **affordable and equitable access to vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics, reflecting the role of extensive immunisation as a global public good.** Today, with increased financial commitments of over four billion USD to ACT-A and COVAX, collective G7 support totals seven and a half billion USD. We invite all partners, including the G20 and International Financial Institutions, to join us in increasing support to ACT-A, including to increase developing countries' access to WHO-approved vaccines through the COVAX facility.

COVID-19 shows that the world needs stronger defences against future risks to global health security. We will work with the WHO, G20 and others, especially through the Global Health Summit in Rome, to bolster global health and health security architecture for pandemic preparedness, including through health financing and rapid response mechanisms, by strengthening the "One Health" approach and Universal Health Coverage, and exploring the potential value of a global health treaty.

We have provided unprecedented support for our economies over the past year totalling over \$6 trillion across the G7. We will continue to support our economies to protect jobs and support a strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive recovery. We reaffirm our support to the most vulnerable countries, our commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals, and our partnership with Africa, including to support a resilient recovery. We will work through the G20 and with the International Financial Institutions to strengthen support for countries' responses by exploring all available tools, including through full and transparent implementation of the Debt Service Suspension Initiative and the Common Framework.

Recovery from COVID-19 must build back better for all. Looking to UNFCCC COP26 and CBD COP15, we will put our global ambitions on climate change and the reversal of biodiversity loss at the centre of our plans. We will make progress on mitigation, adaptation and finance in accordance with the Paris Agreement and deliver a green transformation and clean energy transitions that cut emissions and create good jobs on a path to net zero no later than 2050. We are committed to levelling up our economies so that no geographic region or person, irrespective of gender or ethnicity, is left behind.

We will: champion open economies and societies; promote global economic resilience; harness the digital economy with data free flow with trust; cooperate on a modernised, freer and fairer rules-based multilateral trading system that reflects our values and delivers balanced growth with a reformed World Trade Organisation at its centre; and, strive to reach a consensus-based solution on international taxation by mid-2021 within the framework of the OECD. With the aim of supporting a fair and mutually beneficial global economic system for all people, we will engage with others, especially G20 countries including large economies such as China. As Leaders, we will consult with each other on collective approaches to address non-market oriented policies and practices, and we will cooperate with others to address important global issues that impact all countries.

We resolve to agree concrete action on these priorities at the G7 Summit in the United Kingdom in June, and we support the commitment of Japan to hold the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 in a safe and secure manner this summer as a symbol of global unity in overcoming COVID-19.

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Multilateralism – EU

[Speech by President von der Leyen at the Special Edition 2021 of the Munich Security Conference](#)

European Commission *Speech* 19 February 2021

[Excerpt]

...This is also true, when it comes to the digital world and the impact it has on our democracies. And this is my second example. The storming on the U.S. Capitol was a turning point for our discussion on the impact social media have on our democracies. This is what happens when words incite action. In a world where polarising opinions are the most likely to be heard, it is only a short step from crude conspiracy theories to the death of police officers.

In December, the Commission launched the Digital Services Act and the Digital Markets Act – our new framework for the digital market. Of course, imposing democratic limits on the uncontrolled power of the big tech companies alone will not stop political violence. But it is an important step. At its most basic, we want to make sure that what is illegal offline is also illegal online. And we want clear requirements that internet firms take responsibility for the content they distribute, promote and remove. Because we just cannot leave decisions, which have a huge impact on our democracies, to computer programmes without any human supervision or to the board rooms in Silicon Valley. The latest decision of Facebook regarding Australia is just another proof for that.

Today, I want to invite our American friends to join our initiatives. Together, we could create a digital economy rulebook that is valid worldwide. A set of rules based on our values: human rights and pluralism, inclusion and the protection of privacy. We need to join forces and protect these values with all our energy...

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[A renewed multilateralism fit for the 21st century: the EU's agenda](#)

European Commission 17 February 2021

The Commission and the High Representative put forward a new strategy to strengthen the EU's contribution to rules-based multilateralism. The Joint Communication lays out the EU's expectations of and ambitions for the multilateral system.

Today, the Commission and the High Representative put forward a new strategy to strengthen the EU's contribution to rules-based multilateralism. The Joint Communication lays out the EU's expectations of and ambitions for the multilateral system. Today's proposal suggests to make use of all tools at the EU's disposal, including its extensive political, diplomatic and financial support to promote global peace and security, defend human rights and international law, and to promote multilateral solutions to global challenges.

High Representative of the Union for Foreign and Security Policy/Vice-President for a Stronger Europe in the World, Josep Borrell, said: "Multilateralism matters because it works. But we cannot be 'multilateralists' alone. At a time of growing scepticism, we must demonstrate the benefit and relevance of the multilateral system. We will build stronger, more diverse and inclusive partnerships to lead its modernisation and shape global responses to the challenges of the 21st century, some of which threaten the very existence of humanity."

Commissioner for International Partnerships, Jutta Urpilainen, said: "The EU has been and will continue to be the best ally of multilateralism and its institutions. However, the more complex global environment calls us to be more united, coherent, focused, and better leverage our collective Team Europe strength. This new strategy spells out our ambition on inclusive multilateralism, our strong commitment to renew it and it will be underpinned by specific actions."

Defining and defending EU priorities and values in the multilateral system

The challenges of the 21st century call for more, not less, multilateral governance and rules-based international cooperation. The EU has defined clear strategic priorities on issues that no country can face alone: peace and security, human rights and the rule of law, sustainable development, public health, or climate. Now, it needs to advance these priorities multilaterally in a strategic approach to ensure a safer world and a sustainable, inclusive global recovery.

The EU must step up its leadership and 'deliver as one' to 'succeed as one'. To this end, the EU will advance more efficient coordination mechanisms around joint priorities and making better use of its collective strength, including building on the Team Europe approach. Its democratic and unique regulatory strengths are assets to help build a better world, while its security and defence structures support global efforts to keep, sustain and build international peace and security.

Modernising the multilateral system

To ensure the global multilateral system is 'fit for purpose' to address today's challenges, the EU will continue to support the UN Secretary-General's reform efforts. It will promote the modernisation of key institutions such as the World Health Organisation and the World Trade Organisation. It will also spearhead the development of new global norms and the establishment of cooperation platforms in areas such as taxation, the digital sphere or Artificial Intelligence.

A stronger Europe through partnership

To change the multilateral landscape, we need a new generation of partnerships. The EU will build new alliances with third countries, reinforce cooperation with multilateral and regional organisations, as well as other stakeholders, especially those with whom it shares democratic values and, with others, it will seek a common ground issue by issue. It will support partner countries in engaging more effectively in the multilateral system and ensure systematic follow-up of bilateral commitments with partners to advance multilateral objectives. EU aims to build a more inclusive multilateralism. It is important to engage also with civil society as well as the private sector, social and other stakeholders.

Next steps

The Commission and the High Representative invite the European Parliament and the Council to endorse the approach and to work together on these priorities.

Background

To respond successfully to global crises, threats and challenges, the international community needs an efficient multilateral system, founded on universal rules and values. The UN remains at the core of the multilateral system. The EU and its Member States are the largest financial donors to the UN system, to the Bretton Woods institutions, and many other international fora. They provide almost one quarter of all financial contributions to the UN's funds and programmes, whilst the EU Member States also provide almost one fourth of the UN's regular budget. At the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, EU Member States hold over a quarter of voting power close to a third of financial contributions come from the EU and its Member States.

The EU works very closely with and in other international organisations and entities, such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the World Trade Organisation, the Council of Europe, the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Finally, the EU seeks closer cooperation with other regional and multinational groupings such as the African Union, the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States, the Association of South-East Asian Nations or the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States to address common challenges and to work together at the international level.

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Emergencies

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 :: 110 384 747 [week ago: 107 838 255] [two weeks ago: 104 956 439]

Confirmed deaths :: 2 446 008 [week ago: 2 373 398] [two weeks ago: 2 290 488]

Countries, areas or territories with cases :: 223

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Our World in Data

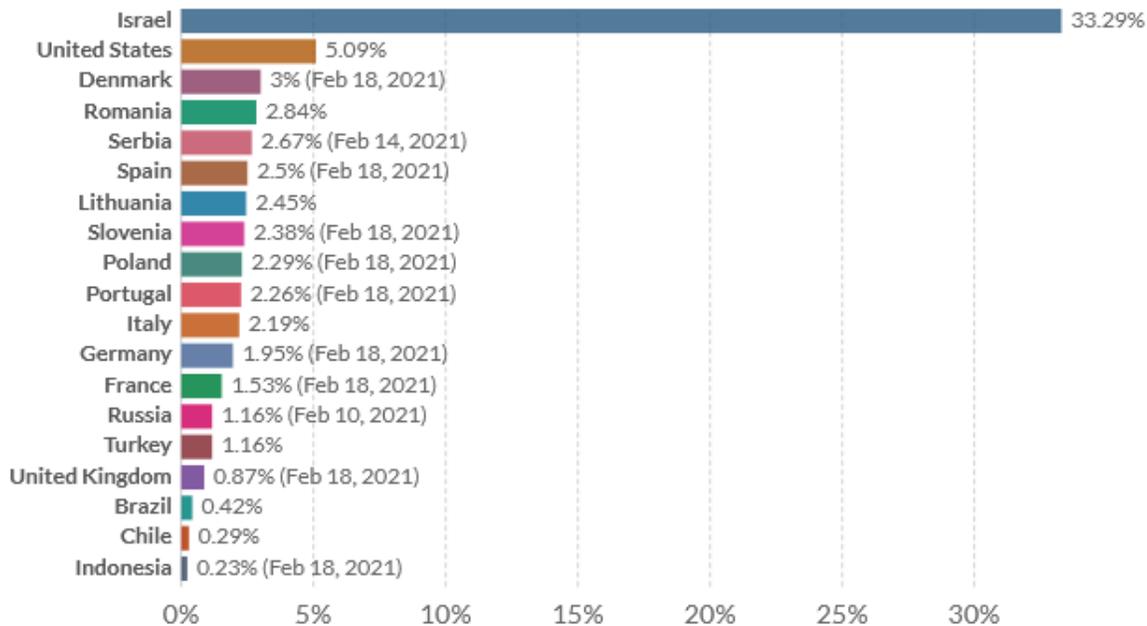
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccinations

Share of the population fully vaccinated against COVID-19, Feb 19, 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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[UNICEF COVID-19 Vaccine Market Dashboard :: Agreements Table Accessed 20 Feb 2021](#)

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

Number of vaccines approved for use

10

Reported global vaccine production volumes in 2021

19bn

Number of secured vaccine doses

9.5bn

Number of doses secured and optioned for the COVAX facility*

3.01bn

Range of reported vaccine price per dose

\$2.19 - \$44

Deal date	Recipient	Deal type	Vaccine name	Vaccine developer	Manufacturer
2021-02-03	Uganda	Government purchase	Covishield	AstraZeneca	Serum Institute of India
2021-02-04	Panama	Government purchase	Sputnik V	Gamaleya Research Institute	Gamaleya Research Institute
2021-02-04	Paraguay	Government purchase	Sputnik V	Gamaleya Research Institute	Gamaleya Research Institute
2021-02-05	Serbia	Shared	AZD1222	AstraZeneca	AstraZeneca
2021-02-05	Ukraine	Government purchase	Covavax	Novavax	Serum Institute of India
2021-02-05	Ukraine	Government purchase	Covishield	AstraZeneca	Serum Institute of India
2021-02-06	Macao	Government purchase	BBIBP-CorV	CNBG	CNBG
2021-02-09	Pakistan	Government purchase	BBIBP-CorV	CNBG	CNBG
2021-02-09	Iran	Government purchase	Sputnik V	Gamaleya Research Institute	Gamaleya Research Institute
2021-02-10	Ukraine	Shared	AZD1222	AstraZeneca	AstraZeneca
2021-02-10	Zimbabwe	Government purchase	BBIBP-CorV	CNBG	CNBG
2021-02-11	Bolivia	Government purchase	BBIBP-CorV	CNBG	CNBG
2021-02-11	Canada	Government purchase	Providence Therapeutics	Providence Therapeutics	Providence Therapeutics
2021-02-12	Senegal	Government purchase	BBIBP-CorV	CNBG	CNBG

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 17 February 2021

:: "The polio programme brought women out into the workforce in an unprecedented way, says Dr. Olayinka. "Women were powerful mobilizers, particularly older, respected women and could enter any home. The polio programme was one of the first programmes bringing the women out, training them how to speak to other women and community members, which gave them a standing in the community. They also received some stipends which empowered them a bit financially." [Read more in our latest "Women Leaders in Polio Eradication" series.](#)

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

- :: **Afghanistan:** 1 cVDPV2 case and five cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- :: **Pakistan:** four WPV1 positive environmental samples
- :: **Côte d'Ivoire:** one cVDPV2 case
- :: **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo):** two cVDPV2 cases
- :: **Egypt:** two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- :: **Ethiopia:** three cVDPV2 cases
- :: **Kenya:** one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
- :: **Mali:** one cVDPV2 case
- :: **Sudan:** one cVDPV2 case and three cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- :: **Tajikistan:** one cVDPV2 case

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Statement of the Twenty-Seventh Polio IHR Emergency Committee

19 February 2021 *Statement*

[Excerpts]

...COVID-19

The committee was concerned that COVID-19 continues to have an impact on polio eradication at many levels. Many of the polio affected countries are currently experiencing a second wave of COVID-19, notably Malaysia, Pakistan and Nigeria. Although resumption of SIAs is now a major focus of the polio program the effect of the pause in 2020 and the current second wave will hamper this resumption. There are ongoing signs of the impact of COVID-19 on surveillance, particularly with slow shipment and handling and reporting of samples for polio testing. All these factors serve to heighten the risk of polio transmission.

The committee noted that since the beginning of the pandemic, the value of polio-funded staff and assets contributed to the COVID-19 response in more than 50 countries is estimated at USD \$104 million. In view of the overwhelming public health imperative to end the COVID-19 pandemic, the POB has committed to the polio program's continued support for the next phase of COVID-19 response, COVID-19 vaccine introduction and delivery, through existing assets, infrastructure and expertise in key geographies.

Conclusion

The Committee unanimously agreed that the risk of international spread of poliovirus remains a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) and recommended the extension of Temporary Recommendations for a further three months. The Committee recognizes the concerns regarding the lengthy duration of the polio PHEIC, but concludes that the current situation is extraordinary, with clear ongoing and increasing risk of international spread and ongoing need for coordinated international response. The Committee considered the following factors in reaching this conclusion:

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WHO/OCHA Emergencies

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 20 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 20 Feb 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]*
Niger - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 11 février 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 20 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

:: Syrian Arab Republic: COVID-19 Response Update No. 15 - 16 February 2021

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 16 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 20 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 20 Feb 2021]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

Top News

[Press briefing notes on Yemen](#)

[Press briefing notes on Haiti](#)

[Comment by UN Human Rights Office spokesperson Liz Throssell on Colombia's investigation of "false positives" during the armed conflict](#)

[Myanmar: UN expert sounds alarm ahead of expected protests](#)

[Pakistan: UN experts welcome death penalty ban for individuals with mental health conditions](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Council News

[Despite renewed political commitment, staggering levels of violence continued across South Sudan for the second successive year, UN experts note](#)

19/02/2021

["Military solutions" in Syria have led to a decade of death, denial, and destruction - UN Syria Commission of Inquiry report](#)

18/02/2021

[Human Rights Council to Hold its Forty-Sixth Regular Session from 22 February to 23 March 2021](#)

17/02/2021

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

SRSR/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Press releases, Statements

No new digest content identified.

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Announcements

[Humanitarian agencies seek US\\$222 million to support Burundian refugees](#)

16 February 2021

[UNHCR alarmed at armed atrocities in eastern DR Congo](#)

This is a summary of what was said by UNHCR spokesperson Babar Baloch – to whom quoted text may be attributed – at today's press briefing at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

16 February 2021

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Announcements

[UN Network on Migration Established in World's Largest Refugee-Hosting Country](#)

2021-02-19 19:54

Ankara – Turkey, host to almost four million refugees and migrants, has established a dedicated United Nations Network on Migration (UNNM).

[IOM Appeals for Lifesaving Assistance to over half a million displaced and vulnerable migrants in Niger](#)

2021-02-19 14:00

Niamey – Niger, one of the Sahel region's busiest transit countries for migrants, faces multiple emergencies.

[IOM Responds to Resurgence of Ebola in Guinea and the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

2021-02-18 22:43

Geneva – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is mobilizing staff and resources to help national authorities in Guinea and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) prevent the spread of the Ebola virus disease (EVD) after reports of new outbreaks over the past...

UNAIDS [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

15 February 2021

Félix Tshisekedi, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and 2021 African Union Chair, calls on his peers to learn from HIV and strengthen health systems

15 February 2021

Tuberculosis testing gap among people living with HIV is narrowing

WHO & Regional Offices [to 20 Feb 2021]

20 February 2021 Statement

WHO Director-General's statement on Tanzania and COVID-19

19 February 2021 News release

World Waking Up To Vaccine Equity

19 February 2021 Statement

Statement of the Twenty-Seventh Polio IHR Emergency Committee

19 February 2021 News release

G7 leaders commit US\$ 4.3 billion to finance global equitable access to tests, treatments and vaccines in 2021

18 February 2021 Departmental news

From paper to digital pathway: WHO launches first 'SMART Guidelines'

17 February 2021 Departmental news

WHO announces updates on new molecular assays for the diagnosis of tuberculosis (TB) and drug resistance

16 February 2021 Joint News Release

COVAX Statement on WHO Emergency Use Listing for AstraZeneca/Oxford COVID-19 Vaccine

16 February 2021 Departmental news

WHO launches consolidated guidelines for malaria

16 February 2021 Departmental news

Consultation: Draft Global Strategy on WASH and NTDs 2021–2030

15 February 2021 Departmental news

Taeniasis: large-scale treatment shows interesting and far-reaching results

15 February 2021 News release

WHO lists two additional COVID-19 vaccines for emergency use and COVAX roll-out

15 February 2021 Departmental news

WHO launches new tools to help countries build effective childhood cancer programmes

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

No new digest content identified

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

No new digest content identified

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified

WHO European Region EURO

:: [Overcoming COVID-19 and its collateral effects](#) 19-02-2021

:: [WHO reviews effect of physical activity on enhancing academic achievement at school](#) 18-02-2021

:: [New assessment shows high risk of introduction and spread from fur farming of the virus that causes COVID-19](#) 17-02-2021

:: [Aron Anderson – Cancer Ambassador for WHO/Europe](#) 16-02-2021

:: [Meet Florence, WHO's digital health worker who can help you quit tobacco](#) 15-02-2021

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: [WHO Regional Director's statement for virtual press briefing, 15 February](#)

15 February 2021 – More than one year after the first case of COVID-19 was reported in our Region, the situation remains critical. Almost six million people have been infected, and almost 140,000 people have tragically died. In our Region, where people and health systems are constantly ravaged by conflict, natural disasters, and disease outbreaks, this virus has stretched us all...

:: [Occupied Palestinian territory and Tunisia notified of indicative allocation of COVID-19 vaccine doses during first half of 2021 via COVAX Facility](#) Cairo, 14 February 2021

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: [Staying safe from COVID-19 during religious and cultural celebrations](#) 16 February 2021

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 20 Feb 2021]

<https://www.oie.int/en/for-the-media/press-releases/2021/>

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Meetings and events

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest from News Centre

[Usha Rao-Monari appointed new Associate Administrator for the United Nations Development Programme](#)

Ms. Rao-Monari will succeed Mr. Mourad Wahba, Acting Associate Administrator since May 2019 - the culmination of over 30 years at the United Nations
Posted on February 17, 2021

[COP26: One Earth One Future](#)

Statement delivered by Haoliang Xu at the "COP26: One Earth One Future," a session on Building Adaptation and Resilience Through Nature.
Posted on February 16, 2021

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

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

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

Meetings and events

[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 20 Feb 2021]

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

18 Feb 2021 *Press release*

[New UNEP synthesis provides blueprint to urgently solve planetary emergencies and secure humanity's future](#)

:: Meeting ramped-up climate and biodiversity targets, cutting deadly pollution and achieving SDGs needs an all-society push for sustainability

:: Shifting world views and putting nature at the heart of decision-making is key to achieving transformative change

:: COVID-19 recovery plans are an unmissable opportunity to invest in nature and reach net zero emissions by 2050

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

18 Feb 2021 | DESA

[UN chief calls for 'new social contract' as part of post-pandemic recovery](#)

With the COVID-19 pandemic exposing social and economic inequalities rooted in racism, discrimination and xenophobia...

16 Feb 2021 | DESA

[UN says lack of proper infrastructure planning is costly and hurts COVID-19 recovery, climate action, and SDGs](#)

New UN guide shows how governments can use long-term infrastructure planning starting today to save money, increase efficiency, and promote sustainability

15 Feb 2021 | DESA

[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.

UNESCO [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Latest News

[30th Anniversary of the Windhoek Declaration](#)

The Windhoek Declaration is considered a benchmark for ensuring press freedom around the world. It all began at a seminar in Windhoek in ...

[02/18/2021](#)

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Announcements

No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 20 Feb 2021]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Food Programme [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News releases

20 February 2021

[Vital air links in crisis countries at risk as humanitarian air service faces severe funding gap](#)

ROME – The United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), a critical lifeline transporting humanitarian workers and lifesaving cargo to some of the most challenging and hard-to-reach locations, urgently requires US\$ 204 million to continue existing operations beyond February 2021.

19 February 2021

[Japan Extends Assistance to WFP Nepal for the Mother and Child Health and Nutrition Programme](#)

Kathmandu - The Government of Japan has agreed to extend grant assistance of Japanese Yen 364 million (about US\$3.47 million / NRs.405 million) to the United Nations World Food Programme (UN WFP) Nepal for implementing the Mother and Child Health and Nutrition Programme in five vulnerable districts of Provinces 1 and 2.

17 February 2021

[Twelve million Syrians now in the grip of hunger, worn down by conflict and soaring food prices](#)

CAIRO – A record 12.4 million Syrians - nearly 60 percent of the population - are now food insecure, according to alarming new national data from the UN World Food Programme (WFP). In just over one year, an additional 4.5 million Syrians have become food insecure.

17 February 2021

[World Food Programme partners with Ireland to fight malnutrition in Malawi](#)

Lilongwe, Malawi, February 17, 2021 – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the Department of Nutrition, HIV and AIDS in the Ministry of Health today welcome a timely contribution of EUR 550,000 (about 515 million Malawi Kwacha) from the Government of Ireland to support interventions that prevent malnutrition in Malawi.

16 February 2021

[Ministry of Social Solidarity and WFP train community health workers supporting the USAID-funded 'First 1,000 Days' programme](#)

CAIRO – In support of Egypt's Ministry of Social Solidarity (MOSS) and in partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) launched today a three-day training to develop counselling and monitoring capacity of MOSS's community workers.

15 February 2021

[Japan supports WFP food assistance in conflict-hit Central African Republic](#)

BANGUI – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) welcomes a US\$1.6 million (JPY 178 million) contribution from the Government of Japan to provide much-needed food assistance to vulnerable people in the Central African Republic, amid a deepening humanitarian crisis.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

World Day of Social Justice

[ILO Director-General calls for greater equality on World Day of Social Justice](#)

19 February 2021

ILO Director-General Guy Ryder calls for global solidarity to support the vaccine roll-out and economic and social recovery from the COVID-19 crisis, in his message for World Day of Social Justice.

Podcast

[Can technology create a more equitable future of work?](#)

17 February 2021

Technology will be one of the key drivers shaping the future of work, but will it encourage decent work and social justice or fuel inequality and insecure work? Listen to LinkedIn Co-Founder Allen Blue, on our latest Future of Work podcast.

Sustainable development

[A circular economy can promote decent work](#)

16 February 2021

COVID-19 has shown that health, decent work and environmental sustainability are strongly linked. The principles of the circular economy – repair, re-use and recycle – are key to achieving sustainable supply chains and can help promote decent work.

Future of work

[Where next for the automotive industry?](#)

15 February 2021

The automotive industry is faced with disruption from the COVID-19 pandemic, trade disputes and a digital revolution, as well as concerns about the industry's environmental footprint and working conditions in its complex supply chains.

Trade Union Movement

[Trade Unions' engagement is key to implement the UN Reform and the Agenda 2030](#)

15 February 2021

On the occasion of the launch of two ACTRAV flagship publications for trade unions, Maria Helena ANDRE, Director of the ILO's Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV) explains why the engagement of trade unions is key for the implementation of UN Reforms and achieving progress on the SDGs. She stresses also the ILO's expectations vis-à-vis the important role of workers' organizations in development processes.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest Press Briefings

Croatia accedes to ship recycling convention

Croatia is the latest country to accede to IMO's treaty for safe and environmentally-sound ship recycling – the Hong Kong Convention. The Convention covers the design, construction, operation and maintenance of ships, and preparation for ship recycling in order to facilitate safe and environmentally sound recycling, without compromising the safety and operational efficiency of ships.

16 February 2021

Covid, "white list" and training in focus at Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping Sub-Committee

The adverse effects of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic on seafarers; digitalisation of certificates and documents of seafarers; training quality issues; and potential measures to facilitate mandatory seagoing service under the Convention are under discussion at the seventh session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW 7).

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News

Launch of the Global Alliance on Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency

19 February 2021 - Bringing together governments and relevant networks and organizations, the Global Alliance on Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency (GACERE) aims to provide a global impetus to initiatives related to the circular economy transition, resource efficiency, sustainable consumption and production patterns, and inclusive and sustainable industrialization.

UNIDO and Japan continue to support a sustainable tuna fish value chain in Iran

TEHRAN, 17 February 2021 - The Government of Japan and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) have signed a funding agreement for a project to promote the sustainable development of the tuna value chain in the Chabahar region of Iran.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News

By Clare Naden on 18 February 2021

Protecting our privacy in smart cities

New guidance just published.

[ISO/IEC TS 27570](#), *Privacy protection – Privacy guidelines for smart cities*, provides recommendations and guidance on the management of privacy and on the use of supporting standards. These recommendations apply to organizations and stakeholders concerned with the delivery, use or availability of a service in a smart city ecosystem, where many technologies, systems and stakeholders interact in many and complex ways.

By Clare Naden on 16 February 2021

[Keeping cybersafe](#)

New guidance on cybersecurity frameworks just published.

Developed in collaboration with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), [ISO/IEC TS 27110](#), *Information technology, cybersecurity and privacy protection – Cybersecurity framework development guidelines*, specifies how to create or refine a robust system to protect against cyber-attacks.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News

Americas

[Statistics to Guide Restart of Tourism in the Caribbean](#)

18 Feb 2021

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Announcements

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements

[USAID to Provide Initial \\$2 Billion to Propel Global Access to COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

February 19, 2021

Today, thanks to Congress and the generosity of the American people, President Biden announced that the United States intends to provide an initial \$2 billion, out of a total planned \$4 billion, to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, to support the Gavi COVAX Advance Market Commitment (Gavi COVAX AMC) to provide COVID-19 vaccines for 92 low- and middle-income countries.

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [nee DFID] [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

UK sanctions Myanmar military generals for serious human rights violations

18 February 2021 — Press release

The Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab announced sanctions against members of the Myanmar military for serious human rights violations following the military coup.

UK calls for ceasefires to vaccinate people against COVID-19

17 February 2021 — Press release

The Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab calls for ceasefires to enable vulnerable people in conflict zones to be vaccinated against coronavirus.

UK backs Canadian initiative against arbitrary detention

15 February 2021 — Press release

The UK joins over 55 like-minded allies in committing to enhance international cooperation to end the practice of arbitrary arrests, detentions or sentencing.

ECHO [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

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African Union [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives, recognizing that a number of Social Website not responding at inquiry

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Secretariat News

Road freight in ASEAN: New Covid-19 Response and Recovery Guidelines

JAKARTA, 18 February 2021 - ASEAN Member States will have new tools to help them address issues related to road freight transport caused by the COVID-19 pandemic as part of the initiatives under the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework. ASEAN has approved guidelines to support the response and recovery of road freight transport among its Member States in [...]

ASEAN welcomes two new Deputy Secretaries-General

JAKARTA, 15 February 2021 – Today, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Political Security Community Robert Matheus Michael Tene and Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for Community and Corporate Affairs Tran Duc Binh took office. Following the oath-taking ceremonies led by Secretary-General of ASEAN Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Deputy Secretaries-General (DSG) Tene and Binh will each serve [...]

European Commission [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

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Speech 19 February 2021

[Speech by President von der Leyen at the Special Edition 2021 of the Munich Security Conference](#)

Press release 19 February 2021

[G7: EU to support COVID-19 vaccination strategies and capacity in Africa](#)

The President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, has announced today €100 million in humanitarian assistance to support the rollout of vaccination campaigns in Africa, which are spearheaded by the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC).

Press release 19 February 2021

[New EU project to support readiness for vaccination efforts and resilient health systems in the Western Balkans](#)

The European Union in partnership with the World Health Organisation (WHO) has launched a new regional project worth over €7 million to support safe and effective vaccination of the populations across the Western Balkans.

Press release 19 February 2021

[EU doubles contribution to COVAX to €1 billion to ensure safe and effective vaccines for low and middle-income countries](#)

The European Union has announced today an additional €500 million for the COVAX Facility, doubling its contribution to date for the global initiative that is leading efforts to secure fair and equitable access to safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines in low and middle-income countries.

News 17 February 2021

[Von der Leyen announces the start of HERA Incubator to anticipate the threat of coronavirus variants](#)

The HERA Incubator will bring together science, industry and public authorities, and leverage all available resources to enable Europe to respond to this challenge.

Press release 17 February 2021

[A renewed multilateralism fit for the 21st century: the EU's agenda](#)

The Commission and the High Representative put forward a new strategy to strengthen the EU's contribution to rules-based multilateralism. The Joint Communication lays out the EU's expectations of and ambitions for the multilateral system.

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Press release 17 February 2021

[Coronavirus: Commission approves second contract with Moderna to ensure up to additional 300 million doses](#)

Today, the European Commission approved a second contract with the pharmaceutical company Moderna, which provides for an additional purchase of 300 million doses (150 million in 2021 and an option to purchase an additional 150 million in 2022) on behalf of all EU Member States.

OECD [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Top Stories

[Release of "Ending the Shell Game: Cracking down on the Professionals who enable Tax and White Collar Crimes"](#)

Thursday 25 February at 11:00 CET White collar crimes like tax evasion, bribery and corruption are often concealed through complex legal structures and financial transactions facilitated by lawyers, accountants, financial institutions and other "professional enablers". These crimes can have significant impacts on government revenue, public confidence and economic growth.

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Organization of American States (OAS) [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

[OAS Permanent Council to Discuss the Equitable Distribution of COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

February 15, 2021

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases

[OIC and ICRC Sign a New PoA to Boost Cooperation](#)

Pursuant to their cooperation agreement signed in 1994, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) signed on 18 February 2021, at the OIC Headquarters, a three-year Plan of Action for the period 2021-2024, in order to boost their partnership in the humanitarian domain....

18/02/2021

[OIC, UN-EAD, and UNDP Strengthen Cooperation in Election Observation](#)

As part of the cooperation and coordination in the field of election observation, the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) (Election Observation Unit), which looks forward to boosting cooperation with leading international and regional organizations in the election observation, the United Nations General Secretariat (Electoral Assistance Division (EAD)), and the regional office of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Amman held their periodic meeting on February 16, 2021, within the OIC's continuous efforts to enhance its capabilities in this field....

17/02/2021

Group of 77 [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by His Excellency Ambassador Boubacar Diallo from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Guinea to the United Nations at the first informal dialogue on the revitalization of the work of the Second Committee \(New York, 16 February 2021\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 20 Feb 2021]
<https://unctad.org/media-centre>
Press Releases
17 Feb 2021

[Switzerland Climbs to Top of Global E-Commerce Index](#)
UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2021/005
Geneva, Switzerland

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 20 Feb 2021]
<http://www.wcoomd.org/>
Latest News – Selected Items
16 February 2021

[Publication of Joint WCO-ICAO Guiding Principles and Guidelines to enhance Air Cargo Security and Trade Facilitation](#)

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 20 Feb 2021]
http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm
WTO News and Events
[Statement by the Chair of the General Council](#)
16 February 2021
Appointment of the next Director-General

[History is made: Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala chosen as Director-General](#)
15 February 2021

*WTO members made history today (15 February) when the General Council agreed by consensus to select Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala of Nigeria as the organization's seventh Director-General.
[See Week in Review for detail]*

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 20 Feb 2021]
<https://www.ipu.org/news/press-releases>
Press releases
No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 20 Feb 2021]
<http://www.icj-cij.org/en/press-releases>
Latest Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 20 Feb 2021]
Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity
<https://www.icc-cpi.int/>
News

Yekatom and Ngaïssona trial opens at International Criminal Court

Press Release 15 February 2021

On 16 February 2021, the trial in the case *The Prosecutor v. Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona* opened before Trial Chamber V of the International Criminal Court (ICC) for war crimes and crimes against humanity allegedly committed in the Central African Republic (CAR)...

(Abridged) Statement of the Prosecution at the opening of the Trial in the case of the Prosecutor v. Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona

Statement 15 February 2021

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World Bank [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected News, Announcements

How COVID-19 is Affecting Companies Around the World

Date: February 17, 2021 Type: Infographic

Almost a year into the pandemic, nearly every business in the world has been affected by COVID-19, but performance has varied widely, even within countries and industries. Data collected through the World Bank firm surveys offer some glimpses into why, and how this may be relevant for policy.

Statement of Mr. Ferid Belhaj, Vice President of the Middle East and North Africa Region, The World Bank: Launch of the National COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign in Lebanon

As prepared for delivery

Date: February 14, 2021 Type: Statement

IMF [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News, Announcements

No new digest content identified.

African Development Bank Group [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

African Development Fund: Japan, African Development Bank Group, sign JPY 73.6 billion loan agreement

17-Feb-2021 - The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the African Development Fund (ADF) – the concessional arm of the African Development Bank Group – on Tuesday signed a loan agreement of 73.6 billion Japanese yen (\$668.1 million) to support the 15th replenishment of the African Development Fund (ADF-15).

Asian Development Bank [to 20 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]

22 Feb 2021

[ADB Appoints Woochong Um as Managing Director General](#)

MANILA, PHILIPPINES (22 February 2021) – The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has appointed Woochong Um as Managing Director General. Mr. Um will assume office immediately.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

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

News

No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News

18 FEB

[Donors commit to highest-ever funding to UN rural development agency IFAD to tackle hunger and poverty for the world's poorest](#)

18 FEB

[UN to involve millions of rural people in 2021 Food Systems Summit as part of ambitious public engagement process](#)

17 FEB

[World leaders call for greater international cooperation to tackle hunger and poverty at IFAD global meeting](#)

17 FEB

[Gilbert F. Houngbo reappointed IFAD President with an ambitious agenda to end hunger and poverty for hundreds of millions of world's poorest people](#)

16 FEB

[Livelihood-recovery project directly supporting Cambodia's most vulnerable and those impacted by COVID-19 to launch tomorrow](#)

Islamic Development Bank [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News

[IsDB and ITFC Sign Agency Agreement to Support the COVID-19 Restore Program through Trade Finance and Line of Financing Operations](#)

Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 21 February 2021 – The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) have signed an Agency Agreement to facilitate the implementation of COVID-19 Restore Program (R2) through providing trade finance and line of finance operations in member countries.

The agreement also aims to facilitate the implementation of IsDB's new business model and the objectives of the President's 5-Year Program (P5P); and further boosts the ongoing efforts to mitigate the adverse impact of the pandemic and put economies on a faster recovery path...

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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 20 Feb 2021]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

Niger

Comment Maryam a sauvé Aisha et ses triplés de la sous nutrition

Posté le 17 février 2020

Au Niger, plus de 2,6 millions de personnes souffrent d'insécurité alimentaire, la région de Maradi est la plus touchée par ce fléau. Cette situation est provoquée par la pauvreté généralisée du pays, la dégradation de l'environnement et les différentes crises.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 20 Feb 2021]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

BSI News

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest

COVID-19

[Back against a wall: Bangladesh's ready-made garments industry during COVID-19 pandemic](#)

February 15, 2021

by Fahim S Chowdhury and Sadril Shajahan

The export-oriented apparel sector of Bangladesh continues to struggle amidst the multiple shocks and vulnerabilities arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Clubhouse International [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 20 Feb 2021]

<https://drc.ngo/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News from ECPAT

[HUNGARY: inadequate legislation and protections leaving children at risk of sexual exploitation](#)

15/02/2021

Hintalovon Child Rights Foundation and ECPAT International's new country overview looks at the sexual exploitation of children in Hungary. This article highlights some of the most pressing risks presented in the report, including:

:: inadequate legislation and protections against online child sexual exploitation and child early and forced marriage

:: the increased vulnerability of children living in state care facilities

:: the inefficient reporting procedures and protection systems on child sexual exploitation

It also calls attention to the work that still needs to be done to tackle child trafficking for sexual purposes in Hungary.

Fountain House [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

GE2P2 Global [to 20 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 20 Feb 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[A statement from Robert Mardini, ICRC Director General, on the calls for a ceasefire to vaccinate people against COVID-19](#)

Robert Mardini, ICRC Director General, on the calls for a ceasefire to vaccinate people against COVID-19.

17-02-2021 | News release

[Mozambique: ICRC to scale up its humanitarian response in 2021](#)

Today ICRC President Peter Maurer finalised his official visit to Mozambique by meeting with the President of the Republic of Mozambique, H.E. Felipe Jacinto Nyusi.

15-02-2021 | News release

IFRC [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

Kazakhstan

[Kazakhstan: IFRC and Red Crescent launch bot to counter COVID misinformation](#)

A social media chatbot has been launched in an innovative bid to share accurate, trusted information in a country with one of the world's highest rates of vaccine hesitancy
19 February 2021

[UN Security Council session on COVID-19: IFRC warns of combined dangers of mistrust and vaccine inequity](#)

17 February 2021

Africa, Guinea

[Ebola outbreak in Guinea: Red Cross calls for a response that is "faster than the virus"](#)

A network of more than 700 trained Red Cross volunteers has been activated as part of a first wave of response to the new Ebola outbreak in the rural community of Gouéké in Guinea's N'Zerekore prefecture.
15 February 2021

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Updates / Alerts

No new digest content identified

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Media highlights [Selected]

Press Release

[IRC: Immigration bill rebuilds the spirit of welcome in U.S. immigration policy](#)

February 19, 2021

Press Release

[IRC joins #FirstRespondersFirst initiative to help humanitarian staff manage the psychological toll of responding to COVID-19 on the frontlines](#)

February 18, 2021

Perspective

[How do we address the treatment of Black immigrants in the US asylum system?](#)

February 16, 2021

Press Release

[As new Ebola outbreaks emerge in the DRC and Guinea, the IRC calls for swift action and funding for frontline aid agencies to stop the spread](#)

February 15, 2021

IRCT [to 20 Feb 2021]

<https://irct.org/>

Latest News

[Belarus: We stand with human rights defenders & journalists](#)

The IRCT has signed a statement by the Civic Society Platform in Belarus, calling on authorities to respect their commitments to the OSCE. Human rights defenders and journalists in Belarus have been subjected to a fierce crackdown with homes and offices searched and human rights activists, journalists and civil society leaders thrown into detention.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest News

[Urgent support needed in Yemen as malnutrition rises in children](#)

Published: 19 February, 2021

[Protecting children living on the streets in Pakistan](#)

Published: 18 February, 2021

Landsea [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News Releases & Alerts

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Sudan

[For refugees in Hamdayet, Sudan, "everyone is hungry, and everyone is tired"](#)

Project Update 19 Feb 2021

Guinea

[Five questions on the Ebola outbreak in Guinea](#)

Interview 19 Feb 2021

Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic

[Southern Africa needs the right COVID-19 vaccines, at the right price – right now](#)

Press Release 18 Feb 2021

Myanmar

[MSF concerned for welfare of healthcare workers and people in Myanmar](#)

Statement 17 Feb 2021

Iraq

[Severe COVID-19 patients in Iraq “were almost sure to die”](#)

Project Update 16 Feb 2021

Operation Smile [to 20 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 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected News/Announcements

[Oxfam reaction to the announcement that the UK will send future surplus vaccines to the COVAX scheme to support developing countries, and speed up the time to develop new vaccines to 100 days](#)

19 February 2021

Max Lawson, Oxfam Head of Inequality Policy, responds to the G7’s limited progress on ensuring poor countries have access to COVID-19 vaccines, Max Lawson, Oxfam Head of Inequality Policy.

[Makhtar Diop named as new head of World Bank’s private sector arm: Oxfam reaction](#)

18 February 2021

Nadia Daar, Head of Oxfam International's Washington DC office, responds to the World Bank’s announcement today that it has appointed Mr. Makhtar Diop as the new CEO of its private sector arm, the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

[Nearly 40 per cent of Yemen families forced into debt to pay for essentials – Oxfam](#)

17 February 2021

Nearly two out of every five families in Yemen buy food and medicines using debt, according to Oxfam research published today.

[Time for a real reform to stop tax havens escaping the EU blacklist](#)

15 February 2021

Tomorrow, Tuesday 16 February, European Union finance ministers will review the EU tax havens list, officially known as the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes. This is an assessment of non-EU countries according to the current blacklist criteria. This process started in 2017 and takes place twice a year. Currently, 12 countries are blacklisted and 10 are ‘grey-listed’.

[European asylum pact: a repetition of the same mistakes](#)

15 February 2021

Conditions in Moria 2.0 (Mavrovouni) are below the minimum humanitarian standards, yet Europe wants to replicate the policies that caused it. This is according to the latest report, "Tipping the Scales: the role of responsibility and solidarity sharing in the situation on the Greek islands" and the Lesbos bulletin, a February update from the ground by the Greek Council for Refugees and Oxfam.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest news

Central African Republic

The country where one in three is displaced

Published 18. Feb 2021

Escalating conflict in the Central African Republic (CAR) has brought the total number of displaced people to 1.5 million, almost a third of the country's total population.

Pact [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News

Black History Month: What PIHers Are Reading, Watching, and Listening To

In honor of Black History Month, Partners In Health (PIH) staff in the United States have shared their favorite songs, books, poems, and movies related to antiracism, Black history, and inequities in public health. Below are some of the recommendations, including a Spotify playlist, that inspire staff. As we celebrate African Americans' work and culture in the U.S. we'd also like to recognize the work our Black colleagues are doing around the globe.

February 17, 2021

In Peru, Care For Chronic Diseases Continues Amid COVID-19

Since 2009, the Casas de la Salud program in Peru has provided care, screenings, and education for patients with a range of chronic health conditions, including diabetes and hypertension. That care has continued amid COVID-19.

February 17, 2021

PATH [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Release

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News

21 February 2021 - *Myanmar*

[Save the Children speaks out over the 'appalling' death of a child during protests in Myanmar](#)

21 February 2021 - *Yemen*

[At least one child killed and two injured in artillery shelling in Taiz](#)

19 February 2021 - *Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brussels*

[Hundreds of unaccompanied minors and children with families are trapped on Balkans facing pushbacks, trafficking and exploitation – SAVE THE CHILDREN](#)

18 February 2021 - *Syria*

[SYRIA: Number of children going hungry up by 35% in just four months](#)

18 February 2021 - *United Kingdom*

[1 in 6 children living in conflict zones at risk of sexual violence by armed groups](#)

Tostan [to 20 Feb 2021]

<http://www.tostan.org>

News/Events

[Devastating fire in Tostan Partner Community in Senegal](#)

Feb 15, 2021

Hello to all, Last Thursday, a tragedy occurred in the Southern region of Senegal when a huge fire broke out in the small rural village of Kokolé...

Women for Women International [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Blogs & Updates

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 20 Feb 2021]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Release | February 19, 2021

[Racial and Immigrant Justice Groups Sue Government for Records of COVID-19 Data Surveillance](#)

San Francisco - The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) is representing four racial and immigrant justice groups— [Just Futures Law](#), [MediaJustice](#), [Mijente Support Committee](#), and the [Immigrant Defense Project](#)—suing the U.S. Departments of Homeland Security and Health and Human Services under the Freedom of Information Act...

Press Release | February 16, 2021

[New EFF Report Shows Cops Used Ring Cameras to Monitor Black Lives Matter Protests](#)

San Francisco - The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) has obtained emails that show that the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) sent at least one request—and likely many more—for Amazon Ring camera video of last summer’s Black-led protests against police violence. In a [report](#) released today, EFF shows that the...

Freedom House [to 20 Feb 2021]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

Latest Updates

[Freedom House Welcomes Nicole Bibbins Sedaca as Executive Vice President](#)

Press release

February 19, 2021

[Belarus: Freedom House Condemns Intensifying Attacks on Human Rights Defenders and Lawyers](#)

Press release

February 16, 2021

Human Rights Watch [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

February 19, 2021

[India: Government Policies, Actions Target Minorities](#)

Authorities in India have adopted laws and policies that systematically discriminate against Muslims and stigmatize critics of the government, Human Rights Watch said today.

Europe/Central Asia February 19, 2021

Dispatches

[New Raids and Arrests in Crimea](#)

[Yulia Gorbunova](#)

Senior Researcher, Ukraine, Russia

Asia

February 18, 2021 *News Release*

[Myanmar: Sanction Generals and Military-Owned Companies](#)

February 19, 2021 *News Release*

[Egypt: Escalating Reprisals, Arrests of Critics' Families](#)

Transparency International [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press

No new digest content identified.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 20 Feb 2021]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

News/ Statements

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 20 Feb 2021]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

[Open letter to President Ursula von der Leyen: Call for a far more equitable vaccine approach](#)

Feb 15, 2021 | COVID 19

Universal access to the COVID-19 vaccine is the only solution to end the pandemic and mitigate the deepening socio-economic inequalities. CONCORD is joining other conveners of influential civil society networks and platforms in sending letters to the leaders of our world to call for a far more equitable approach to the current

The Elders [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 20 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

[Kidney conditions and COVID-19 \(multiple reviews\) Added February 19, 2021](#)

[Hydroxychloroquine does not reduce deaths from COVID-19 \(search up to 15 September 2020\) Added February 19, 2021](#)

[Pregnancy and COVID-19 \(multiple reviews\) Added February 17, 2021](#)

[Antiviral therapies for COVID-19 \(multiple reviews\) Added February 16, 2021](#)

[Probiotics for treating acute infectious diarrhoea Added February 16, 2021](#)

Gavi [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News Releases

[G7 backs Gavi's COVAX Advance Market Commitment to boost COVID-19 vaccines in world's poorest countries](#)

19 February 2021

[Gavi signs memorandum of understanding with Novavax on behalf of COVAX Facility](#)

18 February 2021

[COVAX Statement on WHO Emergency Use Listing for AstraZeneca/Oxford COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

16 February 2021

Getty Conservation Institute [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Website not responding at inquiry

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 20 Feb 2021]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources, events, content

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest Updates

Humanitarian Coordination

[Letter on Appointing the Next Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs](#)

InterAction | Feb 16, 2021

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Publications/Events/Blogs

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 20 Feb 2021]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

Our Impact

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 20 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 20 Feb 2021]

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

News/Blog/Events

[Designing Ebola responses: 5 key lessons](#)

19 February 2021

Recent [Ebola outbreaks](#) remind us that COVID-19 is not the only epidemic that countries around the world currently face. It is now timely to consider what lessons from previous Ebola epidemics can be useful for responding to the recurrence of that disease in both DRC and Guinea today.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 20 Feb 2021]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Publications, Events, News

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 20 Feb 2021]

<https://ihsa.info/>

Weekly humanitarian blog posts selection

[Improving the humanitarian system in the long term](#)

Selection#44 (8th-14th February)

This week, we start the selection looking at how COVID-19 leads to additional hunger to some of the larger and key concerns of humanitarian system.

We look at promising blogs on current affairs: The first is a personal reflection on the on-going conflict in the Tigray region and our failure to define the scale of this humanitarian crisis, and the other includes a look at the heart wrenching conditions of Rohingya's crisis as the coup unfolds.

Several blogs focus on sharing ideas to improving the humanitarian system in the long term. For example, a blog about embracing transparencies at charities, another on development finance for economy recovery in the Sub-Saharan region and an op-ed about the need for the Global North to start recognizing disaster displacement as an on-going issue that affects themselves.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 20 Feb 2021]

<https://inee.org/>

News

[Launching the updated EiE Glossary!](#)

Published by Inter-agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE)

Written by INEE Secretariat

Published 19 February 2021

We are excited to announce the launch of the updated [EiE Glossary!](#)

Originally launched in 2015 as the "EiE Term Bank", the updated and re-named EiE Glossary contains more than 350 key education in emergencies (EiE) terms, their definitions, and sources. The glossary aims to promote a common understanding of key EiE technical terms and to support their correct and universal use. Through a consultative process, and with the support of the INEE Standards and Practice Working Group, definitions have been updated and new terms added.

And for the first time ever, the glossary is now available in Arabic, English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish! Browse in one language, or click the language prefix at the top of any page to toggle between languages.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 20 Feb 2021]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news, events

No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News

[Sphere's new online training is a great way to learn about standards in times of pandemic](#)

17 February 2021 | *Sphere*

Sphere's newly released e-learning course "Sphere in Practice" supports students, humanitarian professionals and anyone who wishes to learn about humanitarian standards in an interactive and engaging way. On top of being entirely...

Start Network [to 20 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 20 Feb 2021

Latest Research/Events

Report

[Washington Consensus reforms and economic performance in sub-Saharan Africa](#)

[Belinda Archibong](#), [Brahima Sangafowa Coulibaly](#), and [Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala](#)

Friday, February 19, 2021

Essay

[How family sustaining jobs can power an inclusive recovery in America's regional economies](#)

[Sifan Liu](#) and [Joseph Parilla](#)

Thursday, February 18, 2021

U.S. Foreign Policy

[A strategic roadmap for reentry 2021 and beyond](#)

[William Burke-White](#)

February 2021

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Economics

[American Indians and Alaska Natives are dying of COVID-19 at shocking rates](#)

[Randall Akee](#) and [Sarah Reber](#)

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Report

[Blueprints to strengthen governance in addressing global challenges](#)

[Joshua P. Meltzer](#)

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Center for Global Development [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Publications, News and Events

February 16, 2021

[Education Technology for Effective Teachers](#)

Education systems around the world are investing in technology to help teachers be more effective. In some cases, the results are exciting. In others, the impact of technology falls short of expectations or remains unevaluated. This note lays out four principles for investing in technology for effective teachers and six aspects of teaching where technology can boost teacher performance, together with examples of tested, promising, and cautionary experiences with teacher technologies.

[David Evans](#)

CSIS [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Reports

Report

[Building Resilient Global Supply Chains: The Geopolitics of the Indo-Pacific Region](#)

February 19, 2021 The Covid-19 pandemic and acceleration of strategic rivalry between the United States and China have made the restructuring of supply chains an urgent task. Nowhere is that more important than in the Indo-Pacific, the center of dynamism in the global economy.

Report

[Climate Solutions Series: Carbon Dioxide Removal Solutions](#)

February 16, 2021 | [Stephen J. Naimoli](#) In this final brief of the Climate Solutions series, the CSIS Energy Security and Climate Change Program examines the options for removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

Report

[The Biden Administration: Strategy and Reshaping the National Security Budget](#)

February 16, 2021 | [Anthony H. Cordesman](#)

The Biden administration and Congress must reshape the FY2022 defense budget to implement an effective national security strategy, writes CSIS's Burke Chair in Strategy.

Report

[The Right Time for a Capital Increase for the Inter-American Development Bank \(IDB\)?](#)

February 16, 2021 | [Daniel F. Runde](#), [Kristen Cordell](#), [Romina Bandura](#), [Claudia Fernandez](#) The potential capital increase is an opportunity for a broader discussion of the IDB's overall vision and strategic role for the region in the post-Covid-19 decade.

Rand [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Research Reports

Report

[Impact of Policy Options for Reducing Hospital Prices Paid by Private Health Plans](#)

The authors analyze the spending impact of policy options to reduce hospital prices paid by private health plans, with various design choices and effectiveness levels for each approach.

Feb 18, 2021

Jodi L. Liu, Zachary M. Levinson, Nabeel Shariq Qureshi, Christopher M. Whaley

Report

[Primary Care Productivity: Findings from the Literature and Perspectives from a Stakeholder Panel](#)

To advance understanding of primary care clinic productivity, the authors reviewed relevant literature and convened stakeholders to explore definitions, identify relevant tools, and establish consensus on key aspects of primary care productivity.

Feb 17, 2021

Susanne Hempel, Idamay Curtis, Stephan D. Fihn, Annie Brothers, Marjorie Danz, Karin M. Nelson, Aneesa Motala, Lisa V. Rubenstein

Report

[Adapting Course Placement Processes in Response to COVID-19 Disruptions: Guidance for Schools and Districts](#)

Because of the pandemic, spring 2020 end-of-year assessments were canceled and schools began the 2020-2021 year without assessment data. The authors compare three strategies to estimate missing test scores and help with course placement decisions.

Feb 16, 2021

Jonathan Schweig, Andrew McEachin, Megan Kuhfeld, Louis T. Mariano, Melissa Kay Diliberti

Report

[Increasing Price Transparency in Health Care: Key Themes and Policy Options from a Technical Expert Panel](#)

RAND researchers examine current price transparency efforts and their features, describe barriers to more widespread availability and use of price information, and discuss possible ways to overcome those barriers.

Feb 16, 2021

Christine Buttorff, Chapin White, Monique Martineau, Spencer R. Case, Cheryl L. Damberg

Report

[Health Service Utilization and Cost Outcomes from a Permanent Supportive Housing Program: Evidence from a Managed Care Health Plan](#)

The authors assess the short-term effects of a permanent supportive housing (PSH) program—operated by a large not-for-profit managed care plan—in Southern California for adult enrollees experiencing homelessness who have chronic health conditions.

Feb 16, 2021

Sarah B. Hunter, Adam Scherling, Ryan K. McBain, Matthew Cefalu, Brian Briscoombe, William McConnell, Priya Batra

Tool

[Chesapeake Bay Model Inventory and Selection Tool \(MIST\)](#)

The Model Inventory and Selection Tool (MIST) is an interactive, searchable database of empirical, statistical, and conceptual models relevant to water- and climate-related planning and decisionmaking in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and beyond.

Feb 16, 2021

Michelle E. Miro, Krista Romita Grocholski, Debra Knopman, Jordan R. Fischbach, Sara Schwetschenau, Kyle Haak

Report

[Protecting the Most Vulnerable by Vaccinating the Most Active](#)

In this Perspective, the authors used a network model to illustrate five different vaccination strategies for coronavirus disease 2019, showing that vaccinating the most-active people might be the best way to protect the vulnerable in the pandemic.

Feb 15, 2021

Timothy R. Gulden, Gavin S. Hartnett, Raffaele Vardavas, David Kravitz

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 20 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

[New AI UK speakers announced](#)

The Turing is pleased to announce the addition of several new, prestigious guest speakers to the line-up for our flagship event, AI UK on 23 – 24 March

Wednesday 17 Feb 2021

Unitaid [to 20 Feb 2021]

<https://unitaid.org/>

Featured News

19 February 2021

[Germany contributes €20 million to Unitaid's vital work on COVID-19](#)

...The funding from Germany will contribute to the realisation of key aspects of the new ACT-Accelerator Therapeutics Partnership strategy (co-led by Unitaid and Wellcome), including advancing research on new treatments for COVID-19, ensuring affordable supplies and country preparedness so that low- and middle-income countries are able to use treatments effectively, further allowing for the procurement of proven treatments, as and when they become available....

19 February 2021

[Unitaid welcomes the appointment of Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala to lead WTO](#)

Urban Institute [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Publications

[Developing Place-Based Two-Generation Partnerships](#)

Over seven years, local partnerships in Buffalo, New York, Columbus, Ohio, and San Antonio, Texas, embarked on an initiative focused on high-poverty neighborhoods with long histories of economic

disinvestment. The Family-Centered Community Change (FCCC) initiative, with support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, developed integrated services for communities—including education and care for children and job

[Marla McDaniel](#), [Theresa Anderson](#), [Adaeze Okoli](#), [Susan J. Popkin](#), [Amelia Coffey](#), [Peace Gwam](#)

February 18, 2021

Research Report

[Impacts of the ACA's Medicaid Expansion on Health Insurance Coverage and Health Care Access among Young Adults](#)

Health care is critically important as young adults transition from adolescence, building a foundation for their long-term health in adulthood. Yet, young adults ages 19 to 25 have historically had limited access to both employer-sponsored insurance and public insurance coverage, resulting in the highest rates of uninsurance among all age groups before passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). We examine changes

[Anuj Gangopadhyaya](#), [Emily M. Johnston](#)

February 18, 2021

Research Report

[Tracking the Credit Health of Seattle Residents](#)

Financial health reflects residents' ability to manage their daily finances, be resilient to economic shocks, and pursue opportunities for upward mobility. Credit health is an important component of overall financial health, in addition to savings, income, and wealth. During economic crises like the COVID-19 pandemic, financially healthy residents can better weather the storm, help stabilize city finances, and

[Caleb Quakenbush](#), [Madeline Brown](#), [Kassandra Martinchek](#), [Breno Braga](#), [Signe-Mary McKernan](#), [Oriya Cohen](#), [Shamoiya Washington](#), [Alexander Carther](#)

February 17, 2021

Presentation

[Tracking the Credit Health of New York City Residents](#)

Financial health reflects residents' ability to manage their daily finances, be resilient to economic shocks, and pursue opportunities for upward mobility. Credit health is an important component of overall financial health, in addition to savings, income, and wealth. During economic crises like the COVID-19 pandemic, financially healthy residents can better weather the storm, help stabilize city finances, and

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Presentation

[Tracking the Credit Health of New Orleans Residents](#)

Financial health reflects residents' ability to manage their daily finances, be resilient to economic shocks, and pursue opportunities for upward mobility. Credit health is an important component of overall financial health, in addition to savings, income, and wealth. During economic crises like the COVID-19 pandemic, financially healthy residents can better weather the storm, help stabilize city finances, and

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February 17, 2021
Presentation

[Tracking the Credit Health of Houston Residents](#)

Financial health reflects residents' ability to manage their daily finances, be resilient to economic shocks, and pursue opportunities for upward mobility. Credit health is an important component of overall financial health, in addition to savings, income, and wealth. During economic crises like the COVID-19 pandemic, financially healthy residents can better weather the storm, help stabilize city finances, and

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February 17, 2021
Presentation

[Tracking the Credit Health of Detroit Residents](#)

Financial health reflects residents' ability to manage their daily finances, be resilient to economic shocks, and pursue opportunities for upward mobility. Credit health is an important component of overall financial health, in addition to savings, income, and wealth. During economic crises like the COVID-19 pandemic, financially healthy residents can better weather the storm, help stabilize city finances,

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February 17, 2021
Presentation

[Tracking the Credit Health of Washington, DC Residents](#)

Financial health reflects residents' ability to manage their daily finances, be resilient to economic shocks, and pursue opportunities for upward mobility. Credit health is an important component of overall financial health, in addition to savings, income, and wealth. During economic crises like the COVID-19 pandemic, financially healthy residents can better weather the storm, help stabilize city finances, and

[Caleb Quakenbush](#), [Madeline Brown](#), [Kassandra Martinchek](#), [Breno Braga](#), [Signe-Mary McKernan](#), [Oriya Cohen](#), [Shamoiya Washington](#), [Alexander Carther](#)

February 17, 2021
Presentation

[Key Cross-State Variations in CCDF Policies as of October 1, 2019](#)

The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) provides federal money to States, Territories, and Tribes to subsidize the cost of child care for low-income working families. Detailed policies vary widely across jurisdictions, with States, Territories, and Tribes establishing different policies for: Eligibility requirements for families and children Application, waiting list, and redetermination requirements

[Kelly Dwyer](#), [Sarah Minton](#), [Danielle Kwon](#), [Kennedy Weisner](#)

February 17, 2021
Research Report

[Tracking the Credit Health of Chicago Residents](#)

Financial health reflects residents' ability to manage their daily finances, be resilient to economic shocks, and pursue opportunities for upward mobility. Credit health is an important component of

overall financial health, in addition to savings, income, and wealth. During economic crises like the COVID-19 pandemic, financially healthy residents can better weather the storm, help stabilize city finances, and

[Caleb Quakenbush](#), [Madeline Brown](#), [Kassandra Martinchek](#), [Breno Braga](#), [Signe-Mary McKernan](#), [Oriya Cohen](#), [Shamoiya Washington](#), [Alexander Carther](#)

February 17, 2021

Presentation

[Tracking the Credit Health of San Francisco Residents](#)

Financial health reflects residents' ability to manage their daily finances, be resilient to economic shocks, and pursue opportunities for upward mobility. Credit health is an important component of overall financial health, in addition to savings, income, and wealth. During economic crises like the COVID-19 pandemic, financially healthy residents can better weather the storm, help stabilize city finances, and

[Caleb Quakenbush](#), [Madeline Brown](#), [Kassandra Martinchek](#), [Breno Braga](#), [Signe-Mary McKernan](#), [Oriya Cohen](#), [Shamoiya Washington](#), [Alexander Carther](#)

February 17, 2021

Presentation

[Child Care Subsidies under the CCDF Program](#)

If a parent works full time and earns \$30,000 per year, can the family receive a subsidy to help pay for child care? If the family does qualify for a subsidy, how much will they have to pay out of pocket? The answers to these questions depend on a family's exact circumstances, including: the ages of the children the number of people in the family income where they live Child care subsidies are provided

[Sarah Minton](#), [Kelly Dwyer](#), [Danielle Kwon](#), [Kennedy Weisner](#)

February 17, 2021

Brief

[Delayed and Forgone Health Care for Nonelderly Adults during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted health care in an unprecedented way, leading some patients to postpone or forgo care. Using data from the Urban Institute's September 2020 Coronavirus Tracking Survey, a nationally representative survey of adults ages 18 to 64, we examine delayed or forgone care during the pandemic for nine types of health care services and assess patterns by race/ethnicity, income, and the

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

February 16, 2021

Brief

[Delayed and Forgone Health Care for Children during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Since the pandemic began, health care providers and consumers have sought to minimize COVID-19 transmission by limiting in-person visits. Consequently, many children are missing out on or having their health care delayed. Drawing on the Urban Institute's September 2020 Coronavirus Tracking Survey, a nationally representative survey of adults ages 18 to 64, we examine delayed and forgone health care for children

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

February 16, 2021

Fact Sheet

Working with Administrative Data in Early Childhood and Related Fields

The resource list aims to support Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) administrators and their research partners in using administrative data to address policy-relevant early care and education research questions. It lists resources that explain how to acquire, use, manage, link, and analyze administrative data in early childhood or related fields.

[Van-Kim Lin](#), [Kelly Maxwell](#), [Carlise King](#), [Kassandra Martinchek](#), [Julia B. Isaacs](#)

February 16, 2021

Research Report

2021 Poverty Projections

As Congress considers President Biden's proposal to provide additional support to families and stimulate the economy, it is important to understand the extent of need American families may be facing in the coming year. We project an overall 2021 poverty rate of 13.7 percent, meaning that about one in seven Americans may have annual family resources below the poverty threshold. We use the Supplemental

[Linda Giannarelli](#), [Laura Wheaton](#), [Katie Shantz](#)

February 16, 2021

Brief

The Wistar Institute [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Media

No new digest content identified.

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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 20 Feb 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases and Statements
No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 20 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 20 Feb 2021]

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

Newsroom

[The Annie E. Casey Foundation Names Patrice Cromwell Vice President, Center for Economic Opportunity](#)

Posted February 16, 2021

Clinton Foundation [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 20 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 20 Feb 2021]

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

The Latest

No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest News

February 11, 2021

[Visually Stunning Catalogue Blends Curation, Conservation, and the History of French Rococo Ébénisterie, the Masterfully Made Furniture Known for its Sumptuous Surfaces and Lavish Designs](#)

Press Release

Available for the first time via Getty's open-access platform, Quire, this visually stunning catalogue blends curation, conservation, and the history of French Rococo ébénisterie, the masterfully made furniture known for its sumptuous surfaces and lavish designs

GHIT Fund [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

*GHIT was set up in 212 with the aim of developing new tools to tackle infectious diseases that
No new digest content identified.*

Grameen Foundation [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Stories

[Submit your proposals to evaluate #BuildingLife](#)

... And so together with the Laudes Foundation, we are excited to announce a request for proposals to evaluate the #BuildingLife project. Organised by our partner the [World Green Building Council](#), #BuildingLife unites professionals and stakeholders from across Europe's construction industry to adopt zero carbon targets and create national roadmaps to reach them.

February 18, 2021

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Room

Institute Feb 18 2021

[HHMI Commits \\$30 Million to Increase Diversity in Science with 21 Hanna Gray Fellows](#)

HHMI announces the selection of 21 exceptional early career scientists as 2020 Hanna Gray Fellows to support diversity in biomedical research. The 2022 Hanna H. Gray Fellows Program competition will open later this year.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News Releases

February 19, 2021 *News Release*

[KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor: Attitudes Towards COVID-19 Vaccination Among Black Women and Men](#)

The latest from the KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor finds that Black men (45%) and women (41%) are more likely than other groups to want to “wait and see” how the COVID-19 vaccine works for others before getting it themselves, making them a key target for public health officials seeking to...

February 18, 2021 *News Release*

[New Analysis: Updated State Data Continues To Show Wide Disparities in COVID-19 Vaccination Rates by Race/Ethnicity](#)

KFF has an updated analysis of state-reported data as of February 16, 2021 on COVID-19 vaccinations, cases, and deaths by race/ethnicity. New to the analysis are comparisons of vaccination rates in each racial/ethnic group based on state-reported data of total people who have received at least one dose of the...

February 18, 2021 *News Release*

[Two New Analyses: House COVID-19 Relief Plan Would Temporarily Lower Marketplace Premiums for Millions and More than Offset Short-Term State Costs to Expand Their Medicaid Programs](#)

The House COVID-19 relief proposal would temporarily lower what millions of Marketplace enrollees and uninsured potential enrollees would pay toward premiums and would provide states that have not expanded their Medicaid programs a financial boost that would more than offset their costs initially, two new KFF analyses find. The analyses...

February 18, 2021 *News Release*

[As Coronavirus Cases Surged This Fall, Admissions to Hospitals for Reasons Other Than COVID-19 Fell Markedly, Especially in the Midwest and West](#)

Admissions to hospitals for reasons other than COVID-19 fell markedly again in November as cases of infections with the novel coronavirus began to surge anew, suggesting that more people were delaying care due to the worsening pandemic, according to an updated analysis by Epic Health Research Network (EHRN) and KFF....

February 16, 2021 *News Release*

[The COVID-19 Pandemic Has Hit People of Color the Hardest, Including Among People With Medicare](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the stark racial and ethnic health inequities in the U.S., including among Medicare beneficiaries. Among this group, people of color, including older adults and others on Medicare, account for disproportionate shares of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths, according to data presented in a new KFF...

February 16, 2021 *News Release*

[States Set Different COVID-19 Vaccination Priorities for People with High-Risk Conditions](#)

People with medical conditions that put them at higher risk of developing serious COVID-19 illness are next in line to get vaccinated in many states, though states are making very different choices about how to prioritize those within this large group, finds a KFF analysis of state policies. The U.S...

Kellogg Foundation [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Selected Announcements

[90th anniversary annual report affirms founder's vision](#)

Grantee strengths and resolve central to 2020 reflections

Feb. 17, 2021

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. – The W.K. Kellogg Foundation announced today the release of its 90th anniversary annual report, “For 90 Years ... For Children,” highlighting and affirming its dedication to Will Keith Kellogg’s vision throughout the year 2020. This year’s reflections emphasize the importance of authentic relationships and grantees’ responsiveness to foster change in the midst of disruption from the pandemic and greater exposure to ongoing racial inequities.

“In this era, I believe building and strengthening relationships has never been more critical,” writes Board Chair Dr. Celeste A. Clark, in her annual letter. “We need to see each other, to value each other even as we operate virtually from a square on a screen.”...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News, Events, What We're Learning

[Fewer People in Jails Thanks to COVID-19 Measures](#)

February 15, 2021

Grantee Research

A brief on jail trends during COVID-19 from the CUNY Institute for State and Local Governance, examined the impact of emergency measures to reduce jail populations in response to the pandemic in Safety and Justice Challenge sites. The report found a steep initial drop of 24 percent between February and April 2020, before climbing once again through the summer. The MacArthur-supported brief identified that jail populations are still lower than pre-COVID levels, but the decline was more dramatic for White people, increasing or perpetuating existing disparities.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 20 Feb 2021]

<https://mellon.org/>

Mellon News, Press Releases

[Mellon Foundation Announces Five New Proposals Funded through the Monuments Project](#)

February 9, 2021

As Part of Mellon's \$250M Commitment Last Fall, New Grants Will Fund Five Projects Focused on Confronting the Past and Shaping the Future by Challenging the Narratives Behind America's Monuments

NEW YORK, NY, February 9, 2021 – Today, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation announced five new projects to be funded through its monuments initiative. Launched in October 2020, [the Monuments Project](#) is the Foundation's groundbreaking \$250 million grantmaking effort to reimagine and transform commemorative spaces to celebrate America's diverse history. These grants will be awarded to the Emmett Till Interpretive Center, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), MASS Design Group, Prospect New Orleans, and the Social and Public Art Resource Center...

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases & Statements

February 16, 2021

[Pew Commends Virginia Senate Panel for Advancing Retirement Savings Bill](#)

Rockefeller Foundation [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Reports/Press Releases

Feb 18 2021 *Press Releases*

[Testing for America Releases How-To Guide for Testing Programs to Reopen Schools Safely](#)

:: Weekly testing can reduce in-school infections by 50% when combined with masking and distancing

:: With support from The Rockefeller Foundation and the Skoll Foundation, new Covid-19 Testing

Playbook is based on real-world experiences from over 90 school leaders.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Latest News and Highlights
No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 20 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 20 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 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Releases

[Announcing the 2021 Sloan Research Fellows](#)

128 outstanding early-career researchers honored across eight fields

[undated] (New York, NY) –The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation today announcesthe names ofthe 128early career researchers who have been selected to receive a 2021Sloan Research Fellowship. Awarded annually since 1955, the fellowships honor extraordinary U.S. and Canadian researchers whose creativity, innovation, and research accomplishments makethem stand out as the next generation of scientific leaders.A full list of the 2021Fellows cohort is available at <https://sloan.org/fellowships/2021-Fellows> ...

Fellows from the 2021cohort are drawn from a diverse range of 58institutions across the U.S. and Canada, from large public university systems, to Ivy League institutions, to small liberal arts colleges. "It is great to see the different kinds of colleges and universities that now have Sloan Research Fellows on their faculty," says Daniel L. Goroff, director of the Sloan Research Fellowship program. "What those institutions clearly have in common is that they are successfully attracting remarkable researchers who then thrive on their campuses."

Open to scholars in eight scientific and technical fields—chemistry, computational and evolutionary molecular biology, computer science, Earth system science, economics, mathematics, neuroscience, and physics—the Sloan Research Fellowships are awarded in close coordination with the scientific community. Candidates must be nominated by their fellow scientists and winners are selected by

independent panels of senior scholars on the basis of a candidate's research accomplishments, creativity, and potential to become a leader in his or her field. More than 1000 researchers are nominated each year for 128 fellowship slots. Winners receive a two-year, \$75,000 fellowship which can be spent to advance the fellow's research.

Wellcome Trust [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

News

Explainer

What are human infection studies and why do we need them?

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

18 February 2021

Opinion

We're backing the AMR Action Fund – this is what it means for antibiotic innovation

Wellcome joins a new collaboration of private and philanthropic partners in the search for new antibiotics to treat drug-resistant infections. Tim Jinks explains why this is important and why the next move needs to come from governments.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 20 Feb 2021]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 20 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

February 2021 Volume 174, Issue 2

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

Reviews

[Remdesivir for Adults With COVID-19](#)

A Living Systematic Review for American College of Physicians Practice Points

FREE

Timothy J. Wilt, MD, MPH, Anjum S. Kaka, MD, Roderick MacDonald, MS, Nancy Greer, PhD, [... et al.](#)

Research and Reporting Methods

[Clinical Endpoints for Evaluating Efficacy in COVID-19 Vaccine Trials](#)

FREE

Devan V. Mehrotra, PhD, Holly E. Janes, PhD, Thomas R. Fleming, PhD, Paula W. Annunziato, MD, [... et al.](#)

Clinical Guidelines

[Should Remdesivir Be Used for the Treatment of Patients With COVID-19? Rapid, Living Practice Points From the American College of Physicians \(Version 1\)](#)

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Amir Qaseem, MD, PhD, MHA, Jennifer Yost, RN, PhD, Itziar Etxeandia-Ikobaltzeta, PharmD, PhD, [... et al.](#)

Medicine and Public Issues

[Managing COVID-19 in a Novel, Rapidly Deployable Community Isolation Quarantine Facility](#)

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Ming Li Chia, MBBS, Dickson Hong Him Chau, MBBS, MMed(Ortho), [... et al.](#)

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[COVID-19 Vaccine: Promoting Vaccine Acceptance](#)

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Christine Laine, MD, MPH, Deborah Cotton, MD, MPH, Darilyn V. Moyer, MD

Ideas and Opinions

[Emergency Approvals for COVID-19: Evolving Impact on Obligations to Patients in Clinical Care and Research](#)

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Holly Fernandez Lynch, JD, MBE, Alison Bateman-House, PhD, MPH, Steven Joffe, MD, MPH

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology

Latest Issue: Issue 379 - February 2021

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

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Volume 292 March 2021

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/292/suppl/C>

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

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February 2021 - Volume 6 - 2

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BMC Medical Ethics

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Research article

[Artificial intelligence for good health: a scoping review of the ethics literature](#)

Authors: Kathleen Murphy, Erica Di Ruggiero, Ross Upshur, Donald J. Willison, Neha Malhotra, Jia Ce Cai, Nakul Malhotra, Vincci Lui and Jennifer Gibson

15 February 2021

Artificial intelligence (AI) has been described as the “fourth industrial revolution” with transformative and global implications, including in healthcare, public health, and global health. AI approaches hold promise for improving health systems worldwide, as well as individual and population health outcomes. While AI may have potential for advancing health equity within and between countries, we must consider the ethical implications of its deployment in order to mitigate its potential harms, particularly for the most vulnerable. This scoping review addresses the following question: What ethical issues have been identified in relation to AI in the field of health, including from a global health perspective?

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February 2021 - Volume 11 - 2

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

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

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

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Volume 18 Issue 1, February 2021

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Volume 100 January 2021

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The CRISPR Journal

Volume 3, Issue 6 / December 2020

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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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Volume 108, Issue 1 December 2020

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Developing World Bioethics

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

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Volume 30, Issue 8, 2020

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Volume 39, Issue 2 Pages: 153-339 March 2021

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

ARTICLES

Open Access

[Quantifying the coherence of development policy priorities](#)

[Omar A. Guerrero](#), [Gonzalo Castañeda](#)

Pages: 155-180

First Published: 11 February 2020

Over the last 30 years, the concept of policy coherence for development has attracted the attention of academics, practitioners and international organizations. However, its quantification and measurement remain elusive. To address this challenge, we develop a quantitative counterfactual-based framework to measure the coherence of policy priorities for development.

Our framework takes account of the country-specific constraints facing governments in trying to reach development goals. We present a new definition of policy coherence that employs resource allocations as the baseline to construct a coherence index.

[Confronting the scarcity of digital skills among the poor in developing countries](#)

[Jeffrey James](#)

Pages: 324-339

First Published: 23 October 2019

As part of the second digital divide", the scarcity of digital skills among the "bottom billion" in poor countries has been noted in the literature. The typical policy response to this daunting situation is to directly increase the supply of these missing resources. The article does not dispute the need for such policy, but argues in favour of supplementary interventions that bypass this scarcity in a bid to bring the benefit of digital technologies to people living in poverty.

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 16 - Issue 1 - 2021

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

Article

[Assistive robots to improve the independent living of older persons: results from a needs study](#)

[Laura Fiorini](#), [Marleen De Mul](#), [Isabelle Fabbricotti](#), [Raffaele Limosani](#), [Alessandra Vitanza](#), [Grazia D'Onofrio](#), [Michael Tsui](#), [Daniele Sancarlo](#), [Francesco Giuliani](#), [Antonio Greco](#), [Denis Guiot](#), [Eloïse Senges](#) & [Filippo Cavallo](#)

Pages: 92-102

Published online: 22 Jul 2019

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 22 Issue 2 3 February 2021

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Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 27, Number 2—February 2021

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Volume 33 December 2020

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

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Volume 149 - 2021

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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.
[Reviewed earlier]

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 13, issue 1, February 2021

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/13-1>

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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.

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Forum for Development Studies

Volume 47, 2020 - Issue 3

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

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Gates Open Research

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<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)

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Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

Vol. 8, No. 4 December 23, 2020

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

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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/>

[Accessed 20 Feb 2021]

Commentary

[Implementation science research for the scale-up of evidence-based interventions for sickle cell disease in africa: a commentary](#)

Authors: Joyce Gyamfi, Temitope Ojo, Juliet Iwelunmor, Gbenga Ogedegbe, Nessa Ryan, Amy Diawara, Obiageli Nnodu, Ambroise Wonkam, Charmaine Royal and Emmanuel Peprah

Content type:
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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
[New issue; No digest content identified]

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 35, Issue 10, December 2020
<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/35/10>
Original Articles

[Improving health facility delivery rates in Zanzibar, Tanzania through a large-scale digital community health volunteer programme: a process evaluation](#)

[Isabel R Fulcher, Allyson R Nelson, Jalia I Tibaijuka, Samira S Seif, Sam Lilienfeld ...](#)

[Defining 'older people' in Chile: challenges in planning policies for ageing populations](#)

[Pablo Villalobos Dintrans, Catalina Izquierdo, René Guzmán, María José Gálvez, Sylvia Santander](#)

[Economic evaluation and health systems strengthening: a review of the literature](#)

[Susan Cleary](#)

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 35, Issue 10, December 2020, Pages 1413–1423,
<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czaa116>

Health Research Policy and Systems

<http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content>
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[A framework for preferred practices in conducting culturally competent health research in a multicultural society](#)

Improving the health and well-being of the whole population requires that health inequities be addressed. In an era of unprecedented international migration, meeting the health care needs of growing multicultu...

Authors: Lisa Woodland, Ilse Blignault, Cathy O'Callaghan and Ben Harris-Roxas

Citation: Health Research Policy and Systems 2021 19:24

Content type: Research

Published on: 18 February 2021

Abstract

Background

Improving the health and well-being of the whole population requires that health inequities be addressed. In an era of unprecedented international migration, meeting the health care needs of growing multicultural or multiethnic societies presents major challenges for health care systems and for health researchers. Considerable literature exists on the methodological and ethical difficulties of conducting research in a cross-cultural context; however, there is a need for a framework to guide health research in multicultural societies.

Methods

The framework was informed by "research on research" that we have undertaken in community and primary health care settings in Sydney, Australia. Case studies are presented as illustrative examples.

Results

We present a framework for preferred practices in conducting health research that is culturally informed, high-quality, safe, and actionable.

Conclusions

The framework is not intended to be universal, however many of its aspects will have relevance for health research generally. Application of the framework for preferred practices could potentially make health research more culturally competent, thus enabling enhanced policies, programmes and practices to better meet population health needs. The framework needs to be further tested and refined in different contexts.

Human Gene Therapy

Volume 32, Issue 1-2 / January 2021

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/32/1-2>

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

Guest Editor: Adrian J. Thrasher, PhD

[Reviewed earlier]

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 42, Number 4, November 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 78, October 2020

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

[Disability inclusion in humanitarian action](#)

by HPN October 2020

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

As Kirstin Lange notes in the lead article, chief among these challenges is humanitarian agencies' lack of engagement with organisations of persons with disabilities. 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.idpjournals.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

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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

Vol 8, No 1 (2021) January 2021

<https://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/72>

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International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 52 January 2021

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/52/suppl/C>

Research article Abstract only

[**Social media and early warning systems for natural disasters: A case study of Typhoon Eta in Japan**](#)

Katsushige Kitazawa, Scott A. Hale

Article 101926

Research article Abstract only

[**Assessment of humanitarian crises and disaster risk exposure using data-driven Bayesian Networks**](#)

Abroon Qazi, Mecit Can Emre Simsekler

Article 101938

Research article Open access

[**Defining a humanitarian shelter and settlements research agenda**](#)

Aaron Opdyke, Briar Goldwyn, Amy Javernick-Will

Article 101950

Research article Abstract only

[**A citizen science approach for supporting rapid earthquake impact assessments**](#)

D. Sandron, T. Tufaro, A. Scolobig, F. Di Bernardo, ... A. Rebez

Article 101969

Review article Abstract only

[**Humanitarian logistics and emergencies management: New perspectives to a sociotechnical problem and its optimization approach management**](#)

Luis Yáñez-Sandivari, Cristián E. Cortés, Pablo A. Rey
Article 101952

International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 49, Issue 6, December 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue>

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International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 27, Issue 3, 2021

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjhs20/current>

introduction

[The relevance of researching video games and cultural heritage](#)

Xenia Zeiler & Suzie Thomas

Pages: 265-267

Published online: 03 May 2020

Article

[Rethinking game heritage – towards reflexivity in game preservation](#)

Niklas Nylund, Patrick Prax & Olli Sotamaa

Pages: 268-280

Published online: 19 Apr 2020

Article

[Eclectic Religion: The flattening of religious cultural heritage in videogames](#)

Lars de Wildt & S. D. Aupers

Pages: 312-330

Published online: 07 Apr 2020

International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

Volume 14 Issue 1 2021

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2056-4902/vol/14/iss/1>

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February 2021 Volume 103 p1-654

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International Migration Review

Volume 54 Issue 4, December 2020

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/mrxa/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

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>

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JAMA

February 16, 2021, Vol 325, No. 7, Pages 605-702

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

Health Policy

[Declining Life Expectancy in the United StatesThe Need for Social Policy as Health Policy](#)

Atheendar S. Venkataramani, MD, PhD; Rourke O'Brien, PhD; Alexander C. Tsai, MD, PhD

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JAMA. 2021;325(7):621-622. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.26339

This Viewpoint reviews the social and economic drivers of declines in longevity in the US, especially among lower socioeconomic status groups, and proposes policy options for the Biden-Harris administration to mitigate the trend, including an increase in the federally mandated minimum wage.

Editorial

[Health Care Is a Right, Not a Privilege - A New Series on US Health Care and Health Policy](#)

Howard Bauchner, MD; Phil B. Fontanarosa, MD, MBA; Karen Joynt Maddox, MD, MPH

[Recalibrating the Use of Race in Medical Research](#)

John P. A. Ioannidis, MD, DSc; Neil R. Powe, MD, MPH, MBA; Clyde Yancy, MD, MSc

free access has audio

JAMA. 2021;325(7):623-624. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.0003

This Viewpoint reviews the way race has been used and misused in medical research and urges careful consideration by investigators of how its use might ameliorate or worsen health inequalities.

Editorial

[Race, Ancestry, and Medical Research](#)

Phil B. Fontanarosa, MD, MBA; Howard Bauchner, MD

[Race and Pharmacogenomics—Personalized Medicine or Misguided Practice?](#)

Christopher W. Goodman, MD; Allan S. Brett, MD

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JAMA. 2021;325(7):625-626. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.25473

This Viewpoint uses examples of recommendations for race-based pharmacogenetic testing to discuss flaws and inconsistencies with race and ethnicity as surrogates for biology, and the consequences of those deficiencies for clinical decision-making.

JAMA Network

[COVID-19 Update February 20, 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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JBIE Evidence Synthesis

February 2021 - Volume 19 - Issue 2

<https://journals.lww.com/jbisrir/Pages/currenttoc.aspx>

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Journal of Adolescent Health

February 2021 Volume 68 Issue 2 p223-428

<https://www.jahonline.org/current>

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Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research

Vol. 70 (2021)

<https://www.jair.org/index.php/jair>

[Reviewed earlier]

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>

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Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development

2021 Volume 11 Issue 1

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2044-1266/vol/11/iss/1>

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Journal of Development Economics

Volume 149 March 2021

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-development-economics/vol/149/suppl/C>
[Reviewed earlier]

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

February 2021 - Volume 75 - 2
<https://jech.bmj.com/content/75/2>
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Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine

Volume 13, Issue 4 Pages: 251-324 November 2020
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/17565391/current>
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Journal of Global Ethics

Volume 16, Issue 2, 2020
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Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (JHCPU)

Volume 31, Number 4, November 2020 Supplement
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Volume 10 Issue 3 2020
<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2042-6747/vol/10/iss/3>
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Volume 23, issue 1, February 2021

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10903/volumes-and-issues/23-1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies

Volume 19, 2021_ Issue 1

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/wimm20/current>

Current Conflicts over Migration, Belonging and Membership: Classificatory Struggles Revisited

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Infectious Diseases

Volume 223, Issue 3, 1 February 2021

<https://academic.oup.com/jid/issue/223/3>

Editor's Choice

[Guillain-Barré Syndrome Following Influenza Vaccines Affords Opportunity to Improve Vaccine Confidence](#)

[Daniel A Salmon, Matthew Z Dudley, Bruce C Carleton](#)

REVIEWS

[Clinical Trials of Broadly Neutralizing Monoclonal Antibodies for Human Immunodeficiency Virus Prevention: A Review](#)

[Sharana Mahomed, Nigel Garrett, Cheryl Baxter, Quarraisha Abdool Karim, Salim S Abdool Karim](#)

The Journal of Infectious Diseases, Volume 223, Issue 3, 1 February 2021, Pages 370–380,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/infdis/jiaa377>

The use of broadly neutralizing antibodies (bnAbs) is a promising approach that could help reduce the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) epidemic burden. This review describes the status and available data on bnAbs in clinical trials for HIV prevention.

Journal of International Development

Volume 33, Issue 1 Pages: 1-274 January 2021

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/10991328/current>

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Journal of Medical Ethics

February 2021 - Volume 47 - 2

<http://jme.bmj.com/content/current>

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Journal of Operations Management

Volume 67, Issue 1 Pages: 1-115 January 2021

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/18731317/current>

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Journal of Patient-Centered Research and Reviews

Volume 8, Issue 1 (2021)

<https://digitalrepository.aurorahealthcare.org/jpcrr/>

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Journal of Pediatrics

February 2021 Volume 229 p1-316

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

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Journal of Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice

<https://joppp.biomedcentral.com/>

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Emmanuel Lamptey, Dorcas Serwaa, Maxwell Hubert Antwi, Theckla Ikome Ms, and Nkechi Odogwu

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Ian Jones, Polly Roy

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[Safety and efficacy of an rAd26 and rAd5 vector-based heterologous prime-boost COVID-19 vaccine: an interim analysis of a randomised controlled phase 3 trial in Russia](#)

Denis Y Logunov, and the Gam-COVID-Vac Vaccine Trial Group

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Peter Richmond, et al.

Interpretation

The SCB-2019 vaccine, comprising S-Trimer protein formulated with either AS03 or CpG/Alum adjuvants, elicited robust humoral and cellular immune responses against SARS-CoV-2, with high viral neutralising activity. Both adjuvanted vaccine formulations were well tolerated and are suitable for further clinical development.

Funding

Clover Biopharmaceuticals and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations.

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[Public policy and health in the Trump era](#)

Steffie Woolhandler, et al

This report by the Lancet Commission on Public Policy and Health in the Trump Era assesses the repercussions of President Donald Trump's health-related policies and examines the failures and social schisms that enabled his election. Trump exploited low and middle-income white people's anger over their deteriorating life prospects to mobilise racial animus and xenophobia and enlist their support for policies that benefit high-income people and corporations and threaten health. His signature legislative achievement, a trillion-dollar tax cut for corporations and high-income individuals, opened a budget hole that he used to justify cutting food subsidies and health care. His appeals to racism, nativism, and religious bigotry have emboldened white nationalists and vigilantes, and encouraged police violence and, at the end of his term in office, insurrection. He chose judges for US courts who are dismissive of affirmative action and reproductive, labour, civil, and voting rights; ordered the mass detention of immigrants in hazardous conditions; and promulgated regulations that reduce access to abortion and contraception in the USA and globally. Although his effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act failed, he

weakened its coverage and increased the number of uninsured people by 2·3 million, even before the mass dislocation of the COVID-19 pandemic, and has accelerated the privatisation of government health programmes. Trump's hostility to environmental regulations has already worsened pollution—resulting in more than 22 000 extra deaths in 2019 alone—hastened global warming, and despoiled national monuments and lands sacred to Native people. Disdain for science and cuts to global health programmes and public health agencies have impeded the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, causing tens of thousands of unnecessary deaths, and imperil advances against HIV and other diseases. And Trump's bellicose trade, defence, and foreign policies have led to economic disruption and threaten an upswing in armed conflict.

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[Variant-proof vaccines — invest now for the next pandemic](#)

COVID's evolution signals the importance of rational vaccine design based on broadly neutralizing antibodies.

Dennis R. Burton & Eric J. Topol

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Heat-treated tools from 300,000 years ago

Controlled use of fire is one of the most important discoveries of early hominins. Agam et al. use Raman spectroscopy and machine learning to estimate the heating temperatures of flint tools fabricated by hominins over 300,000 years ago at Qesem Cave, providing insights into both advanced behaviours and the cognitive evolution of our species.



Article | 05 October 2020

[Estimating temperatures of heated Lower Palaeolithic flint artefacts](#)

Controlled use of fire is one of the most outstanding achievements attributed to humankind. Artificial intelligence estimates the heating temperatures of flint tools fabricated by hominins over 300,000 years ago at Qesem Cave, providing insightful views into both advanced behaviours and the cognitive evolution of our species.

Aviad Agam, Ido Azuri & Filipe Natalio

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Diverging from tested vaccination regimens without scientific evidence could undermine public confidence in vaccines against COVID-19 and the success of a global vaccination strategy to curtail the pandemic.

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[The limits of acceptable political influence over the FDA](#)

Holly Fernandez Lynch, Steven Joffe & Matthew S. McCoy

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[Ethical considerations of COVID-19-related adjustments to clinical research](#)

Unexpected direct and indirect risks of participating in clinical trials have emerged during COVID-19 that investigators and institutional review boards may not be sure how to investigate. How should existing guidance and ethical frameworks for clinical trials be applied in a pandemic setting?
Nina S. Hsu, Saskia Hendriks & Christine Grady

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[Looking beyond COVID-19 vaccine phase 3 trials](#)

A comprehensive strategy for the next steps to ensure vaccination of the global population against SARS-CoV-2 is now required, and key steps and challenges are detailed in this Perspective.
Jerome H. Kim, Florian Marks & John D. Clemens

Brief Communication | 20 October 2020

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Survey data from across 19 countries reveal heterogeneity in attitudes toward acceptance of a COVID-19 vaccine and suggest that trust in government is associated with vaccine confidence.
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Perri Klass, M.D., and Adam J. Ratner, M.D., M.P.H.

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Mariana C. Castells, M.D., Ph.D., and Elizabeth J. Phillips, M.D.

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Opinion

Leading scientists discuss current issues

[Opinion: A better approach for dealing with reproducibility and replicability in science](#)

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James D. Nichols, Madan K. Oli, William L. Kendall, and G. Scott Boomer

PNAS February 16, 2021 118 (7) e2100769118; <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2100769118>

Science impacts our daily lives and guides national and international policies (1). Thus, results of scientific studies are of paramount importance; yet, there are concerns that many studies are not reproducible or replicable (2). To address these concerns, the National Research Council conducted a Consensus Study [NASEM 2019 (3)] that provides definitions of key concepts, discussions of problems, and recommendations for dealing with these problems. These recommendations are useful and well considered, but they do not go far enough in our opinion. The NASEM recommendations treat

reproducibility and replicability as single-study issues, despite clear acknowledgement of the limitations of isolated studies and the need for research synthesis (3). We advocate a strategic approach to research, focusing on the accumulation of evidence via designed sequences of studies, as a means of dealing more effectively with reproducibility, replicability, and related problems. These sequences are designed to provide iterative tests based on comparison of data from empirical studies with predictions from competing hypotheses. Evidence is then formally accumulated based on the relative predictive abilities of the different hypotheses as the sequential studies proceed.

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[Global inequities and political borders challenge nature conservation under climate change](#)

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[Kimberly M. Thompson](#)

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By Wayne C. Koff, Seth F. Berkley

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[Deaths of health workers in Africa highlight vaccine inequity](#)

By Kai Kupferschmidt

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Growing toll on fragile health systems prompts calls for rich countries to share their doses.

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[Inferring the effectiveness of government interventions against COVID-19](#)

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Science 19 Feb 2021 Open Access

The effect of nonpharmaceutical interventions on SARS-CoV-2 transmission during the early phase of the pandemic is quantified.

Policy Forum

[We need a global science-policy body on chemicals and waste](#)

By Zhanyun Wang, Rolf Altenburger, Thomas Backhaus, Adrian Covaci, Miriam L. Diamond, Joan O. Grimalt, Rainer Lohmann, Andreas Schäffer, Martin Scheringer, Henrik Selin, Anna Soehl, Noriyuki Suzuki

Science 19 Feb 2021 : 774-776 Restricted Access

Major gaps in current efforts limit policy responses

Summary

Many countries and regional political unions have regulatory and policy frameworks for managing chemicals and waste associated with human activities to minimize harms to human health and the environment. These frameworks are complemented and expanded by joint international action, particularly related to pollutants that undergo long-range transport via air, water, and biota; move across national borders through international trade of resources, products, and waste; or are present in many countries (1). Some progress has been made, but the Global Chemicals Outlook (GCO-II) from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (1) has called for “strengthen[ing] the science-policy interface and the use of science in monitoring progress, priority-setting, and policy-making throughout the life cycle of chemicals and waste.” With the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA) soon meeting to discuss how to strengthen the science-policy interface on chemicals and waste (2), we analyze the landscape and outline recommendations for establishing an overarching body on chemicals and waste.

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Neha S. Singh, Roxanne J. Kovacs, Rachel Cassidy, Søren R. Kristensen, ... Garrett W. Brown

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Winter 2021 Volume 19, Number 1

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

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

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[Air travel and COVID-19 prevention in the pandemic and peri-pandemic period: A narrative review](#)

Michel Bielecki, Dipti Patel, Jochen Hinkelbein, Matthieu Komorowski, ... Patricia Schlagenhaut
Article 101915

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Short communication Open access

[Strengthening screening for infectious diseases and vaccination among migrants in Europe: What is needed to close the implementation gaps?](#)

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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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