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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, Development, Heritage Stewardship, Peace-Conflict. Achieving a balance across these broad themes is a challenge and we appreciate your observations and ideas in this regard.*



## **Food Insecurity - Crises**

### **[Acute hunger remains persistently high in 59 countries with 1 in 5 people assessed in need of critical urgent action - Global Report on Food Crises](#)**

*Global Network Against Food Crises' partners call for a transformative approach to break the cycle of acute hunger*

ROME/GENEVA/NEW YORK, 24 April 2024 - According to the latest Global Report on Food Crises (GRFC), **nearly 282 million people in 59 countries and territories experienced high levels of acute hunger in 2023 - a worldwide increase of 24 million from the previous year.** This rise was due to the report's increased coverage of food crisis contexts as well as a sharp deterioration in food security, especially in the Gaza Strip and the Sudan.

For four consecutive years, the proportion of people facing acute food insecurity has remained persistently high at almost 22 percent of those assessed, significantly exceeding pre-COVID-19 levels.

**Children and women are at the forefront of these hunger crises, with over 36 million children under 5 years of age acutely malnourished across 32 countries,** the report shows. Acute malnutrition worsened in 2023, particularly among people displaced because of conflict and disasters.

The Global Network Against Food Crises **urgently calls for a transformative approach that integrates peace, prevention and development action alongside at-scale emergency efforts to break the cycle of acute hunger** which remains at unacceptably high levels.

"This crisis demands an urgent response. Using the data in this report to transform food systems and address the underlying causes of food insecurity and malnutrition will be vital," said António Guterres, UN Secretary-General.

### ***Protracted hunger***

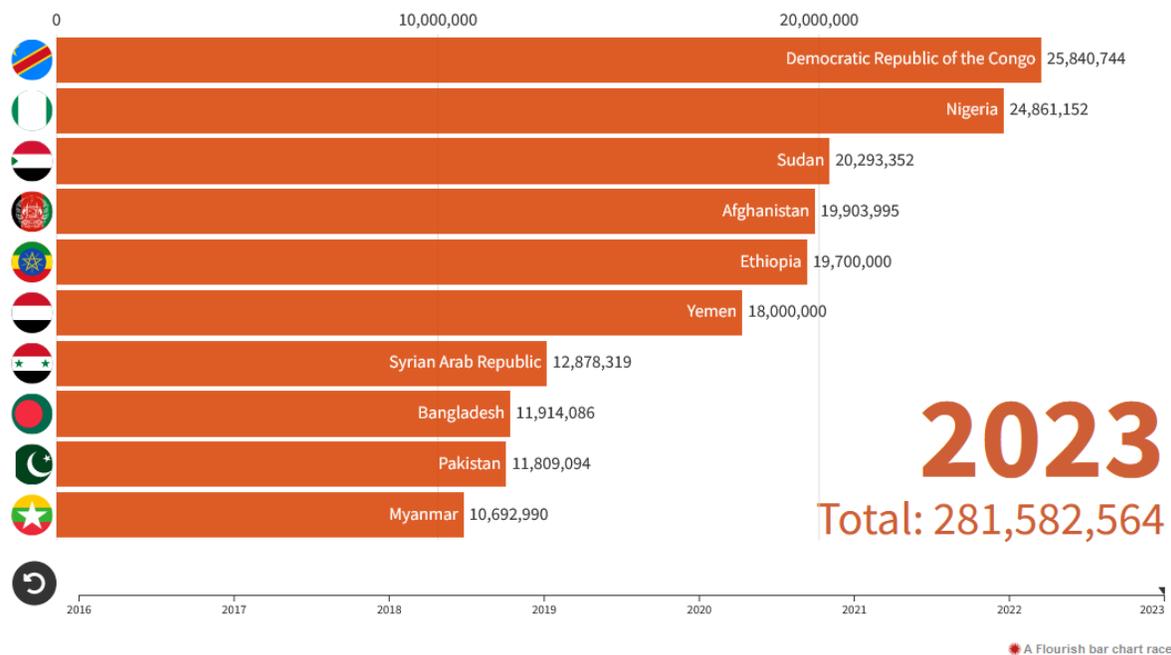
Thirty-six countries have been consistently featured in the GRFC analyses since 2016, reflecting continuing years of acute hunger, and currently representing 80 percent of the world's most hungry.

There has also been an increase of 1 million people facing Emergency (IPC/CH Phase 4) levels of acute food insecurity across 39 countries and territories, with the biggest increase in the Sudan.

**In 2023, more than 705,000 people were at the Catastrophe (IPC/CH Phase 5) level of food insecurity and at risk of starvation** – the highest number in the GRFC's reporting history and up fourfold since 2016. The current situation in the Gaza Strip accounts for 80 percent of those facing imminent famine, along with South Sudan, Burkina Faso, Somalia and Mali.

According to the GRFC 2024 future outlook, **around 1.1 million people in the Gaza Strip and 79 000 people in South Sudan are projected to be in Catastrophe (IPC/CH Phase 5) by July 2024**, bringing the total amount of people projected in this phase to almost 1.3 million.

### Countries/territories with the largest number of people facing high levels of acute food insecurity, 2016-2023



### Key drivers of food crises

Intensifying conflict and insecurity, the impacts of economic shocks, and the effects of extreme weather events are continuing to drive acute food insecurity. These interlinked drivers are exacerbating food systems fragility, rural marginalization, poor governance, and inequality, and lead to massive displacement of populations globally. The protection situation of displaced population is additionally impacted by food insecurity.

**Conflict remained the primary driver affecting 20 countries** with nearly 135 million people in acute food insecurity – almost half of the global number. The Sudan faced the largest deterioration due to conflict, with 8.6 million more people facing high levels of acute food insecurity as compared with 2022.

**Extreme weather events were the primary driver in 18 countries** where over 77 million people faced high levels of acute food insecurity, up from 12 countries with 57 million people in 2022. In 2023, the world experienced its hottest year on record and climate related shocks impacted populations, with episodes of severe floods, storms, droughts, wildfires, and pest and disease outbreaks.

**Economic shocks primarily affected 21 countries** where around 75 million people were facing high levels of acute food insecurity, due to their high dependency on imported food and agricultural inputs, persisting macroeconomic challenges, including currency depreciation, high prices and high debt levels...

The [Global Report on Food Crises \(GRFC\)](#) is produced annually by the [Food Security Information Network \(FSIN\)](#) and launched by the [Global Network Against Food Crises \(GNAFC\)](#) – a multistakeholder

*initiative that includes United Nations organizations, the European Union, the United States Agency for International Development, and non-governmental agencies working together to tackle food crises.*

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## **UK – Asylum Seekers – Rwanda**

### **[UK-Rwanda Treaty completes ratification process](#)**

*UK and Rwanda pass further milestone with Treaty ratification.*

25 April 2024 *Press release*, UK Home Office

**The UK-Rwanda Treaty has been ratified as the Safety of Rwanda Act receives Royal Assent**, marking the end of a crucial week in Parliament and getting flights to Rwanda one step closer.

The internationally binding Treaty between the UK and Rwanda addresses the Supreme Court's findings on the partnership last year, introducing measures that make clear Rwanda will not return anyone to an unsafe country. **The Treaty works hand in hand with the Safety of Rwanda Act, which has now received Royal Assent, and confirms that Rwanda is safe for the purposes of relocating people.**

Home Secretary James Cleverly and Rwandan Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Vincent Biruta signed the Treaty during a ceremony in Kigali in December 2023. Today, Thursday 25 April, the government completed ratification, including laying a statement in Parliament confirming its intent to ratify the Treaty. This allows for the final phase of operational planning to get flights off the ground to Rwanda, to begin...

**The UK and Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership paves the way for an innovative new model for tackling illegal migration, with countries across Europe exploring similar agreements, including Austria, Germany, Denmark, and Italy in their deal with Albania.**

The agreement goes hand-in-hand with wider action to stop the boats, with the number of small boat arrivals falling by more than a third in 2023.

This includes work with international partners which prevented more than 26,000 crossings last year, as well as work helping to dismantle 82 organised crime groups since July 2020...

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### **[UK-Rwanda asylum law: UN leaders warn of harmful consequences](#)**

23 April 2024 *Press releases*

GENEVA – Following the passage of the "Safety of Rwanda" Bill by the UK Parliament, two UN leaders have again sounded the alarm on the harmful impact it will have on global responsibility-sharing, human rights and refugee protection.

**Filippo Grandi, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, and Volker Türk, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, are calling on the UK government to reconsider its plan to transfer asylum-seekers to Rwanda** and instead to take practical measures to address irregular flows of refugees and migrants, based on international cooperation and respect for international human rights law.

The Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill was tabled before Parliament alongside the UK-Rwanda Asylum Partnership Treaty after the UK's Supreme Court found last year that the proposed transfer of asylum-seekers to Rwanda would breach international and UK law, noting weaknesses in the Rwanda system for determining individual asylum claims. But the Bill and the Treaty do not in practice overcome the protection gaps identified by the Supreme Court. Rather, once enacted, it will restrict the UK courts from properly scrutinising removal decisions, leaving asylum-seekers with limited room to appeal even if they face significant risks.

**"The new legislation marks a further step away from the UK's long tradition of providing refuge to those in need, in breach of the Refugee Convention," said Grandi.** "Protecting refugees requires all countries – not just those neighbouring crisis zones – to uphold their obligations. This arrangement seeks to shift responsibility for refugee protection, undermining international cooperation and setting a worrying global precedent."

"The UK has a proud history of effective, independent judicial scrutiny. It can still take the right steps and put in place measures to help address the factors that drive people to leave home, and share responsibility for those in need of protection with European and other international partners," he added...

Acknowledging the challenges presented by the irregular movement of refugees and migrants, often in dangerous circumstances, **the UN leaders nonetheless expressed grave concern that the legislation would facilitate transfers under the UK-Rwanda asylum partnership, with only limited consideration of their individual circumstances or any protection risks.** They called on the UK instead to pursue practical cooperation with countries along the routes that refugees and migrants take, to strengthen protection and offer real alternatives. This includes expanding safe and regular pathways to protection.

"By shifting responsibility for refugees, reducing the UK's courts' ability to scrutinise removal decisions, restricting access to legal remedies in the UK and limiting the scope of domestic and international human rights protections for a specific group of people, **this new legislation seriously hinders the rule of law in the UK and sets a perilous precedent globally," said Türk.**

"It is critical to the protection of the human rights and dignity of refugees and migrants seeking protection that all removals from the UK are carried out **after assessing their specific individual circumstances in strict compliance with international human rights and refugee law."**

The new legislation is the third in a series of progressively restrictive UK laws that have eroded access to refugee protection in the UK since 2022, including through a ban on access to asylum or other forms of permission to stay in the UK for those arriving irregularly via a third country. If implemented, it would pave the way for asylum-seekers, including families with children, to be summarily sent to Rwanda to present their asylum claims, with no prospect of return to the UK. It will also drastically limit the ability for asylum-seekers to challenge or appeal removal decisions, with decision-makers and judges required to conclusively treat Rwanda as a "safe" country in terms of protecting asylum-seekers – regardless of any evidence to the contrary, now or in the future. This situation is even more concerning given the legislation expressly authorizes the Government to disregard any protective interim remedies from the European Court of Human Rights.

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**[UK: Airlines and aviation authorities should not facilitate unlawful removals to Rwanda, UN experts say](#)**

GENEVA (22 April 2024) – UN experts\* today expressed concern about the role of airlines and aviation authorities in facilitating unlawful removals to Rwanda under the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Rwanda, and the 'Safety of Rwanda' Bill.

**"Even if the UK-Rwanda agreement and the 'Safety of Rwanda' Bill are approved, airlines and aviation regulators could be complicit in violating internationally protected human rights and court orders by facilitating removals to Rwanda," the experts said.**

They stressed that removing asylum-seekers to Rwanda or any other country where they would be at risk of refoulement would violate the right to be free from torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment...

**"If airlines and aviation authorities give effect to State decisions that violate human rights, they must be held responsible for their conduct," the experts said.**

"As the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights underline, aviation regulators, international organisations and business actors are required to respect human rights," they said.

The corporate responsibility to respect human rights set out in **UN Guiding Principle 13 prohibits companies from contributing to human rights abuses, and UN Guiding Principle 23 requires businesses to comply with all applicable laws, respect internationally recognised human rights, and treat the risk of contributing to gross human rights abuses as a compliance issue wherever they operate.**

The UN experts have been in contact with the UK Government, as well as national, European and international aviation regulators, including the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and international actors, including the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to express their concerns and remind them of their responsibilities. Previous engagement by UN experts on related issues includes a [communication on the UK-Rwanda Agreement](#), a [press release](#) on a related letter on the draft legislation, and a [court intervention](#) to the Court of Appeal.

*\* The experts: Siobhán Mullally, [Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children](#); Gehad Madi, [Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants](#) and Alice Jill Edwards, [Special Rapporteur on torture](#).*

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## **Global Immunization**

### **[Global immunization efforts have saved at least 154 million lives over the past 50 years](#)**

24 April 2024 *Joint News Release*

**A major landmark study to be published by The Lancet** reveals that global immunization efforts have saved an estimated 154 million lives – or the equivalent of 6 lives every minute of every year – over the past 50 years. **The vast majority of lives saved – 101 million – were those of infants.**

The study, led by the World Health Organization (WHO), shows that immunization is the **single greatest contribution of any health intervention to ensuring babies not only see their first birthdays** but continue leading healthy lives into adulthood.

Of the vaccines included in the study, the **measles vaccination had the most significant impact on reducing infant mortality, accounting for 60% of the lives saved** due to immunization. This vaccine will likely remain the top contributor to preventing deaths in the future.

Over the past 50 years, vaccination against 14 diseases (diphtheria, Haemophilus influenzae type B, hepatitis B, Japanese encephalitis, measles, meningitis A, pertussis, invasive pneumococcal disease, polio, rotavirus, rubella, tetanus, tuberculosis, and yellow fever) has directly contributed to reducing infant deaths by 40% globally, and by more than 50% in the African Region.

"Vaccines are among the most powerful inventions in history, making once-feared diseases preventable," said WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. "Thanks to vaccines, smallpox has been eradicated, polio is on the brink, and with the more recent development of vaccines against diseases like malaria and cervical cancer, we are pushing back the frontiers of disease. With continued research, investment and collaboration, we can save millions more lives today and in the next 50 years."

**The study found that for each life saved through immunization, an average of 66 years of full health were gained – with a total of 10.2 billion full health years gained over the five decades.** As the result of vaccination against polio more than 20 million people are able to walk today who would otherwise have been paralysed, and the world is on the verge of eradicating polio, once and for all.

These gains in childhood survival highlight the importance of protecting immunization progress in every country of the world and **accelerating efforts to reach the 67 million children who missed out on one or more vaccines during the pandemic years**



## Featured Journal Content - Biodiversity

### Science

Volume 384 | Issue 6694 | 26 Apr 2024

<https://www.science.org/toc/science/current>

*Research Articles*

### [\*\*Global trends and scenarios for terrestrial biodiversity and ecosystem services from 1900 to 2050\*\*](#)

BY Henrique M. Pereira, et al.

25 Apr 2024: 458-465

*Editor's summary*

The 20th century saw rates of biodiversity loss high enough to qualify as a sixth mass extinction. Climate change now further threatens species and ecosystem services. Pereira et al. forecasted changes in both biodiversity loss and ecosystem services to 2050 and compared them with changes from 1900 to 2015, combining results from 13 different models. Across three shared socioeconomic pathway scenarios, rates of biodiversity decline from land-use change are expected to be lower than in the 20th century but much higher when climate change is considered. Provisioning ecosystem services (i.e., materials) are expected to increase, but regulating services (e.g., pollination) decline under most scenarios. Outcomes depend on the scenario, suggesting that policies can make a difference. —*Bianca Lopez*

*Lopez*  
*Abstract*

Based on an extensive model intercomparison, we assessed trends in biodiversity and ecosystem services from historical reconstructions and future scenarios of land-use and climate change. During the 20th century, biodiversity declined globally by 2 to 11%, as estimated by a range of indicators. Provisioning ecosystem services increased several fold, and regulating services decreased moderately. Going forward, policies toward sustainability have the potential to slow biodiversity loss resulting from land-use change and the demand for provisioning services while reducing or reversing declines in regulating services. However, negative impacts on biodiversity due to climate change appear poised to increase, particularly in the higher-emissions scenarios. Our assessment identifies remaining modeling uncertainties but also robustly shows that renewed policy efforts are needed to meet the goals of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

## Nature

Volume 628 Issue 8009, 25 April 2024

<https://www.nature.com/nature/volumes/627/issues/8009>

Article Open Access 27 Mar 2024

### [Revealing uncertainty in the status of biodiversity change](#)

*This study presents an approach to deal with spatial, temporal and phylogenetic non-independence in large-scale analyses of biodiversity change, improving trend estimation and inference across scales.*

T. F. Johnson, A. P. Beckerman, R. P. Freckleton

#### *Abstract*

Biodiversity faces unprecedented threats from rapid global change<sup>1</sup>. Signals of biodiversity change come from time-series abundance datasets for thousands of species over large geographic and temporal scales. Analyses of these biodiversity datasets have pointed to varied trends in abundance, including increases and decreases. However, these analyses have not fully accounted for spatial, temporal and phylogenetic structures in the data. Here, using a new statistical framework, we show across ten high-profile biodiversity datasets<sup>2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11</sup> that increases and decreases under existing approaches vanish once spatial, temporal and phylogenetic structures are accounted for. This is a consequence of existing approaches severely underestimating trend uncertainty and sometimes misestimating the trend direction. Under our revised average abundance trends that appropriately recognize uncertainty, we failed to observe a single increasing or decreasing trend at 95% credible intervals in our ten datasets. This emphasizes how little is known about biodiversity change across vast spatial and taxonomic scales. Despite this uncertainty at vast scales, we reveal improved local-scale prediction accuracy by accounting for spatial, temporal and phylogenetic structures. Improved prediction offers hope of estimating biodiversity change at policy-relevant scales, guiding adaptive conservation responses.

#### *[Excerpt]*

#### **... Implications for biodiversity science**

**The abundance datasets we analyse are influential in policy, tracking progress towards biodiversity targets at national and international scales<sup>16,17,29</sup>, and so it is vital that any inference gained is both valid and reliable.** Our work shows that when biodiversity change datasets are analysed without accounting for correlative non-independence among phylogeny, time and space, there is a substantial risk that trend uncertainty could be underestimated, trend direction misestimated and policy misinformed. Further, once uncertainty is appropriately attributed in the correlated effect model, we failed to detect a single significant trend in collective abundance across the 10 datasets under 95% credible intervals. This pervasive pattern points to a highly uncertain status in collective abundance trends; that is, it is unclear how biodiversity is changing across vast spatial and taxonomic scales once uncertainty is appropriately estimated...

**Despite failing to detect a decline in collective abundance across the ten datasets at 95% credible intervals, our results do not necessarily mean** that wildlife abundances have not declined, or that the current estimates of trends are incorrect. It is possible that abundances may have increased on average, or perhaps declines have been far more extreme than we have previously imagined; **simply, the uncertainty is too high to know.** With this in mind, we re-emphasize calls to urgently expand data collection and improve trend detectability, but this will only help to estimate current and future biodiversity trends. Given the large uncertainty associated with our estimates of abundance change, it seems that past abundance patterns are lost and undetectable at present. A shift towards causal frameworks of detection and attribution is probably necessary to estimate past biodiversity change<sup>14</sup>...

**The implications of our findings extend beyond biodiversity change.** Spatial, temporal and phylogenetic data structures are common in ecological and evolutionary research. Under the presence of correlative non-independence, **there is a potentially pervasive risk in the field that we have mis-specified our statistical models, violating data independence assumptions, and producing unreliable inference.** However, this also presents an opportunity, as the correlative effect model could be adapted for a wide array of settings, improving inference across ecology and evolution. The model could also streamline workflows by simultaneously capturing spatial, phylogenetic and temporal structures, avoiding the need to capture terms in multiple separate analyses.

**Our analytical advance offers new potential in predictive ecology, but given the severity of the potential implications of biodiversity loss<sup>35</sup>, it is vital that we continue to expand and improve these methods.** We offer a general framework for addressing spatial, temporal and phylogenetic non-independence, but further advances are necessary, considering underlying issues around time-series length<sup>36</sup>, bias and non-probability<sup>37</sup>, nonlinearity and varied responses to environmental change<sup>38</sup>, modern data collection philosophies<sup>39</sup> and rigorous analysis approaches<sup>40</sup>. This combination of improved methods and data has the potential to reveal patterns of biodiversity change and disentangle the complex processes shaping our ecosystems.

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## Neurotechnology – Ethics

### [The Ethics of Neurotechnology: UNESCO appoints international expert group to prepare a new global standard](#)

22 April 2024

UNESCO's Director-General Audrey Azoulay has **appointed 24 experts from all regions of the world to develop the first global framework on the ethics of neurotechnology.** They are meeting for the first time in Paris from 22 to 26 April. Based on the work of these experts, UNESCO will lead a discussion with its 194 Member States on the adoption of the framework by the end of 2025.

Director-General Azoulay said, "Neurotechnology has the potential to solve many health issues, but it could also threaten human rights, freedom of thought and privacy. There is an urgent need to establish a common ethical framework at the international level, as UNESCO has done for artificial intelligence in 2021. There can be no neurodata without neurorights."

In 2021, UNESCO's International Bioethics Committee's report, 'Ethical issues of Neurotechnology', identified the **threats that neurotechnology poses to rights and fundamental freedoms such as cerebral integrity and personal identity.** As demonstrated by another UNESCO report published

in 2023, the pace of innovation in this area accelerated when newly available Generative AI was integrated into neurotechnology research....

### ***A framework proposed for adoption in November 2025***

Today, this initiative is taking shape with Audrey Azoulay's appointment of 24 neurotechnology experts mandated to design and write the draft ethical framework. The ad hoc expert group gathers professionals specialized in neurosciences, psychology, neurotechnology, artificial intelligence, brain machine interface, ethics and bioethics, from all regions of the world and from diverse cultural backgrounds.

**The work of these experts will be presented to various stakeholders at the national, sub-regional and regional levels for their comments later in 2024.** It will also be followed by a discussion between the 194 Member States of the Organization, led by the UNESCO Secretariat, with a view to submitting this global ethical framework for adoption at the 43rd session of the General Conference of UNESCO, in November 2025...

*[Learn more about the composition of UNESCO's expert group](#)*

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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 27 Apr 2024]

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25 April 2024 SC/15681

#### **[Security Council Concludes Open Debate on Gaza](#)**

The Security Council met this afternoon to continue its open debate on the situation in the Middle East, including the question of Palestine. Nearly 30 Member States were expected to make remarks on the situation in Gaza.

25 April 2024 SC/15680

#### **[New, Comprehensive Approach Key to Address Syria's Political, Humanitarian Challenges, UN Special Envoy Tells Security Council, Citing Dangerous Spiral of Recent Events](#)**

Piecemeal measures to tackle Syria's interlocking political, economic and humanitarian challenges cannot bring stability to the country and the region, the United Nations mediator for Syria told the Security Council today, calling for a new, comprehensive approach that addresses the full range of issues with the warring parties.

24 April 2024 SC/15678

**[Security Council Fails to Adopt First-Ever Resolution on Arms Race in Outer Space, Due to Negative Vote by Russian Federation](#)**

The Security Council today failed to adopt its first-ever resolution on outer space — one that would have affirmed the obligation of all States parties to fully comply with the Outer Space Treaty, including not to place in orbit around the Earth any objects carrying nuclear weapons or any other kinds of weapons of mass destruction, install such weapons on celestial bodies or station such weapons in outer space in any other manner.

24 April 2024 SG/SM/22204

**[Number of People on Cusp of Famine Doubled to Over 700,00 in 2023, Secretary-General Says at Global Food Crises Report Launch, Urging More Funding for Ending Hunger](#)**

23 April 2024 GA/12593

**[Veto Must Not End UN Action, Speakers Stress in General Assembly Debate, as President Warns Against Perception of "Our Collective Failure to Act"](#)**

Amidst ongoing paralysis in the Security Council due to the proliferating use — and misuse — of the veto despite escalating global crises, speakers in the General Assembly today called for action to ensure that casting one is not the end of United Nations action when the eyes of the world are looking to the Organization to deliver an effective response.

22 April 2024 SG/SM/22199

**[Accepting Recommendations of Independent Review Group on Palestine Refugee Agency, Secretary-General Commits to Establish Action Plan for Implementation](#)**

**UN Human Rights – OHCHR** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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**[Testimonies from the Occupied Palestinian Territory show new depths of Israel's atrocities: UN expert](#)**

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**[Israel: Withholding tax revenue and revoking banking waivers could paralyse Palestinian economy, UN experts warn](#)**

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**[UN Human Rights Chief deplores harrowing killings of children and women in Rafah](#)**

**United Nations Human Rights Council** [to 27 Apr 2024]

[https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/news?field\\_content\\_category=162&field\\_entity=1203](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/news?field_content_category=162&field_entity=1203)

*Council News*

**[Human rights records of 14 States to be examined by Universal Periodic Review mechanism](#)**

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**Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<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 27 Apr 2024]

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

**SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

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**SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

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**[Sudan: Scourge of sexual violence amid ongoing conflict demands urgent response](#)**

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**[Remarks of SRSG Pramila Patten at the Security Council Open Debate on “Preventing Conflict-Related Sexual Violence through demilitarization and gender-responsive arms control”, New York, 23 April 2024](#)**

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**[Factsheet: 2023 Report of the Secretary-General on CRSV](#)**

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**Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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**Special Rapporteur on the right to health** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

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[\*\*UN experts demand safe passage for Freedom Flotilla's humanitarian mission to Gaza\*\*](#)

**Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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[\*\*Iran: UN experts alarmed by death sentence imposed on rapper and songwriter, Toomaj Salehi\*\*](#)

**Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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[\*\*Unsound management of chemicals and wastes fuelling global toxic emergency: UN experts\*\*](#)

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

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**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 27 Apr 2024]

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[\*\*UNHCR launches fund to shield refugees and other displaced people from climate shocks\*\*](#)

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**UN OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs [to 27 Apr 2024]

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[\*\*OCHA appeals to Security Council for respect for international humanitarian law in Syria\*\*](#)

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**[Sudan: UN leaders call for urgent action against scourge of sexual violence amid ongoing conflict](#)**

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**[UN deputy relief chief appeals to the Security Council to resolve the conflict in the DRC](#)**

24 April 2024

**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Latest Stories*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNICEF** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Latest press releases, news notes and statements*

*Statement* 26 April 2024

**[UNICEF commends the Government of Tajikistan on the repatriation of 47 children and women from Syria](#)**

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan/GENEVA, 26 April 2024 – “UNICEF welcomes the repatriation of 32 children and 15 women from Syria on 25 April. “UNICEF commends the Government of Tajikistan for fulfilling its commitments under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and facilitating the reintegration of children and their mothers with their families and...

*Statement* 26 April 2024

**[UNICEF commends Bhutan for vaccinating almost all children with life-saving vaccines in historic feat](#)**

THIMPHU, Bhutan, 26 APRIL 2024 – “UNICEF congratulates the Royal Government of Bhutan for vaccinating almost all eligible children in the country to protect them from deadly diseases. “According to data released by the Ministry of Health, in 2023, Bhutan vaccinated 99.6 per cent of children under one year with three doses of the pentavalent...

*Press release* 26 April 2024

**[Significant increase in number of children killed across Ukraine this year, as deadly attacks continue](#)**

GENEVA/KYIV, 26 April 2024 – The verified number of children killed in attacks across Ukraine has increased by nearly 40 per cent this year compared to last, as deadly attacks continue, UNICEF warned today. Attacks between 1 January and 31 March 2024 resulted in the deaths of 25 children, according to UN-verified data - the youngest was just two...

*Press release* 25 April 2024

**[WHO and France convene high-level meeting to defeat meningitis](#)**

PARIS, 26 APRIL 2024 – Global leaders highlight the need to defeat meningitis – a leading cause of disability – at a high-level meeting co-hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO) and Government of France, under the High Patronage of Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic. The event is taking place on 26-27 April 2024 at the...

*Press release* 24 April 2024

**[Acute hunger remains persistently high in 59 countries with 1 in 5 people assessed in need of critical urgent action - Global Report on Food Crises](#)**

ROME/GENEVA/NEW YORK, 24 April 2024 - According to the latest Global Report on Food Crises (GRFC), nearly 282 million people in 59 countries and territories experienced high levels of acute hunger in 2023 - a worldwide increase of 24 million from the previous year. This rise was due to the report's increased coverage of food crisis contexts as...

*Press release* 4 April 2024

**[Global immunization efforts have saved at least 154 million lives over the past 50 years](#)**

GENEVA/NEW YORK/SEATTLE, 24 April 2024 – A major landmark study to be published by The Lancet reveals that global immunization efforts have saved an estimated 154 million lives – or the equivalent of 6 lives every minute of every year – over the past 50 years. The vast majority of lives saved – 101 million – were those of infants. The study, led...

*Remarks* 22 April 2024

**[UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell briefing to the United Nations Security Council on the humanitarian situation in Haiti](#)**

NEW YORK, 22 April 2024: "Excellencies, good afternoon. It is good to be with you. "Thank you to Ambassador Frazier for hosting this discussion during Malta's Security Council presidency, and for inviting me to brief you on the worsening humanitarian situation in Haiti. "Today, I am speaking both as UNICEF Executive Director, and as the designated...

*Press release* 22 April 2024

**[UNICEF calls for urgent action to save Pakistan's children on the frontlines of climate change](#)**

ISLAMABAD, 22 April 2024 – "Torrential and unseasonal rains are currently sweeping through Pakistan, once again putting children's lives in danger. "It is a reminder of the devastating tragedy in 2022, when 500 children lost their lives as 10 years' worth of rains were dumped on villages in southern Sindh. I saw firsthand how children were...

**International Organization for Migration** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Releases – Selected*

*News* 25 Apr 2024

**[Venezuelan Migrants Drive USD 529.1M Boost to Colombia's Economy: IOM Study](#)**

*News* 24 Apr 2024

**[24 Migrants Dead in New Shipwreck off Djibouti Coast; Second Deadly Incident in Two Weeks](#)**

*News* 23 Apr 2024

**[IOM Unveils "Wearin' it Together" at the European Parliament](#)**

**UNAIDS** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*News, Stories, Updates*

25 April 2024

**[How communities led in the HIV response, saving lives in Eswatini at the peak of a crippling AIDS epidemic](#)**

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**WHO & Regional Offices** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.who.int/news>

*Selected News/Announcements/Statements*

27 April 2024 *News release*

[\*\*Governments near agreement on package of amendments to the International Health Regulations \(2005\)\*\*](#)

26 April 2024 *Statement*

[\*\*Statement on the antigen composition of COVID-19 vaccines\*\*](#)

26 April 2024 *Joint News Release*

[\*\*WHO and France convene high-level meeting to defeat meningitis\*\*](#)

26 April 2024 *News release*

[\*\*WHO reports widespread overuse of antibiotics in patients hospitalized with COVID-19\*\*](#)

24 April 2024 *Departmental news*

[\*\*World Malaria Day 2024: "Accelerating the fight against malaria for a more equitable world"\*\*](#)

24 April 2024 *Joint News Release*

[\*\*Global immunization efforts have saved at least 154 million lives over the past 50 years\*\*](#)

24 April 2024 *Departmental news*

[\*\*In memoriam Dr Riadh Ben-Ismaïl \(1953–2024\)\*\*](#)

23 April 2024 *Departmental news*

[\*\*WHO Global Malaria Programme launches new operational strategy\*\*](#)

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**WHO Regional Offices**

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

**WHO African Region**

:: 26 April 2024

[Boosting efforts to transform care for severe chronic diseases in Africa](#)

:: 25 April 2024

[Major step in malaria prevention as three West African countries roll out vaccine](#)

:: 25 April 2024

[Pioneering charter to drive up investment in Africa's health workforce](#)

:: 25 April 2024

[Ghana intensifies efforts towards malaria elimination](#)

**WHO Region of the Americas PAHO**

:: 25 Apr 2024

[IDB and PAHO Join Forces to Drive Digital Health and Pandemic Preparedness in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

The new agreement will focus on three priority areas: health systems strengthening based on primary health care; information systems and digital health; and pandemic prevention, preparedness and response. Washington, D.C., 25 April 2024 (PAHO) - The president of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Ilan Goldfajn, and the director of the Pan-...

:: 25 Apr 2024

[World Malaria Day – PAHO urges countries to step up access to diagnosis and treatment for vulnerable populations](#)

Washington D.C. 25 April 2024 (PAHO) – With countries of the Americas reporting around 480,000 cases of malaria in 2023, on World Malaria Day, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has called on governments to step up efforts to tackle the disease, which disproportionately impacts indigenous communities, migrant and other vulnerable...

:: 22 Apr 2024

[PAHO launches Vaccination Week in the Americas 2024](#)

Washington D.C. 22 April 2024 (PAHO) – The 22nd edition of Vaccination Week in the Americas (VWA) 2024 was launched this week under the slogan “Engage now to protect your future #GetVax.” The launch ceremony was led by Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Director, Dr. Jarbas Barbosa, as well as other high-level health authorities and regional...

### **WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO**

*No new digest content identified.*

### **WHO European Region EURO**

:: [25 April 2024 News release](#)

[Another good reason to vaccinate – to keep life-saving medicines working](#)

:: [22 April 2024 Media release](#)

[COVID-19 Lessons learned: WHO/Europe launches the first Pan-European Network for Disease Control](#)

### **WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO**

*No new digest content identified.*

### **WHO Western Pacific Region**

*No new digest content identified.*

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### **WHO - Emergency situation reports**

*Latest WHO official reports for emergency situations.*

*No new digest content identified.*

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### **Disease Outbreak News (DONs)**

*Latest WHO Disease Outbreak News (DONs), providing information on confirmed acute public health events or potential events of concern.*

*No new digest content identified.*

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### **Weekly Epidemiological Record**

<https://www.who.int/publications/journals/weekly-epidemiological-record>

*No new digest content identified.*

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### **New WHO Publications**

<https://www.who.int/publications/i>

*Selected*

25 April 2024

[Triple billion targets policy solutions matrix, updated December 2023](#)

25 April 2024

[Implementation playbook, pocket edition: a quick-reference guide to delivering impact for health, with...](#)

23 April 2024

[Investing to defeat meningitis and beyond](#)

23 April 2024

[Risk communication and community engagement readiness and response toolkit: mpox](#)

23 April 2024

[Global Malaria Programme operational strategy 2024-2030](#)

*Overview*

As WHO's technical department for malaria, the Global Malaria Programme has an important role to play in leading the global response against this disease. Through its direct actions and network, it has the potential to shape the malaria ecosystem and achieve impact at country level. With this in mind, the Global Malaria Programme has developed an operational strategy outlining its priorities for the period 2024–2030 and the 4 strategic levers to control and eliminate malaria that are decisively within the Programme's mandate: norms and standards, new tools and innovation, strategic information for impact, and leadership. The strategy describes how the Global Malaria Programme will also transform by collaborating more effectively with other programmes, regional and country offices and partners, guided by lessons learned from WHO's Thirteenth General Programme of Work (GPW13) and the GPW14 priorities.

22 April 2024

[Framework for assessing maturity of health accounts institutionalization](#)

22 April 2024

[Joint external evaluation of the International Health Regulations \(2005\) core capacities of Guinea](#)

22 April 2024

[The selection and use of essential medicines \(2023\) - TRS 1049](#)

19 April 2024

[HIV and viral hepatitis diagnostic tests in low- and middle-income countries: forecasts of global and...](#)

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### **World Organisation for Animal Health** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.oie.int/en/>

*Press Releases, Statements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNFPA United Nations Population Fund** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.undp.org/news-centre>

*News Centre*

**[New report reveals how country-led financing strategies are making finance work for people and planet](#)**

The report showcases the achievements, lessons and best practices in developing Integrated National Financing Frameworks from around the world

April 24, 2024

**[UN Development Programme launches next phase of flagship climate action initiative](#)**

UNDP's Climate Promise 2025, in collaboration with the UN, private sector, and civil society partners, will support new round of climate pledges by developing countries - initiative will provide major boost to goal of limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius

April 23, 2024

**UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

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

*News*

**[2025 Comprehensive Review Call for proposals is now open](#)**

8 April 2024

In accordance with [GA Resolution 71/313](#), the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) conducted a Comprehensive Review of the global indicator framework throughout 2024 with the aim to submit its proposed refinements, revisions, replacements, additions and deletions to the 56<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Statistical Commission in March 2025 for its consideration.

**UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Resources*

26 Apr 2024 | Press Release

**[UN-convened Panel to address equity, sustainability and human rights across value chains of critical energy transition minerals](#)**

New York, 26 April 2024 – With ever-growing needs for minerals that are critical for renewable energy technologies, Secretary-General António Guterres is leveraging the United Nations' convening power to bring together a diverse group of governments and other stakeholders across the entire minerals value chain to develop a set of global common and voluntary principles to safeguard environmental and social standards and embed justice, in the energy transition.

**UNDRR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Releases, Statements and messages*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.un.org/en/articles-by-property-w-date/81254>

*Articles - Selected*

26 Apr 2024 | DESA

### **[Peoples' lives are improving, but greater efforts still needed to ensure no one is left behind](#)**

26 April 2024 - Human life expectancy has improved across many parts of the world, according to recent data. Great strides have also been made in lowering fertility rates among young people and in reducing poverty globally. Many regions of the world have also seen improved access to, and reduced gender gaps in, education, health services, including sexual and reproductive health services and living conditions.

23 Apr 2024 | DESA

### **[UN chief urges 'surge in investment' to overcome \\$4 trillion financing gap](#)**

22 April 2024 - The UN Secretary-General on Monday called for a "surge in investment" to give developing countries a chance to build better lives for their people. According to UN estimates, the world is facing an annual financing gap of about \$4 trillion to achieve sustainable development, leaving countries with hardly any resources to invest in better education, healthcare, renewable energy or social protection.

23 Apr 2024 | DESA

### **[Mixed efforts to achieve energy goals highlighted at the end of Sustainability Week](#)**

19 April 2024 - The President of the UN General Assembly called for the acknowledgement of mixed efforts to achieve the goals ...

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*News*

### **[ILO Director-General Hougbo calls for collective action in the Arab states to address growing challenges in the world of work](#)**

Gilbert F. Hougbo made his statement at this year's Arab Labour Conference in Baghdad, where he invited stakeholders in the region to join the Global Coalition for Social Justice.

27 April 2024

### **[AU, ILO forge partnership for decent work & social justice](#)**

The AU-ILO Joint Planning Meeting reassures strengthened collaboration and coordination between the African Union (AU) and the International Labour Organization to advance social justice in the continent.

26 April 2024

**[ILO and partners promote social protection for a just transition in China](#)**

26 April 2024

**[Prospects to achieve decent work in cocoa supply chain](#)**

In a closing address to the 5th World Cocoa Conference, the ILO addressed challenges and opportunities to make the cocoa supply chain more sustainable, based on its decent work approach.

24 April 2024

**UNESCO** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.unesco.org/en/newsroom>

*Press Releases [Selected]*

**[Paris 2024 Olympic Torch Relay: a journey through UNESCO World Heritage sites](#)**

24 April 2024

**[Initiative to advance literacy learning in Morocco launches](#)**

22 April 2024

**[The Ethics of Neurotechnology: UNESCO appoints international expert group to prepare a new global standard](#)**

22 April 2024

**International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Releases*

**[UNODC launches new action to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling](#)**

22/04/2024

**UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 27 Apr 2024]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

*Press Releases, Statements*

**[Statement by UN-Habitat on the Nairobi floods on 26 April 2024.](#)**

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.fao.org/home/en/>

*News*

24 April 2024

**[Global Report on Food Crises: acute hunger remains persistently high in 59 countries with 1-in-5 people assessed in need of critical urgent action](#)**

Global Network Against Food Crises' partners call for a transformative approach to break the cycle of acute hunger

**World Food Programme** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Selected News Releases*

25 April 2024

**WFP welcomes U.S. announcement of substantial resources to tackle extraordinary levels of global humanitarian need**

ROME – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) welcomes the announcement of supplemental emergency humanitarian assistance from the United States government which will be critical in preventing famine and saving millions of lives.

24 April 2024

**Global Report on Food Crises: acute hunger remains persistently high in 59 countries with 1-in-5 people assessed in need of critical urgent action**

Global Network Against Food Crises' partners call for a transformative approach to break the cycle of acute hunger

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

24/4/24

**Secretary General advocates for the rule of international aviation law**

**IMO** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://public.wmo.int>

*News*

**Widespread parts of Asia and Africa reel under extreme weather**

*News* 26 April 2024

Extreme rainfall and floods have claimed many lives and caused economic and agricultural losses in East Africa and parts of the Arabian peninsular. Intense heat has gripped large parts of Asia, disrupting daily life and posing a serious health threat.

**UPU** Universal Postal Union [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

**International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

Press releases

**[World Intellectual Property Day 2024: Intellectual Property and the UN Sustainable Development Goals](#)**

World Intellectual Property Day 2024 is highlighting the critical importance of intellectual property (IP) in catalyzing the human innovation and creativity needed for achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Apr 25, 2024 [PR/2024/915](#)

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

Announcements/Decisions/Events

30.04.2024-02.05.2024 // CP-CC-19 **[Nineteenth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety](#)**

07.05.2024-07.05.2024 **[Fifth meeting of the Informal Advisory Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources](#)**

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**DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.]** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.darpa.mil/news>

No new digest content identified.

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**USAID** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

Press Releases [Selected]

**[Driving Progress in the Fight to End Malaria](#)**

April 25, 2024

In PMI's 18th Annual Report to Congress, released today, the Initiative highlights how its work with partners since 2006 has cut death rates from malaria almost in half across its partner countries, representing millions of lives saved. USAID will continue to work to extend this progress even further – in collaboration with partners across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors – to move us closer to a world free from this devastating disease.

**[USAID's CATALYST Study Expands HIV Prevention Options for Women and Girls in Africa](#)**

April 24, 2024

A USAID-supported study is expanding options for HIV prevention products for women and girls in Africa, a population disproportionately affected by the virus; in sub-Saharan Africa adolescent girls and young women were more than three times as likely to acquire HIV than their male peers in 2022. The study is also generating new evidence on product perspectives and preferences to help increase HIV prevention coverage and reduce new HIV infections.

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [U.K.]** [nee DFID] [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press releases; Speeches*

**[UK improves access to life-saving malaria drugs](#)**

25 April 2024 — Press release

Support for MedAccess will be used to negotiate lower prices for vital malaria drugs and diagnostic tests for people in countries affected by the disease.

**[Joint statement calling for the release of all hostages in Gaza](#)**

25 April 2024 — Press release

The UK, alongside 17 other nations, has issued a joint statement calling for the release of all hostages currently being held in Gaza.

**ECHO** [to 27 Apr 2024]

[https://ec.europa.eu/echo/news-stories/news\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/echo/news-stories/news_en)

*News*

*News article* 26 April 2024

**[EU steps up humanitarian assistance for Palestinians](#)**

The EU has now allocated an additional €68 million in the form of humanitarian aid to be channelled through partner organisations already assisting Palestinians in Gaza and across the region.

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**African Union** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://asean.org/category/news/>

*Secretariat News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**European Commission**

<https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/home/en>

*Latest [Selected]*

*Statement* 16 April 2024

**[Joint Statement by High Representative/Vice-President Borrell and Commissioner Lenarčič on the occasion of the High-Level pledging Conference to address the humanitarian crisis in Ethiopia](#)**

Press release 24 April 2024

**[Commission welcomes European Parliament's adoption of the European Health Data Space and regulation on substances of human origin](#)**

The Commission welcomes the adoption by the European Parliament today of the European Health Data Space (EHDS) and new rules to increase the safety and quality of substances of human origin (SoHO).

**OECD** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Newsroom*

**[OECD Ministerial Council Meeting 2024](#)**

CO-CREATING THE FLOW OF CHANGE: Leading Global Discussions with Objective and Reliable Approaches Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Growth  
Paris, 2-3 May 2024

**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 27 Apr 2024]

[https://www.oas.org/en/media\\_center/press\\_releases.asp](https://www.oas.org/en/media_center/press_releases.asp)

*Press Release*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://new.oic-oci.org/SitePages/latestnews.aspx>

*News*

**[OIC Welcomes the Republic of Jamaica's Recognition of the State of Palestine](#)**

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) welcomed the decision of the Republic of Jamaica to recognize the State of Palestine, noting that this important step  
2024-04-25

**[OIC Welcomes Independent Review Panel's Report on UNRWA, Calls for Member States' Support](#)**

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) welcomed the report issued by the Independent Review Panel on UNRWA, which concluded that the Agency abided by the  
2024-04-25

**[Weekly Report of OIC Media Observatory on Israel's Crimes against the Palestinians 16-22 April 2024](#)**

Israel Intensifies its Aggression against West Bank Cities and Prepares to Invade Rafah; 34,582 Martyrs since 7 October The Israeli occupation forces have been increasing their attacks  
2024-04-24

**Group of 77** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]*

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China delivered by H.E. Ambassador Godfrey Kwoba, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uganda to the UN, at the adoption of the final

outcome document of the [2024 Economic and Social Council Forum on Financing for Development \(New York, 25 April 2024\)](#)

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China delivered by Mr. Marvin Ikondere, Permanent Mission of Uganda to the United Nations, at the adoption session of [resolution A/78/L.41 of the BBNJ Agreement \(New York, 24 April 2024\)](#)

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China delivered by H.E. Ambassador Godfrey Kwoba, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uganda to the UN, at the [Economic and Social Council Forum on Financing for Development General Debate \(New York, 23 April 2024\)](#)

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**UNCTAD** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Releases*

23 Apr 2024 –

[Global Crises Fracturing Foreign Investment, Impacting Developing Economies](#)

UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2024/008

Geneva, Switzerland

Launched today by UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the report entitled '[Global economic fracturing and shifting investment patterns](#)' examines the complex landscape of global foreign direct investment (FDI). The report sheds light on ten transformational shifts in investment priorities across industries and regions, shaped by trends in global value chains and geopolitical dynamics, and emphasizes the necessity of integrating sustainability and development into investment strategies...

**World Customs Organization – WCO** [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

*Latest News*

23 April 2024

[The WCO Smart Customs Project Launches Global Survey on Disruptive Technology Adoption in Customs](#)

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*News*

*All Regions*

[A United Vision for Nature - 'Nature Positive' Report Marks New Collaborative Era in Travel & Tourism](#)

22 Apr 2024

**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*WTO News and Events [Selected]*

*Press Releases*

[High-level dialogue marks 30 years of TRIPS Agreement](#)

25 April 2024

WTO members commemorated on 25 April the 30th anniversary of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), concluded in Marrakesh as part of the historic package of multilateral agreements that brought the WTO into existence in 1995. Speaking at a High-level Dialogue to mark the date, WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said the anniversary was an opportunity to engage in a forward-looking dialogue on how the WTO can best respond to current and future intellectual property needs and interests of its members.

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**IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Court of Justice** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Releases/Case Documentation*

[Press release No. 2024/34](#)

26 April 2024

Alleged Breaches of Certain International Obligations in respect of the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Nicaragua v. Germany) - Request for the indication of provisional measures - The Court to deliver its Order on Tuesday 30 April 2024 at 3 p.m

**International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

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

*News*

Press Release: 25 April 2024

[ICC Office of the Prosecutor launches Policy on Complementarity and Cooperation](#)

At events held in Bogotá, Colombia and Bangui, Central African Republic (CAR), the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) of the International Criminal Court (ICC) launched today a new Policy on Complementarity and Cooperation.

The Policy presents a fundamentally renewed approach by the Office to the principles of complementarity and cooperation at the heart of the Rome Statute by bringing its work closer to affected communities and deepening its partnerships with States, civil society, and regional and international organisations.

At the event in Bogotá, ICC Prosecutor Karim A.A. Khan KC described the vision behind the renewed complementarity drive of his Office: "The ICC should be a hub at the centre of global accountability efforts, not considered as a detached apex of the international criminal justice system. By working together, by finding new ways of collaborating, we deliver better."...

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**World Bank** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*All News [Selected]*

[Global Commodity Prices Level Off, Hurting Prospects for Lower Inflation](#)

Major flare-up in Middle-East conflict could stoke global inflation WASHINGTON, April 25, 2024—Global commodity prices are leveling off after a steep descent that played a decisive role in whittling down...

Date: April 25, 2024 Type: Press Release

### **[IDA—A Crucial Player in the Evolving Global Aid Landscape](#)**

With its global footprint and convening power, IDA provides a lifeline for the 1.3 billion people living in the world's poorest countries. Today the International Development Association (IDA) launched...

Date: April 23, 2024 Type: Press Release

### **[A Common Approach to Measuring Climate Results](#)**

>> Download: MDB Common Approach to Measuring Climate Results At COP28, the Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) agreed to developing a common approach for measuring climate results to complement...

Date: April 20, 2024 Type: Publication

**IMF** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.imf.org/en/News>

News

April 25, 2024

### **[Sub-Saharan Africa's Growth Requires Quality Education for Growing Population](#)**

Despite government budget strains, countries should prioritize investment in schools with the help of the international community

April 23, 2024

### **[Latin America's Shifting Demographics Could Undercut Growth](#)**

April 23, 2024 ... These projections are also considerably weaker than those for other emerging market ... This means that the share of the population able to generate income will stop growing ...

**African Development Bank** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases>

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

Press Releases

*No new digest content identified.*

**Asian Development Bank** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<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]*

25 Apr 2024

### **[ADB Operations Reach \\$23.6 Billion in 2023, Achieve Record Climate Finance](#)**

ADB committed \$23.6 billion from its own resources in 2023, including \$9.8 billion for climate action, to help Asia and the Pacific progress on sustainable development.

**Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<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]*

Washington D.C., April 22, 2024

**[AIIB, ESM Strengthen Cooperation to Address Global ...](#)**

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) have renewed their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to build on their ...

**IDB** – Inter-American Development Bank [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.iadb.org/en/home/press-room>

News

No new digest content identified.

**IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

News

25 APR

**[Call for proposals: IFAD grant for supporting the use of satellite data in project design, monitoring and evaluation](#)**

24 APR

**[Global Report on Food Crises: Acute hunger remains persistently high in 59 countries with 1 in 5 people assessed in need of critical urgent action](#)**

**Islamic Development Bank** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

News

**[IsDB Approves US\\$418 Million to Boost Clean Energy, Food Security, and Transport in Tajikistan, Benin, Cote 'd Ivoire, and Türkiye](#)**

27 April 2024

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:: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) - *Media Releases, Major Initiatives, Research*

:: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) - *Selected Updates*

:: [Journal Watch](#) - *Key articles and abstracts from 100+ peer-reviewed journals*

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

*We 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 27 Apr 2024]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

*Communiqués de presse*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA)** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://alima.ngo/>

*PRESS RELEASES*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Amref Health Africa** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

*Press Releases Universal Health Coverage*

**[Uzazi Salama Programme Launches in Kilifi County](#)**

April 26, 2024

The KES 225 Million investment aims to impact 500,000 lives by supporting reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health.

**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://aravind.org/>

*Aravind News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Blue Shield International** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*BS International News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**BRAC** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Latest*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clubhouse International** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*News/Events*

**[Announcing World Seminar 2024: Sept. 14-19, in Richmond, BC, Canada!](#)**

We are excited to announce that we will be holding our next Clubhouse International World Seminar, co-hosted by Pathways Clubhouse, on September 14-19, 2024, in Richmond, British Columbia, Canada! We hope you will join us!

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://pro.drc.ngo/resources/news/?t=Press+Release>

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ECPAT** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*ECPAT News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*EIFL works with libraries to enable access to knowledge for education, learning, research and sustainable community development*

**[The financial sustainability of Diamond open access publishers](#)**

26 Apr 2024

The DIAMAS (Developing Institutional Open Access Publishing Models to Advance Scholarly Communication) project has published a report (...)

... The report reveals a clear need for stable and long-term funding that entails less administration, and the crucial role of large infrastructures, such as Diamond OA hosting platforms, and open source software. It particularly highlights the need to fund both national and international infrastructures used by many small to medium-size institutional publishers and service providers.

:: A summary of the findings and recommendations can be found in the [DIAMAS blog](#) and a [factsheet](#) published on the DIAMAS website,

:: Read the full report: <https://zenodo.org/records/10907086>

*Open Access Programme - Albania, Estonia, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova (...)*

**Fountain House** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*News*

**[Fountain House's CEO Ken Zimmerman at Brookings: Securing the Safety Net for Working-Age Adults](#)**

April 23, 2024

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**GE2P2 Global Foundation** [to 27 Apr 2024]

[www.ge2p2.org](http://www.ge2p2.org)

*News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements*

:: [Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review](#) - Current edition

:: [Informed Consent: A Monthly Review – March 2024](#)

:: [Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment – 17 April 2024 – Issue 16](#)

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*News*

**[No safe place in Gaza: Khan Younis is uninhabitable](#)**

*Armed violence reduction | Emergency | Protection | Occupied Palestinian Territories |*

PUBLISHED ON April 26th 2024

As the war in Gaza enters its seventh month, HI expresses grave concern for the safety of thousands of families that might be forcibly displaced from Rafah to Khan Younis and other areas across the Strip.

**Heifer International** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.heifer.org/blog/newsworthy/index.html>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**HelpAge International** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.helpage.org/newsroom/latest-news/>

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

**[Uniting Generations for Climate Action](#)**

22 April 2024

The climate crisis affects everyone, but its impact is most severe on those living in low and middle-income countries, despite contributing the least to its causes.

**ICRC** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*What's New [Selected]*

**[ICRC president: "We are witnessing a global and collective failure to protect civilians in armed conflicts"](#)**

"Today, from the Democratic Republic of the Congo to Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine and Yemen, we are witnessing a global and collective failure to protect civilians in armed conflicts" says ICRC's president Mirjana Splojaric.

22-04-2024 | Statement

**IFRC** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Releases [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Medical Corps (IMC)**

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

*Selected Press Releases/Updates/Alerts*

*What's New*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IRC [International Rescue Committee]** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Releases*

**[The IRC urgently calls for an international and independent investigation into reports of mass graves at Gaza hospitals](#)**

April 26, 2024

*Press Release*

**[Interaction member CEOS send public letter to President Biden to address crisis in Gaza](#)**

April 25, 2024

*Press Release*

**[IRC Announces Winner of Innovation Challenge to Improve Last Mile Medical Supply Delivery](#)**

April 24, 2024

*Press Release*

**[IRC Welcomes Passage of US Humanitarian Aid, Supporting Communities on the Frontlines of Crisis in Ukraine, Gaza and Globally](#)**

April 24, 2024

*Press Release*

**[A new study by the IRC and partners reveals women and children are bearing the brunt of the ongoing conflict in Eastern DRC](#)**

April 22, 2024

**IRCT** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://irct.org/>

*News*

*No new digest content identified...no apparent website areas for news or announcements except for X/twitter account*

**Islamic Relief Worldwide** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Releases*

*Somalia News*

**[Horn of Africa: Surviving after drought](#)**

April 23, 2024

The drought in the Horn of Africa is over, but millions of people continue to suffer the fallout of the prolonged disaster. The worst drought the region has experienced in 70 years has given way to wildly unpredictable weather, exacerbated by El Nino. Despite the recent rainfall, conditions across the Horn of Africa remain...

**Mercy Corps** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*News Releases & Alerts*

April 25, 2024

**[InterAction Member CEOs Send Public Letter to President Biden to Address Crisis in Gaza](#)**

InterAction and 50 Member CEOs, some of whom have organizations that work in Gaza, urge President Biden to take decisive...

April 24, 2024

**[Mercy Corps CEO Tjada D'Oyen McKenna Responds to the Passage of U.S. Supplemental Humanitarian and Food Assistance](#)**

"We applaud U.S. lawmakers for approving nearly \$10 billion in additional humanitarian and food assistance funding..

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Latest [Selected Announcements]*

*Gaza-Israel war*

[Gaza's healthcare workers grapple with the mental health impact of an unyielding war](#)

Project Update 26 Apr 2024

*War in Ukraine*

[War-torn minds: navigating mental health issues amid war in Ukraine](#)

Project Update 25 Apr 2024

*Madagascar*

[Malaria on the rise in Madagascar as climate change leaves healthcare out of reach](#)

Project Update 25 Apr 2024

**Norwegian Refugee Council** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Latest News*

[Cross-border hostilities deepen suffering for refugees and local communities in crisis-hit Lebanon](#)

25. Apr 2024 |

**OXFAM** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Releases/Stories*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Pact** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Latest News & Highlights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Partners In Health** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*News & Stories*

*No new digest content identified.*

**PATH** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Plan International/BORNEfonden** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*News*

**[Statement: Our reaction to Sudan pledging conference](#)**

Despite financial pledges from the international community, we remain immensely concerned about the ongoing humanitarian situation in Sudan.

22 April 2024

**Save The Children** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*News*

25 April 2024 - occupied Palestinian territory

**[GAZA: Aid workers find ghost town and children living amid rubble in Khan Younis](#)**

25 April 2024 - Bangladesh

**[Bangladesh: Extreme heat closes all schools and forces 33 million children out of classrooms](#)**

25 April 2024 - Ivory Coast

**[PEDAL POWER: Community health workers in Cote d'Ivoire get on their bikes to tackle malaria in remote villages](#)**

24 April 2024 - Haiti

**[HAITI: 600 children daily dodging gunfire as they flee Haitian capital in month of violence](#)**

24 April 2024 - Global

**[Vietnam's El Niño-induced drought leaves about 73,900 households in Mekong River Delta with limited access to fresh water](#)**

23 April 2024 - occupied Palestinian territory

**['Nowhere is safe' for children in the occupied Palestinian territory with at least 24 children killed in Gaza and the West Bank](#)**

23 April 2024 - Nigeria

**[NIGERIA: One in six children set to go hungry as kidnappings, conflict and rising prices push food out of reach](#)**

22 April 2024 - Norway

**[Warring states must walk the talk to reduce the use of explosive weapons in civilian areas– Save the Children](#)**

**Tostan** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<http://www.tostan.org>

*News & Stories*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Women for Women International** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Articles*

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Vision** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.worldvision.org/about-us/media-center>

*Press Releases & Resources*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Electronic Frontiers Foundation** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Our Work*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Freedom House** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news-perspectives/press-releases-statements>

*News Releases & Statements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Human Rights Watch** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements*

April 26, 2024

**[US Universities Should Respect Right to Protest](#)**

Pro-Palestine university campus protests have spread across the United States, with harsh crackdowns at some institutions, including Columbia University, the University of Texas, and Emory University.

*Africa*

April 25, 2024 Report

**[Burkina Faso: Army Massacres 223 Villagers](#)**

*European Union*

April 24, 2024 News Release

**[EU Parliament Approves Supply Chain Law](#)**

*Americas*

April 24, 2024 Dispatches

**[Dominica High Court Decriminalizes Same-Sex Conduct](#)**

Cristian González Cabrera

Senior Researcher, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Rights Program

**Transparency International** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*News*

**[Early registration is open for the International Anti-Corruption Conference 2024](#)**

News 24 April 2024

The International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) unites individuals around the globe committed to fighting corruption, sharing insights and fostering ground-breaking alliances.

**[Unfinished business: Despite FATF money laundering list exit, UAE has much to prove](#)**

News 23 April 2024

Addressing the Emirates' role in facilitating cross-border corruption needs continued monitoring

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

Newsroom

*No new digest content identified.*

**CONCORD** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

**['A sell-out of international cooperation': DG INTPA turns its back on commitments to put human development at the centre of its international cooperation in leaked briefing](#)**

Apr 22, 2024 |

The leak of the draft Briefing Book from the Department for International Partnerships (DG INTPA) for the next Commission sparked anger among CONCORD and its members. DG INTPA, entrusted with supporting its partner countries on their path to sustainable development, reducing poverty, and promoting human rights, has taken a shocking turn toward prioritising competition and EU-centric interests, particularly in securing critical raw materials.

**The Elders** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

News, Media Releases

*No new digest content identified.*

**Evidence Aid** [to 27 Apr 2024]

*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/>

Resources [Selected]

**[Telephone-based digital triage for urgent care](#)**

Added April 22, 2024

**[The sexual and reproductive health of migrant children in sub-Saharan Africa](#)**

Added April 21, 2024

**Gavi** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

Press Releases

26 April 2024

## [WHO and France convene high-level meeting to defeat meningitis](#)

26 April 2024

[AUC, Africa CDC, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, UNICEF and WHO join the rest of the continent to mark the African Vaccination Week](#)

25 April 2024

[Major step in malaria prevention as three West African countries roll out vaccine](#)

25 April 2024

[Government of Lao PDR and partners announce campaign to tackle measles and rubella](#)

24 April 2024

[Over 50 million lives saved in Africa through expanded immunization programme](#)

24 April 2024

[Global immunization efforts have saved at least 154 million lives over the past 50 years](#)

24 April 2024

[Madagascar receives a high-level visit from the Global Polio Eradication Initiative \(GPEI\) to strengthen routine immunisation, fight polio, and increase immunisation coverage](#)

22 April 2024

[Over 5 million girls in Tanzania to receive HPV vaccine to combat cervical cancer](#)

**Global Fund** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*News & Stories*

25 April 2024

[Global Fund Board Welcomes Investments Towards Ending AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; Expresses Concern Over Growing Needs From Polycrisis Amid Global Economic Pressures](#)

The Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund) held its 51st meeting this week in Geneva, Switzerland. While anticipating record disbursements this year, with an unprecedented pace of investment in resilient an...

**ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

*Latest Resources/Upcoming Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**InterAction** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Latest Updates*

*Blog Post*

[InterAction Welcomes Two New Members](#)

Erin Marsland | Apr 25, 2024

Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Relief Services) focuses on refugee rights and resettlement. The organization has fostered a world of just and welcoming communities for over 85 years.

Stichting White Helmets Foundation is a notable humanitarian organization dedicated to helping communities in Syria through emergency response and resilience, as well as human rights advocacy.

*Crises & Countries in Conflict*

### **[High Level Goma Visit Sheds Light on Unfolding Tragedy in DRC](#)**

Cecilia Thiam | Apr 22, 2024

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### **3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*What's New/Events*

### **[Using contribution analysis to measure the use of evidence in closed research projects](#)**

3ie Learning brief, 2024

Kirithi V Rao, Deeksha Ahuja and Annie Vincent

The author of this brief summarizes high-level lessons learned by 3ie in monitoring, measuring, and verifying instances of evidence uptake and use from 3ie-funded or produced work between 2018 and 2020. This brief includes insights from using 3ie's adapted approach to contribution tracing.

### **CHS Alliance** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

*Our Impact/Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Development Initiatives** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<http://devinit.org/>

*News*

22 April 2024

### **[The conundrum of climate financing: Where is the money?](#)**

How can we ensure impactful climate action, mobilising greater funding for low-income and climate vulnerable economies, without compromising pathways for prosperity?

Written by Martha Getachew Bekele

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### **Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action**

(ALNAP) [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*News, Events*

*Hybrid*

### **[HNPW 2024: What can we learn from scaling up responses in complex humanitarian crisis?](#)**

ALNAP & IAHE hybrid HNPW 2024 session

8 May 2024

### **Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.dec.org.uk/>  
*LATEST PRESS RELEASES*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**EHLRA/R2HC/HIF** [to 27 Apr 2024]  
<http://www.elrha.org/resource-hub/news/>  
*News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies** [nee CERAH] – [to 27 Apr 2024]  
<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>  
*News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Groupe URD** [to 27 Apr 2024]  
<https://www.urd.org/en/>  
*Publications, Events, News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**International Humanitarian Studies Association** [to 27 Apr 2024]  
<https://ihsa.info/>  
*News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 27 Apr 2024]  
<https://inee.org/>  
*News/Events/Resources*

**[Launch of the INEE Minimum Standards for Education, 2024 Edition at the HNPW](#)**

On 7 May 2024 from 2-3:30pm UTC, this in-person and online event will showcase the INEE Minimum Standards, 2024 Edition, and the broad consultative process that informed it.

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 27 Apr 2024]  
<https://phap.org/>  
*Association news, events*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Sphere** [to 27 Apr 2024]  
<https://spherestandards.org/news/>  
*News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Start Network** [to 27 Apr 2024]  
<https://startnetwork.org/news-and-blogs>

*News and Blog*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Unitaid** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://unitaid.org/>

*Featured News*

25 April 2024

**[How Unitaid is supporting Brazil's G20 health agenda with innovative solutions](#)**

23 April 2024

**[The communities at the heart of malaria prevention in Mozambique](#)**

23 April 2024

**[New Unitaid report shows manufacturing antimalarials in Africa is critical to fighting malaria](#)**

- While Africa shoulders nearly all the world's malaria burden – 95% of deaths and 94% of cases in 2022 were in sub-Saharan Africa – access to quality-assured malaria treatment options remains a significant challenge.
- At the same time, the main WHO-recommended antimalarial treatment – artemisinin-based combination therapy – is losing its effectiveness as the malaria parasite develops resistance.
- A new Unitaid report shows that by strengthening antimalarial manufacturing capacity in Africa and helping to diversify the use of recommended treatments, we can help fight drug resistance and strengthen health security for millions of people at risk of malaria on the continent.

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**Brookings** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Research & Commentary*

**[The decisive decade: Understanding the trajectories of 14- to 24-year-olds](#)**

*Children & Families*

Richard V. Reeves, Ember Smith

April 26, 2024

**[Why do the US and its allies want to seize Russian reserves to aid Ukraine?](#)**

*Russia*

Sam Boocker, Alexander Conner, David Wessel

April 25, 2024

**[Recent executive actions have built a more equitable and effective disaster policy. But the rest must come from legislative change.](#)**

*Climate Policy*

Carlos Martín, Carolyn Kousky, Karina French, Manann Donoghoe

April 23, 2024

**[The changing demographics of business ownership](#)**

*Business & Workforce*

Wendy Edelberg, Noadia Steinmetz-Silber

April 23, 2024

**[Climate and environmental justice have left us better off. This Earth Day, let's celebrate that success.](#)**

*Climate Action & Justice*  
Manann Donoghoe  
April 22, 2024

**Center for Global Development** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.cgdev.org/>  
*All Research [Selected]*  
*WORKING PAPERS*

**[The Implications of a Declining Labor Force](#)**

Charles Kenny and George Yang  
April 23, 2024

This paper explores the potential implications of a declining absolute labor force on economic outcomes. It explores key macroeconomic variables during periods of negative and positive prime age (15-65) population growth (PAPG). These variables include 10-year bond yields, consumer price indices, fe...

**Chatham House** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/>  
*Selected Analysis, Comment, Events*  
*Expert comment*

**[As yet another UN Libya envoy quits, his successor must be bolder](#)**

To break through Libya's political stalemate, the UN must be willing to pursue a bolder strategy, despite the risks of failure.  
25 April 2024

*Research paper*

**[Enhancing the security of civilians in conflict](#)**

This paper discusses six kinds of humanitarian arrangements intended to provide some security to civilians caught in armed conflict, outlining relevant international law, identifying operational challenges, and making recommendations for good practice.  
24 April 2024

**Council on Foreign Relations** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.cfr.org/media/news-releases>  
*New Releases [Selected]*  
*Election 2024*

**[There Is a Risk of Extremist Violence Around the 2024 U.S. Presidential Election, Warns New CFR Report](#)**

News Releases April 23, 2024

**CSIS** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.csis.org/>  
*Reports, Commentary [Selected]*

**[CSIS European Trilateral Track 2 Nuclear Dialogues](#)**

In 2023, the European Trilateral Track 2 Nuclear Dialogues convened senior nuclear policy experts from the United Kingdom, France, and the United States to discuss nuclear deterrence, arms control, and nonproliferation issues and identify areas of consensus among the P3.  
Report by Heather Williams — April 25, 2024

### **Newcomers Bring New Rules**

Jon Alterman and Lily McElwee argue that addressing the world's increasingly complex challenges in an era of national contestation requires robust multilateral cooperation to create opportunities and improve global conditions.  
Report by Jon B. Alterman and Lily McElwee — April 22, 2024

### **Pursuing Global Order in the Twenty-First Century**

Amid rising great power competition, the United States needs to rethink its engagement with the Global South—a diverse but increasingly populous and wealthy group of states that will be vital to addressing the world's problems.  
Digital Report by Jon B. Alterman and Lily McElwee — April 22, 2024

### **Back in Stock? The State of Russia's Defense Industry after Two Years of the War**

Two years into the war, Russia's prospects have improved. By tapping into its Cold War-era stockpiles, Russia has ramped up domestic arms production. It has also solidified ties with China, Iran, and North Korea, importing dual-use goods and weapons from these countries.  
Report by Maria Snegovaya, Max Bergmann, Tina Dolbaia, Nick Fenton, and Samuel Bendett (Contributor) — April 22, 2024

**McKinsey Global Institute** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.mckinsey.com/mgi/overview>

*Latest Research*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ODI [Overseas Development Institute]** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://odi.org/en/publications/>

*Publications [Selected]*

### **Revitalising the Good Humanitarian Donorship Initiative: a 20-year review**

26 April 2024

*Research report*

### **Feminist responses to 'norm-spoiling' at the United Nations**

23 April 2024

*Briefing/policy paper*

*Threats to progress on gender equality, LGBTQI+ diversity and women's rights are gaining traction. Across the world and in global, national and local spaces, anti-rights actors are working collectively to undermine and restrict the rights of women and LGBTQI+ people.*

'Norm-spoiling' refers to an agenda that seeks to undermine the legitimacy of gender equality and women's rights norms. Such activities are sustained by an increasingly professionalised network of actors disseminating anti-rights narratives within UN systems and working to change human rights discourse.

This ODI Briefing note explores the what, who and how of 'norm-spoiling', as well as the successful counter-strategies being employed by feminist organisations to resist these efforts. It outlines what is known about the well-coordinated tactics eroding rights-based norms at the international level, and

what can be done protect women's and LGBTQ+ rights, which have been hard-won through decades of feminist organising...

#### *Key messages*

- Norm-spoiling in multilateral arenas, such as the United Nations, aims to undermine the international consensus on women's rights.
- Anti-gender actors are gaining ground through diverse and unusual alliances that are increasingly well-organised and well-funded. Together, they are creating a dangerous movement that opposes the rights of women and LGBTQI+ people.
- Despite this challenging environment, international feminist activists are working pro-actively in multilateral spaces to defend women's rights, disrupt the expansion of anti-gender influence, and promote new and positive change.
- To support these efforts, recommendations include: communicating and raising awareness of norm-spoiling; increasing and improving funding to feminist organisations; bolstering evidence and data on anti-rights strategies and what works to counteract them; supporting coalition building and inclusive transnational alliances; strategically strengthening advocacy and coordination of lobbying efforts at the UN.

### **Beyond survival in displacement: rights essential for wellbeing**

22 April 2024

#### *Briefing/policy paper*

Wellbeing is not just a luxury to be enjoyed in times of peace or prosperity, but also a fundamental right during crisis. But, within a humanitarian system that prioritises the provision of what is deemed lifesaving assistance and the meeting of basic needs, interventions too often overlook large parts of what affected people really want, in order to live meaningful lives.

### **In the shadow of revolution and humanitarian response: understanding aspirations and wellbeing in Northeast Syria**

22 April 2024

#### *Case/country study*

**Pew Research Center** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Latest Publications [Selected]*

*short read* Apr 23, 2024

### **Most Americans say a free press is highly important to society**

Ahead of World Press Freedom Day, 73% of U.S. adults say the freedom of the press is extremely or very important to the well-being of society.

**Rand** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Published Research [Selected]*

*Report*

### **Measuring China's Science and Technology Progress: A Framework for Assessing Advances Affecting Military Capability**

The authors developed a top-down, analytic framework of scientific and technological progress that accounts for China's leadership's strategic aspirations, military missions, and new or improved capabilities, and results in a graphical dashboard.

Apr 24, 2024

David A. Shlapak, Chad J. R. Ohlandt, Jon Schmid

**RoRI [Research on Research Institute]** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

*RoRI News, Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Alan Turing Institute**

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Urban Institute** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

**[New Research Publications - Selected](#)**

*Summary*

**[The Building Blocks of Equitable Local Economies](#)**

April 22, 2024

Communities throughout the United States are facing decisions about how to use federal resources to advance local development efforts. These choices can either foster greater fairness within their regions or reinforce entrenched disparities embedded within our nation's legal frameworks and programs. To achieve greater equity, federal funds should be used in a way that guarantees inclusive participation in and benefits from economic expansion, particularly for historically marginalized groups.

To help inform these decisions, previous Urban Institute work identified key lessons and common building blocks that can support progress toward equity and inclusion during a city's economic recovery...

**The Wistar Institute** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Economic Forum** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Media [Selected]*

**[World Economic Forum Convenes Special Meeting on Global Collaboration, Growth and Energy for Development](#)**

News 27 Apr 2024

- 1,000 government, business and civil society leaders to gather in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- Amid an increasingly complex global backdrop, the meeting aims to bridge the growing North-South divide and find collaborative solutions to shared challenges
- The meeting will drive action-oriented dialogue on three key themes: Inclusive Growth, Energy for Development, and Global Collaboration
- Watch livestreamed sessions from the meeting [here](#) and join the conversation on social media using #SpecialMeeting24

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 27 April 2024 – With geopolitical upheavals and complex economic challenges destabilizing a fractured world, the World Economic Forum Special Meeting on Global Collaboration, Growth and Energy for Development will convene 1,000 global leaders from 92 countries on 28-29 April, to support global dialogue and find actionable, collaborative and sustainable solutions to shared global challenges.

Building on the inaugural Growth Summit, held in Switzerland last year, the meeting will promote forward-thinking approaches to interconnected crises, while remaining realistic about shorter-term trade-offs. It will work to bridge the growing North-South divide on issues such as emerging economic policies, the energy transition and geopolitical shocks....

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**ISC / International Science Council** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://council.science/current/>

*ISC is a non-governmental organization with a unique global membership that brings together 40 international scientific Unions and Associations and over 140 national and regional scientific organizations including Academies and Research Councils.*

*Latest Updates*

*Blogs*

**[Strengthening the Voice of Science: Reflections from the Global Knowledge Dialogue in Santiago, Chile](#)**

Another fantastic gathering of scientific minds at the Global Knowledge Dialogue for Latin America and the Caribbean

25.04.2024

*Blogs*

**[Insights from Dr. Pedro Jaureguiberry, Frontiers Planet Prize National Champion, on biodiversity loss and planetary boundaries](#)**

Pedro Jaureguiberry the National Nominee of Argentina to this year's edition of the Frontiers Planet Prize, shares insights on his groundbreaking research on the loss of biodiversity

25.04.2024

*Blogs*

**[Plastic Treaty negotiations must prioritize health](#)**

With the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-4) to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution scheduled resuming today 23 April, the scientific community underscores the critical need to prioritize health in the ongoing negotiations.

23.04.2024

*News*

**[Unlocking the Future: A Guide for Policy-makers: Evaluating Rapidly Developing Technologies Including AI, Large Language Models and Beyond](#)**

Ahead of the OECD ministerial meeting on science and technology, the ISC is advocating for a framework to inform policymakers on the multiple global and national discussions taking place related to AI.

22.04.2024

**National Academy of Engineering** - USA [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.nae.edu/31222/MediaRoom>

*Latest News & Press Releases*

## **[NAE Expands Initiatives in Africa](#)**

Thu, April 25, 2024

Collaboration, collective efforts and creative thinking are key to creating solutions to today's global challenges.

**National Academy of Medicine** - USA [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://nam.edu/programs/>

*News [Selected]*

## **[National Academy of Medicine Co-Hosts Climate and Health Day at US Climate Action Summit and Launches Initiative to Accelerate the National Climate and Health Movement](#)**

April 25, 2024

## **[NAM Hosts Convening to Address Research Gaps at the Intersection of Climate Change, Health, and Equity; Leaders Across Disciplines Identify Strategies to Advance Solutions](#)**

April 22, 2024

**National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM]**- USA [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.nationalacademies.org/newsroom?>

*News*

## **[The Challenge of Predicting Climate Migration](#)**

*Feature Story* | April 23, 2024

By Sara Frueh

**National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.]** [to 27 Apr 2024]

[https://www.neh.gov/newsroom?f%5B0%5D=news\\_type%3A281&f%5B1%5D=newsroom\\_content\\_type%3Anews](https://www.neh.gov/newsroom?f%5B0%5D=news_type%3A281&f%5B1%5D=newsroom_content_type%3Anews)

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**NIH** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<http://www.nih.gov/>

*New Releases*

## **[Lower dose of mpox vaccine is safe and generates six-week antibody response equivalent to standard regimen](#)**

April 27, 2024 — Study highlights need for defined markers of mpox immunity to inform public health use.

## **[Experimental NIH malaria monoclonal antibody protective in Malian children](#)**

Friday, April 26, 2024 - Mid-stage trial shows treatment prevents infection, disease.

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**CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://cioms.ch/>

*News; Publications; Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Hastings Center** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.thehastingscenter.org/for-media/>

*Press Releases, Events*

*Ethics & Human Research*

May-June 2024

**[Should Children Be Included in Human Challenge Studies?](#)**

[Ariella Binik](#)

First published: 17 April 2024 <https://doi.org/10.1002/eahr.500208>

**ABSTRACT**

Human challenge studies, in which human research subjects are intentionally exposed to pathogens to contribute to scientific knowledge, raise many ethical complexities. One controversial question is whether it is ethically permissible to include children as participants. Commentary of the past decades endorses the exclusion of children, while new guidance suggests that pediatric human challenge studies can be ethically permissible. This paper argues that neither children's exclusion nor their inclusion are well justified. I examine and reject three arguments for exclusion, but suggest that these arguments establish pediatric human challenge studies as a complex ethical category of research that requires caution. I then argue for a strong presumption against children's inclusion, by drawing on an analogy to children's inclusion in phase I trials, emphasizing a requirement of necessity, and suggesting that accommodating children's vulnerability promotes an age de-escalation approach for pediatric human challenge studies research. In the final section, I suggest a procedure for ethics review.

**INSERM** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.inserm.fr/en/home/>

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICH [International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use]** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selective]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Nuffield Council on Bioethics** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Medical Association [WMA]** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.wma.net/news-press/press-releases/>

*Press Releases*

**[WMA Council adopts resolution on the protection of healthcare in Israel and Gaza](#)**

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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 27 Apr 2024]

<https://alleninstitute.org/news-press/>

News

No new digest content identified.

**BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.gatesfoundation.org/ideas/media-center>

Press Releases and Statements

Press release Apr 24, 2024

[\*\*Global immunization efforts have saved at least 154 million lives over the past 50 years\*\*](#)

**Blue Meridian Partners** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<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 27 Apr 2024]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

**Clinton Foundation** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

News & Updates

No new digest content identified.

**Co Impact** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

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

*Blogs*

**[Planning for systems change: Reflections from Co-Impact's Design Phase Workshop](#)**

Apr 22, 2024

**Ford Foundation** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.fordfoundation.org/news-and-stories/news-and-press/>

*News & Press*

26 April 2024

**[Ford Foundation Gallery announces opening of Cantando Bajito: Incantations](#)**

**J. Paul Getty Trust** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.getty.edu/news/all/>

*Latest News*

**[Getty Returns Ancient Bronze Head to Türkiye](#)**

Apr 24, 2024

The J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles today announced it has initiated the return of a bronze head of a young man from its antiquities collection at the Getty Villa Museum to Türkiye.

**GHIT Fund** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Grameen Foundation** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Latest Updates [Selected]*

**[Hewlett Foundation Welcomes Tendisai Chigwedere as a Program Officer in the Gender Equity and Governance Program](#)**

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation announced that Tendisai Chigwedere will join the foundation as a program officer in its Gender Equity and Governance Program. Tendisai will support the Inclusive Governance portfolio of grants to ensure governments are responsive to their people's needs and...

*Gender Equity and Governance* April 23, 2024

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Room*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IKEA Foundation** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Kaiser Family Foundation** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Newsroom*

### **[Donor Government Funding for Global Family Planning Declines to Lowest Level Since 2016](#)**

April 24, 2024 News Release

A new KFF analysis finds donor government funding for family planning efforts in low- and middle-income countries totaled US\$1.35 billion in 2022, a decline of 9% (US\$129 million) compared to 2021 (\$1.48 billion). This figure marks the lowest level of funding since 2016 (\$1.31 billion). While some of the decline...

### **[An Estimated 1 in 4 Medicare Beneficiaries With Obesity or Overweight Could Be Eligible for Medicare Coverage of Wegovy, an Anti-Obesity Drug, to Reduce Heart Risk](#)**

April 24, 2024 News Release

In a new analysis, KFF finds that 3.6 million people with Medicare could be eligible for coverage of Wegovy (semaglutide) now that the Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of the anti-obesity drug to reduce the risk of heart attacks and stroke in certain patients. This change potentially...

### **[The Vast Majority of Nursing Facilities Will Need to Hire More Staff to Comply with the Final Federal Rule When Fully Implemented, Unless They Qualify for an Exemption](#)**

April 22, 2024 News Release

Based on a new KFF analysis, fewer than 1 in 5 (19%) nursing facilities currently meet the minimum staffing standards set out in the final requirements of the federal rule released today by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS adopted staffing standards that are similar to the...

### **[At the Supreme Court: What's at Stake for Emergency Abortion Care?](#)**

April 22, 2024 News Release

On April 24, the Supreme Court will hear Idaho v. United States—the second case this term involving access to abortion. In a new brief, KFF examines what’s at stake, focusing on whether the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA)—a federal law requiring nearly all hospitals to ensure emergency...

**Kellogg Foundation** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*News & Media*

**[PreK For All Roadmap takes a holistic approach to rolling out PreK For All](#)**

Apr. 26, 2024

**[An Olympic-sized hurdle](#)**

Health

Apr. 24, 2024

**Aga Khan Foundation** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://the.akdn/en/resources-media/whats-new/press-release>

*News Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Releases/What We're Learning*

*Grantee Publications*

**[Uncovering the Data on Latinos in Chicago’s Suburbs](#)**

April 25, 2024

*Grantee Publications*

**[Costs and Disparities in NYC Misdemeanor Enforcement](#)**

April 23, 2024

*Grantee Publications*

**[Correcting the Myths: The Data of Who is Incarcerated](#)**

April 22, 2024

**Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** [to 27 Apr 2024]

<https://www.mellon.org/press>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Recent News*

**[Perspective: What does it mean to support conservation in a place changing as fast as the Arctic?](#)**

April 24, 2024

**Open Society Foundations** [to 27 Apr 2024]  
<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/newsroom>  
*Newsroom*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 27 Apr 2024]  
<http://www.packard.org/news/>  
*News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 27 Apr 2024]  
<http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/about/news-room>  
*News Room*  
*Press Releases & Statements*  
April 24, 2024  
[\*\*New Report: Louisiana Can Reap Job, Economic Benefits From Offshore Wind\*\*](#)

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 27 Apr 2024]  
<https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/>  
*News and Announcements*  
[\*\*New Scientific Resources Map Food Components To Improve Human and Environmental Health\*\*](#)  
*Press Releases* April 24, 2024  
Periodic Table of Food Initiative launches database of food compounds to expand knowledge about what we eat

**Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 27 Apr 2024]  
<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.*

**Alfred P. Sloan Foundation** [to 27 Apr 2024]  
<https://sloan.org/about/press>  
*Press Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Wellcome Trust** [to 27 Apr 2024]  
<https://wellcome.org/>  
*News, Opinion, Reports*  
*Analysis*  
Author Charlie Weller  
[\*\*Vaccines have a crucial role in tackling antimicrobial resistance\*\*](#)

24 April 20243-minute read

*Analysis*

Author Simge Eva Dogan

[Five real-world examples of how climate mitigation can benefit health](#)

23 April 20245-minute read

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**Candid** [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Releases/News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Council on Foundations** [to 27 Apr 2024]

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

*Press Releases*

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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 15, 2023 Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**AMA Journal of Ethics**

Volume 26, Number 4: E275-359 April 2024

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/critical-pedagogies-health-professions-education>

### ***Global Medical Supply Chain Security***

Individual patients' safety and public health were compromised by critical drug shortages, substandard medications, and extremely restricted access to personal protective equipment during the COVID-19 pandemic. As health organizations and workers struggled to meet demands posed by unprecedented patient numbers and illness acuity, our complex global health ecosystem with long-standing upstream supply chain vulnerabilities failed to meet emergent downstream demand in several ways. First, material procurement and ingredient sourcing were inadequate. Second, operations lacking transparency made stopping propagation of substandard or falsified medications ineffective, inefficient, or impossible. Finally, logistical obfuscation made environmental consequences of waste management hard to assess and steward responsibly. Policy makers, health care organizations, regulators, manufacturers, and distributors each have roles in building and maintaining global medical supply chain security. This theme issue investigates how these and other agents' failures to cultivate public health capacity, nourish sustainable production processes, and carefully maintain systemic supply chain resiliency are neither accidental nor simply unfortunate, but unjust.

### **American Journal of Human Genetics**

Apr 04, 2024 Volume 111 Issue 4 p621-806

<https://www.cell.com/ajhg/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Infection Control**

April 2024 Volume 52 Issue 4p 381-499

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Preventive Medicine**

March 2024 Volume 66 Issue 3 p389-572

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Public Health**

May 2024 114(5)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

Volume 110 (2024): Issue 4 (Apr 2024)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/110/4/tpmd.110.issue-4.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Annals of Internal Medicine**

April 2024 Volume 177, Issue 4

<https://www.acpjournals.org/toc/aim/current>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

## **Antiquity – A Review of World Archology**

Issue 398 - April 2024

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Anti-Trafficking Review**

No. 21 (2023)

<https://antitraffickingreview.org/index.php/atrjournal/issue/view/32>

*Anti-Trafficking Review is the first open access, peer reviewed journal dedicated to the issue of human trafficking. It explores trafficking in its broader context and intersections with gender, labour, and migration.*

### ***Special Issue - COVID-19: Labour, Migration, and Exploitation***

This Special Issue of Anti-Trafficking Review examines the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the lives of low-wage, migrant, and informal workers. With contributions from Australia, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Europe, Nigeria, Brazil and the United States, it describes the experiences of temporary migrants, victims of trafficking, sex workers, internally displaced persons, and LGBTQ asylum seekers with violence, exploitation, discrimination, racism, and (lack of) access to healthcare and social protections. It also highlights the work of civil society organisations who stepped in to provide lifesaving support to people abandoned by the state. Importantly, contributors draw lessons from the pandemic and make policy and practice recommendations how to ensure that future disasters do not have the same negative impact on human rights.

## **Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal**

Volume 330 May 2024

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/330/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation**

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

(Accessed 27 Apr 2024)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMC Health Services Research**

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

(Accessed 27 Apr 2024)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMC Infectious Diseases**

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

(Accessed 27 Apr 2024)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMC Medical Ethics**

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

(Accessed 27 Apr 2024)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Medicine**

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

(Accessed 27 Apr 2024)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

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

(Accessed 27 Apr 2024)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Public Health**

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

(Accessed 27 Apr 2024)

#### **[Understanding the factors associated with COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in Venezuela](#)**

*Despite nearly a quarter of Venezuelans remaining unvaccinated against coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the factors contributing to vaccine hesitancy in the country have not been thoroughly investigated.*

Authors: Fabián R. Chacón-Labrador, María G. Passantino, Augusto Moncada-Ortega, Atahualpa A. Ávila, Andrea A. Moreno, Nicolle A. Kuffaty-Akkou, Luisana M. Pedroza, Natasha A. Camejo-Ávila, Daniela L. Mendoza-Millán, Carlis M. Rodríguez-Saavedra, María V. Marcano-Rojas, Fernando Hernández-Medina, María E. Grillet, Fhabián S. Carrión-Nessi and David A. Forero-Peña

Citation: BMC Public Health 2024 24:1117

Content type: Research Published on: 23 April 2024

#### **[An evaluation of physical access barriers to COVID-19 vaccines uptake among persons with physical disabilities in western Kenya](#)**

*Physically disabled persons continue to be discriminated, excluded and neglected based on design of structures and their location. This hampers equitable access to services and disproportionately affect them d...*

Authors: David Omondi Odongo, Esther Osir and Shehu Shagari Awandu

Citation: BMC Public Health 2024 24:1112

Content type: Research Published on: 22 April 2024

### **BMC Research Notes**

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

(Accessed 27 Apr 2024)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine**

April 2024 - Volume 29 - 2

<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/29/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **BMJ Global Health**

April 2024 - Volume 9 - Suppl 1

[https://gh.bmj.com/content/9/Suppl\\_1](https://gh.bmj.com/content/9/Suppl_1)

#### ***Social determinants of health equity***

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists**

March 2024

<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2024-03/>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Bulletin of the World Health Organization**

Volume 102(4); 2024 Apr 1

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/issues/458786/>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Child Care, Health and Development**

Volume 50, Issue 3 May 2024

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal**

Volume 149 March 2024

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/149/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics**

Volume 115, Issue 5 Pages: 907-1175 May 2024

<https://ascpt.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15326535/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Therapeutics**

March 2024 Volume 46 Issue 3 p185-304

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Trials**

Volume 21 Issue 2, April 2024

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/21/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Conflict and Health**

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

[Accessed 27 Apr 2024]

**[The effect of COVID-19 on the non-COVID health outcomes of crisis-affected peoples: a systematic review](#)**

*The COVID-19 pandemic posed considerable risks to populations affected by humanitarian crises in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). However, there is limited understanding of how the pandemic may have a...*

Authors: N. Thompson, K. W. Y. Kyaw, L. Singh, J. C. Cikomola, N. S. Singh and Bayard Roberts

Citation: Conflict and Health 2024 18:37

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**Contemporary Clinical Trials**

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**The CRISPR Journal**

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**Current Genetic Medicine Reports**

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**Current Protocols in Human Genetics**

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**Developing World Bioethics**

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**[The indigenous African cultural value of human tissues and implications for bio-banking](#)**

David Nderitu, Claudia Emerson

Pages: 66-73

First Published: 23 January 2023

**[Extreme poverty first: An argument on the equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine in Peru](#)**

Carlos Augusto Yabar

Pages: 97-101

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**Development in Practice**

Volume 34, Issue 2, 2024

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/34/2>

***BRAC at 50: reflecting on 50 years of BRAC contributions to development knowledge and practice.*** Guest Editors: Nicola Banks, Nusrat Jahan, and Imran Matin

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**Development Policy Review**

Volume 42, Issue 3 May 2024

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**[Supporting women's empowerment by changing intra-household decision-making: A mixed-methods analysis of a field experiment in rural south-west Tanzania](#)**

Els Lecoutere, Lan Chu

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**[Does development aid reach politically excluded groups? A Disaggregated Study of the Location of Aid in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)**

Siri Aas Rustad, Kristian Hoelscher, Andreas Kotsadam, Gudrun Østby, Henrik Urdal

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**Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness**

Volume 18 - 2024

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### **Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Volume 30, Number 4—April 2024

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### **Ethics & Human Research**

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***Indigenous data sovereignty :: Returning clinically relevant results***

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### **Ethics & International Affairs**

Volume 37 - Issue 4 - Winter 2023

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### **Ethics, Medicine and Public Health**

Volume 31 (December 2023)

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Volume 34, Issue 2, April 2024

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### **Food Policy**

Volume 123 February 2024

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/123/suppl/C>

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## **Food Security**

Volume 16, Issue 1 February 2024

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/16-1>

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## **Forced Migration Review (FMR)**

September 2023

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

### ***Ukraine: Insights and implications***

The war on Ukraine has caused forced displacement on a scale and at a speed not witnessed in Europe since World War II. This issue seeks to address questions that have arisen out of the crisis, reflecting on the lessons learned from the immediate response and the implications for the international refugee and asylum system.

This issue is available in English, Ukrainian and Russian. We encourage you to share it with your networks.

## **Foreign Affairs**

March/April 2024 Volume 103, Number 2

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/issues/2023/103/2>

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## **Forum for Development Studies**

Volume 51, 2024 - Issue 2

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### **[The Relationship Between Health aid and Health Outcomes and the Role of Domestic Healthcare Expenditure in Developing Countries](#)**

Isabelle Leunig, Geske Dijkstra & Pieter Tuytens

Pages: 211-234

Published online: 22 Mar 2024

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### **[Does Norwegian Aid Reward Equitable Access to Health in Recipient States? Assessing a 'Moral Superpower's' Aid to Pro-Poor Development, 1990–2019](#)**

Indra de Soysa, Krishna C. Vadlamannati & Rebecca Ruth

Pages: 235-263

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### **[Does Colonial Institutional Legacy Fully Explain Why Nations Fail? Theoretical and Empirical Confrontations Using the Case of Haiti](#)**

Bénédique Paul & Daniil Storchevoi

Pages: 301-331

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## **Genetics in Medicines**

Volume 26, Issue 4 April 2024

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### **Genome Medicine**

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### **Geoheritage**

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### **Global Health Action**

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### **Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)**

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### **Global Legal Monitor & Legal Reports – Library of Congress/USA**

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#### **[Brazil: Federal Supreme Court Rules That Armed Forces Are Not a 'Moderating Power' Between Branches of Government](#)**

On April 8, 2024, the Federal Supreme Court of Brazil, by unanimous decision, ruled that the Brazilian Constitution does not allow the Armed Forces to play the role of “moderating power” between the executive, legislative, and judiciary powers in the country. The decision was in response to a Direct Unconstitutionality Action (Ação Direta de Inconstitucionalidade ... Continue reading “Brazil: Federal Supreme Court Rules That...

Contributor: Soares, Eduardo

Date: 2024-04-25

### **Global Public Health**

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## **Globalization and Health**

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

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### **[Exploring the perspectives and practices of humanitarian actors towards the Participation Revolution in humanitarian digital health responses: a qualitative study](#)**

Authors: Jennifer Benson, Meret Lakeberg and Tilman Brand

Content type: Research 26 April 2024

### **[Harnessing the potential of African youth for transforming health research in Africa](#)**

Authors: Yusuff Adebayo Adebisi, Nafisat Dasola Jimoh, Archibong Edem Bassey, Hassan Olayemi Alaka, Mohamed Marah, Chimwemwe Ngoma, Isaac Olushola Ogunkola, Oumnia Bouaddi, Idahor Courage, Radwa Abdalla Abdelatif El-Abasiri, Rime Boutahar, Molly Unoh Ogbodum, Aniekan Michael Ekpenyong, Theogene Uwizeyimana, Oviri Edith Oghenerukevwe and David Bamidele Olawade

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#### *Abstract*

Africa faces a significant burden of infectious diseases, including Malaria and HIV/AIDS, along with an increasing prevalence of non-infectious diseases such as diabetes and cancer. This dual health challenge is amplified by socioeconomic difficulties, restricted access to healthcare, and lifestyle changes, thus present unique scientific needs. Effectively addressing these issues requires a skilled scientific workforce adept in comprehensive healthcare strategies. This analysis explores the critical landscape of health research in Africa, emphasizing the unique opportunity presented by the continent's youthful population, projected to reach almost 1 billion by 2050. The youth's innovative potential and fresh perspectives offer a chance to overcome development barriers in health research. Nevertheless, challenges such as under-resourced education, limited research training, inadequate mentorship, and funding difficulties persist. This paper urgently calls upon African leaders, international partners, and stakeholders to prioritize health research, mobilize funding, forge strategic partnerships, and empower the youth as essential steps to capitalize on the continent's dynamic youth for breakthrough health outcomes. Such investments are vital not just for health but for the overall economic, social, and strategic growth of the continent. Through shared responsibility and a united effort, the potential of African youth can be harnessed, leading to transformative research, improved health outcomes, and a prosperous future. This perspective represents the collective voice of passionate young researchers and advocates across Africa, calling for a new era of health research on the continent.

## **Health and Human Rights**

Volume 25, Issue 2, December 2023

<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-25-issue-2-december-2023/>

### ***Special Section: Economic Inequality and the Right to Health***

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## **Health Economics, Policy and Law**

Volume 19 - Issue 1 - January 2024

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

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## **Health Policy and Planning**

Volume 39, Issue 3, April 2024

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### **Health Research Policy and Systems**

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### **Human Gene Therapy**

Volume 35, Issue 7-8 / April 2024

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/35/7-8>

*Review*

#### **[The New Frontiers of Gene Therapy and Gene Editing in Inflammatory Diseases](#)**

[Alessandro Romano](#) and [Alessandra Mortellaro](#)

Pages:219–231

Published Online:12 March 2024

<https://doi.org/10.1089/hum.2023.210>

*Abstract*

Inflammatory diseases are conditions characterized by abnormal and often excessive immune responses, leading to tissue and organ inflammation. The complexity of these disorders arises from the intricate interplay of genetic factors and immune responses, which challenges conventional therapeutic approaches. However, the field of genetic manipulation has sparked unprecedented optimism in addressing these complex disorders. This review aims to comprehensively explore the application of gene therapy and gene editing in the context of inflammatory diseases, offering solutions that range from correcting genetic defects to precise immune modulation. These therapies have exhibited remarkable potential in ameliorating symptoms, improving quality of life, and even achieving disease remission. As we delve into recent breakthroughs and therapeutic applications, we illustrate how these advancements offer novel and transformative solutions for conditions that have traditionally eluded conventional treatments. By examining successful case studies and preclinical research, we emphasize the favorable results and substantial transformative impacts that gene-based interventions have demonstrated in patients and animal models of inflammatory diseases such as chronic granulomatous disease, cryopyrin-associated syndromes, and adenosine deaminase 2 deficiency, as well as those of multifactorial origins such as arthropathies (osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis) and inflammatory bowel disease. In conclusion, gene therapy and gene editing offer transformative opportunities to address the underlying causes of inflammatory diseases, ushering in a new era of precision medicine and providing hope for personalized, targeted treatments.

### **Human Rights Quarterly**

Volume 46, Number 1, February 2024

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**Infectious Diseases of Poverty**

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**International Health**

Volume 16, Issue 2, March 2024

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**International Human Rights Law Review**

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Volume 103 March 2024

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### **International Journal of Epidemiology**

Volume 53, Issue 2, April 2024

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### **International Journal of Heritage Studies**

Volume 30, 2024 Issue 6

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

***Oceanic geographies and maritime heritage in making: Producing history, memory and territory***

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### **International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare**

Volume 17 Issue 1 2024

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### **International Migration Review**

Volume 58 Issue 1, March 2024

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### **International Review of Education – Journal of Lifelong Learning**

Volume 70, Issue 1 February 2024

<https://link.springer.com/journal/11159/volumes-and-issues/70-1>

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### **International Review of the Red Cross**

No. 924 December 2023

<https://international-review.icrc.org/>

***Protecting the Environment in Armed Conflict***

[27 articles ]

In the context of the historical development of international humanitarian law (IHL), the specific protection of the environment is relatively recent. Still, in the almost fifty years since the first treaty rules emerged explicitly protecting the environment during armed conflict, modern understandings of the relationships among ecological and human health, on one hand, and the multi-layered and diverse threats that armed conflicts pose to the environment, on the other hand, have significantly advanced. This issue of the International Review of the Red Cross delves into the many ways that conflict can adversely impact the environment. The articles within it develop thoughtful analysis regarding how the existing international legal framework protects the environment during armed conflict.

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

October 2023 - Volume 21 - Issue 2

<https://journals.lww.com/invn/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

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### **Issues in Science and Technology**

Vol. XL, No. 3, Spring 2024

<https://issues.org/issue/40-3/>

*Aristotle on the Moon*

For better or worse, finding workable solutions to significant problems among people who share land, traditions, and values may be easier and more effective than global and national efforts. For the scientific enterprise, the devolution of big policy to small places poses new challenges around establishing spaces for democratic decisionmaking, building knowledge to inform those decisions, and effectively linking the two. As decisionmaking moves toward states and localities, science leaders will need to understand how the landscape of opportunity is shifting and build the capacity to answer questions posed by specific geographic communities.

*Perspectives*

**["AI Is a Tool, and Its Values Are Human Values."](#)**

Fei-Fei Li, Sara Frueh

Computer scientist and "godmother of AI" Fei-Fei Li explains why artificial intelligence and public life are at an inflection point—and contemplates how to unleash positive changes while mitigating risks.

### **JAMA**

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### **JAMA Health Forum**

April 2024, Vol 5, No. 4

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### **JAMA Pediatrics**

April 2024, Vol 178, No. 4, Pages 326-422

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### **JBI Evidence Synthesis**

March 2024 - Volume 22 - Issue 3

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

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### **Journal of Adolescent Health**

April 2024 Volume 74 Issue 4 p629-860

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### **Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research**

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### **Journal of Community Health**

Volume 49, Issue 2 April 2024

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### **Journal of Current Medical Research and Opinion**

*...a peer-reviewed, international journal for the rapid publication of original research on new and existing drugs and therapies, and post-marketing investigations. Equivalence, safety and efficacy/effectiveness studies are especially encouraged.*

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### **Journal of Cultural Heritage**

Volume 66 Pages 1-628 (March–April 2024)

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### **Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development**

Volume 14 Issue 2

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2044-1266/vol/14/iss/2>

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### **Journal of Development Economics**

Volume 168 May 2024

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-development-economics/vol/168/suppl/C>

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### **Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics**

Volume 19 Issue 1-2, February–April 2024

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

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### **Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health**

March 2024 - Volume 78 - 3  
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### **Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine**

Volume 17, Issue 1 Pages: 1-235 March 2024  
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### **Journal of Global Ethics**

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### **Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (JHCPU)**

Volume 35, Number 1, February 2024  
<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/52063>  
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### **Journal of Human Trafficking**

Volume 10, Issue 2, 2024  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uhmt20/current>

#### ***Bridging the Gaps in Our Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking***

This Special Issue (SI) seeks to collect the most current knowledge on gaps in the research realm or intervention development. For example, until recently, the primary focus of intervention and prevention efforts has focused on the supply side of the equation. There needs to be more quality research on the demand side of the equation. Similarly, there are ongoing issues of reliable data (i.e., measurement) and how best to collect it; the issue of under-counting and possible system failure issues; navigating the existing “system” and its barriers; the challenges of prosecutions and convictions; and “siloiing” of NGOs, among a host of other themes and issues.

The SI’s focus is broad, and we do not want to prejudice the process by assuming that all the (primary) challenges are adequately understood and addressed in our efforts to combat human trafficking. Instead, as acknowledged by experts in the field, we invited a group of experienced researchers and practitioners to contribute to this collective effort. More importantly, we sought voices from the global south for inclusion in this volume, e.g., India, Cambodia, and South Africa.

To assure adequate coverage and balance against the traditional preference for academic-type research papers, we included two broad types of articles in this volume: shorter articles (around 2,500 words) from several front-line organizations and services that speak directly (from their experience) to the challenges of meeting their objectives and mandates and full-length empirically based articles to point out or address some of the gaps in “human trafficking” (HT) research.

### **Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health**

Volume 26, Issue 2 April 2024  
<https://link.springer.com/journal/10903/volumes-and-issues/26-2>  
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**Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies**

Volume 22, 2024 \_ Issue 1

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

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**Journal of Infectious Diseases**

Volume 229, Issue 3, 15 March 2024

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**Journal of International Development**

Volume 36, Issue 3 Pages: 3-1943 April 2024

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**Journal of Medical Ethics**

April 2024 - Volume 50 - 4

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**Journal of Operations Management**

Volume 70, Issue 2 Pages: 181-340 March 2024

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

***Closed-Loop Supply Chains with Product Remanufacturing: Challenges and Opportunities***

Issue Edited by: Saurabh Bansal, V. Daniel R. Guide, Sergey Naumov

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**Journal of Patient-Centered Research and Reviews**

Volume 11, Issue 1 (2024)

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**The Journal of Pediatrics**

Volume 267 April 2024

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/the-journal-of-pediatrics/vol/267/suppl/C>

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**Journal of Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice**

Volume 17, Issue 1 (2024) Issue 1

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### **Journal of Public Health Management & Practice**

March/April 2024 - Volume 30 - Issue 2

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### **Journal of Public Health Policy**

Volume 45, issue 1, March 2024

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### **Journal of the Royal Society – Interface**

April 2024 Volume 21 Issue 213

<https://royalsocietypublishing.org/toc/rsif/current>

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### **Journal of Travel Medicine**

Volume 31, Issue 3 April 2024

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

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### **Journal on Education in Emergencies**

Volume 9, Number 1 - (Dec 2023)

<https://inee.org/resources/journal-education-emergencies-volume-9-number-1>

25 April 2024

*INEE Webinar Inter-agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE)*

**[Lost Opportunity: education for out-of-school youth in emergency and protracted crisis settings](#)**

INEE held a webinar on a new study from NORCAP, Lost Opportunity: Education for out-of-school youth in emergency and protracted crisis settings.

### **The Lancet**

Apr 27, 2024 Volume 403 Number 10437 p1603-1722

<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/current>

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### **The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health**

May 2024 Volume 8 Number 5 p311-384

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### **Lancet Digital Health**

Apr 2024 Volume 6 Number 4 e230-e298

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### **Lancet Global Health**

May 2024 Volume 12 Number 5 e712-e890

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### **Lancet Infectious Diseases**

Apr 2024 Volume 24 Number 4 p329-436, e207-e267

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### **Lancet Public Health**

Apr 2024 Volume 9 Number 4 e207-e274

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### **Lancet Respiratory Medicine**

Apr 2024 Volume 12 Number 4 p255-336, e13-e30

<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/issue/current>

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### **Maternal and Child Health Journal**

Volume 28, Issue 5 May 2024

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### **Medical Decision Making (MDM)**

Volume 44 Issue 3, April 2024

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### **The Milbank Quarterly**

*A Multidisciplinary Journal of Population Health and Health Policy*

Volume 102, Issue 1 Pages: 1-269 March 2024

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### **Nature**

Volume 628 Issue 8009, 25 April 2024

<https://www.nature.com/nature/volumes/627/issues/8009>

*Article* Open Access 27 Mar 2024

[Revealing uncertainty in the status of biodiversity change](#)

*This study presents an approach to deal with spatial, temporal and phylogenetic non-independence in large-scale analyses of biodiversity change, improving trend estimation and inference across scales.*

T. F. Johnson, A. P. Beckerman, R. P. Freckleton

#### *Abstract*

Biodiversity faces unprecedented threats from rapid global change<sup>1</sup>. Signals of biodiversity change come from time-series abundance datasets for thousands of species over large geographic and temporal scales. Analyses of these biodiversity datasets have pointed to varied trends in abundance, including increases and decreases. However, these analyses have not fully accounted for spatial, temporal and phylogenetic structures in the data. Here, using a new statistical framework, we show across ten high-profile biodiversity datasets<sup>2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11</sup> that increases and decreases under existing approaches vanish once spatial, temporal and phylogenetic structures are accounted for. This is a consequence of existing approaches severely underestimating trend uncertainty and sometimes misestimating the trend direction. Under our revised average abundance trends that appropriately recognize uncertainty, we failed to observe a single increasing or decreasing trend at 95% credible intervals in our ten datasets. This emphasizes how little is known about biodiversity change across vast spatial and taxonomic scales. Despite this uncertainty at vast scales, we reveal improved local-scale prediction accuracy by accounting for spatial, temporal and phylogenetic structures. Improved prediction offers hope of estimating biodiversity change at policy-relevant scales, guiding adaptive conservation responses.

### **Nature Biotechnology**

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#### **[Science communication with generative AI](#)**

Generative AI tools can quickly translate or summarize large volumes of complex information. This technology could revolutionize the way that we communicate science, but there are many reasons for caution. We asked six experts about the potential and pitfalls of generative AI for science communication.

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#### **[Infection-related severe maternal outcomes and case fatality rates in 43 low and middle-income countries across the WHO regions: Results from the Global Maternal Sepsis Study \(GLOSS\)](#)**

Adama Baguiya, Mercedes Bonet, Vanessa Brizuela, Cristina Cuesta, Marian Knight, Pisake Lumbiganon, Edgardo Abalos, Séni Kouanda, WHO Global Maternal Sepsis Study Research Group  
Research Article | published 25 Apr 2024 PLOS Global Public Health  
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Ramya Kumar, Rajat Khosla, David McCoy  
Review | published 24 Apr 2024 PLOS Global Public Health  
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#### **[Characteristics of commercial determinants of health research on corporate activities: A scoping review](#)**

Raquel C. Burgess, Kate Nyhan, Naisha Dharia, Nicholas Freudenberg, Yusuf Ransome  
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*Abstract*

Introduction

Business practices have influenced human health for centuries, yet an overarching concept to study these activities across nations, time periods, and industries (called 'the commercial determinants of health' (CDH)) has emerged only recently. The purpose of this review was to assess the descriptive characteristics of CDH research and to identify remaining research gaps.

#### Methods

We systematically searched four databases (Scopus, OVID Medline, Ovid Embase, and Ovid Global Health) on Sept 13, 2022 for literature using CDH terms that described corporate activities that have the potential to influence population health and/or health equity (n = 116). We evaluated the following characteristics of the literature: methods employed, industries studied, regions investigated, funders, reported conflicts of interest, and publication in open-access formats.

#### Results

The characteristics of the articles included that many were conceptual (50/116 articles; 43%) or used qualitative methods (37; 32%). Only eight articles (7%) used quantitative or mixed methods. The articles most often discussed corporate activities in relation to the food and beverage (51/116; 44%), tobacco (20; 17%), and alcohol industries (19; 16%), with limited research on activities occurring in other industries. Most articles (42/58 articles reporting a regional focus; 72%) focused on corporate activities occurring in high-income regions of the world.

#### Conclusions

Our findings indicate that literature that has used CDH terms and described corporate practices that influence human health has primarily focused on three major industries in higher-income regions of the world. Qualitative methods were the most common empirical method for investigating these activities. CDH-focused investigations of corporate practices conducted by less-studied industries (e.g., social media) and in lower-income regions are recommended. Longitudinal quantitative studies assessing the associations between corporate practices and a range of health outcomes is also a necessary next step for this field.

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*Systematic Review*

**[Quantitative Metrics in Mass-Gathering Studies: A Comprehensive Systematic Review](#)**

Cüneyt Çalışkan, Ahmet Doğan Kудay, Tuğba Özcan, Nihal Dağ, Kerem Kınık

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*Biological science practices*

**[A practical guide to cross-cultural and multi-sited data collection in the biological and behavioural sciences](#)**

Laure Spake, ... See all authors

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*Abstract*

Researchers in the biological and behavioural sciences are increasingly conducting collaborative, multi-sited projects to address how phenomena vary across ecologies. These types of projects, however, pose additional workflow challenges beyond those typically encountered in single-sited projects. Through specific attention to cross-cultural research projects, we highlight four key aspects of multi-sited projects that must be considered during the design phase to ensure success: (1) project and team management; (2) protocol and instrument development; (3) data management and documentation; and (4) equitable and collaborative practices. Our recommendations are supported by examples from our experiences collaborating on the Evolutionary Demography of Religion project, a mixed-methods project collecting data across five countries in collaboration with research partners in each host country. To existing discourse, we contribute new recommendations around team and project management, introduce practical recommendations for exploring the validity of instruments through qualitative techniques during piloting, highlight the importance of good documentation at all steps of the project, and demonstrate how data management workflows can be strengthened through open science practices. While this project was rooted in cross-cultural human behavioural ecology and evolutionary anthropology, lessons learned from this project are applicable to multi-sited research across the biological and behavioural sciences.

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**[COVID-19 vaccination roll-out and uptake among refugees and migrants in Greece: a retrospective analysis of national vaccination routine data](#)**

K.P. Puchner, V. Giannakou, A. Veizis, K. Bougioukas, ... E. Kondilis

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*Research Articles*

#### **[Global trends and scenarios for terrestrial biodiversity and ecosystem services from 1900 to 2050](#)**

BY Henrique M. Pereira, et al.

25 Apr 2024: 458-465

*Editor's summary*

The 20th century saw rates of biodiversity loss high enough to qualify as a sixth mass extinction. Climate change now further threatens species and ecosystem services. Pereira et al. forecasted changes in both biodiversity loss and ecosystem services to 2050 and compared them with changes from 1900 to 2015, combining results from 13 different models. Across three shared socioeconomic pathway scenarios, rates of biodiversity decline from land-use change are expected to be lower than in the 20th century but much higher when climate change is considered. Provisioning ecosystem services (i.e., materials) are expected to increase, but regulating services (e.g., pollination) decline under most scenarios. Outcomes depend on the scenario, suggesting that policies can make a difference. —*Bianca Lopez*

*Abstract*

Based on an extensive model intercomparison, we assessed trends in biodiversity and ecosystem services from historical reconstructions and future scenarios of land-use and climate change. During the 20th century, biodiversity declined globally by 2 to 11%, as estimated by a range of indicators. Provisioning ecosystem services increased several fold, and regulating services decreased moderately. Going forward, policies toward sustainability have the potential to slow biodiversity loss resulting from land-use change and the demand for provisioning services while reducing or reversing declines in regulating services. However, negative impacts on biodiversity due to climate change appear poised to increase, particularly in the higher-emissions scenarios. Our assessment identifies remaining modeling uncertainties but also robustly shows that renewed policy efforts are needed to meet the goals of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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Read about how design thinking should be retooled to better serve communities, how foundations and nonprofits are embracing lobbying for social good, how companies can thwart populist threats to socially responsible business, how digital technologies can be harnessed to promote sustainability and corporate performance, and other topics in the Winter 2024 issue of *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.

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#### **[Thirty Years On, Leaders Need to Recommit to the International Conference on Population and Development Agenda](#)**

John Wilmoth and Julia Bunting

With the gains from the Cairo conference now in peril, the population and development framework is more relevant than ever. At the end of April 2024, countries will convene to review the progress made on the ICPD agenda during the annual session of the Commission on Population and Development.

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#### ***World Heritage***

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### **[Health care-seeking behavior for childhood illnesses in western Kenya: Qualitative findings from the Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance \(CHAMPS\) Study](#)**

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Sarah Ngere, Maria Maixenchs, Sammy Khagayi, Peter Otieno, Kennedy Ochola, Kelvin Akoth, Aggrey Igunza, Benard Ochieng, Dickens Onyango, Victor Akelo, John Blevins, Beth A. Tippet Barr

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### **[The potential role of cultural and religious healing practices in shaping community vulnerability to highly infectious diseases in western Kenya](#)**

Naomi Wambui Nganga, Reuben Onkoba Momanyi, Caleb Chemirmir, Hazael Biwott, George Ayodo, Monica Orero, Damaris Ochanda, Sarah Ngere, Winnie Ogola, Titus Murundu, Geoffrey Munene, Zachary Misiani, Michael Ayaibei, Richard Dimba Kiaka

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*Abstract*

We draw from empirical research conducted in communities in three border counties in western Kenya – Homa Bay, Bungoma and West Pokot - to examine how cultural and religious beliefs and healing practices can potentially shape the vulnerability of those communities to highly infectious diseases. Fieldwork consisting of mixed methods namely, key informant interviews with traditional and religious healers as well as their patients, focus group discussions with community members knowledgeable on cultural customs and practices, and participatory inquiry workshops with health professionals and administrators were used to collect the data. We find that traditional and religious beliefs and healing practices potentially shape community vulnerability to highly infectious diseases in two major ways. First, is a dualistic illness etiology involving a biomedical and socio-cultural etiology. Unexplained illnesses and illnesses that did not respond to conventional medicine were treated using traditional medicine. Making traditional and religious healers the first mile treatment preference could potentially delay appropriate treatment and compromise safe handling in case the disease is highly infectious. Second aspect pertains to the risks in the traditional and spiritual healing practices. Shared consecrated water often fetched from a large water body, laying of hands, use of herbs and rituals involving slaughtering of animals enhanced contacts. The use of protective gears during healing was inconsistent among the healers, but largely lacking as many healers could not afford them or were considered to reduce patient's faith in the healing powers. These practices potentially predispose people to highly infectious diseases and can hasten the spread and symptom severity. To reduce the vulnerability of border communities to highly infectious diseases, we argue for a need for comprehensive strategies

that consider the intersecting factors of vulnerability to outbreaks, healing beliefs and practices. This may involve policy initiatives aimed at integrating traditional medicine practice and the mainstream health system.

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Authors: [Alan Mordue](#), [Evans E A](#), [Royle T J](#), and [Clare Craig](#)

#### *Abstract*

It has been asserted that there was an erosion of medical ethics during the Covid-19 pandemic and a departure from the principle of obtaining fully informed consent from patients before treatment. In light of these assertions, this article reviews the historical development of medical ethics and the approach to obtaining informed consent, and critiques the consent practices before and during the pandemic. It then describes a new tool for displaying key statistics on the benefits and risks of interventions to help explain them to patients and suggests a more rigorous process for seeking fully informed consent in the future.

#### **Research Transparency in 59 Disciplines of Clinical Medicine: A Meta-Research Study**

[Eero Raittio](#), [Dena Zeraatkar](#), [Lex Bouter](#), [Sergio E Uribe](#), [Sahar Khademioore](#), and 3 more

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#### **Mental capacity assessment in the multi-professional real world: a qualitative study of six areas of uncertainty**

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Andrew McWilliams \*Kevin Ariyo \* Anthony S. David, Gareth S. Owen

#### *Abstract*

##### Background

The Mental Capacity Act 2005 of England and Wales is a ground-breaking piece of legislation with reach into healthcare, social care and legal settings. Professionals have needed to develop skills to assess mental capacity and handle malign influence, but it is unclear how assessments are implemented in real world settings. Our previously reported survey found professionals juggling competing resources in complex systems, often struggling to stay up to date with law.

The current follow-up study uses one-to-one interviews of professionals to characterise in detail six areas of uncertainty faced when assessing mental capacity, whilst suggesting ways to make improvements.

##### Methods

Forty-four healthcare, social care and legal professionals were interviewed, using a semi-structured topic guide. Transcripts were analysed using framework analysis: a qualitative technique built to investigate healthcare policy.

##### Results

Our topic guide generated 21 themes. In relation to the six areas of uncertainty: 1) Many participants stressed the importance of capturing a holistic view, adding that their own profession was best-placed

for this - although a medical diagnosis was often needed. 2) The presumption of capacity was a laudable aim, though not always easy to operationalise and occasionally being open to abuse. 3) There was cautious interest in psychometric testing, providing a cognitive context for decisions. 4) Undue influence was infrequent, but remained under-emphasised in training. 5) Multi-professional assessments were common, despite doubts about fitting these within local resources and the law. 6) Remote assessment was generally acceptable, if inadequate for identifying coercion.

#### Conclusions

Practical constraints and competing demands were reported by professionals working within real world systems. Assessment processes must be versatile, equally applicable in routine and emergency settings, across diverse decisional types, for both generalist and specialist assessors, and able to handle coercion. Recognising these challenges will guide development of best practices in assessment and associated policy.

#### *Plain language summary*

The Mental Capacity Act 2005 of England and Wales is an important piece of law for professionals working in health and social care or as lawyers. It explains how to assess whether a person is able to take a particular decision for themselves – and therefore has “mental capacity” in the eyes of society. Professionals have needed to develop skills to assess mental capacity, and to recognise situations where family or friends are trying to influence decisions for their own interests.

We previously reported a large scale survey of professionals who assess mental capacity. The current study uses one-to-one interviews, exploring in detail six areas of uncertainty around capacity assessment which were described in that survey.

We interviewed 44 health and social care professionals and lawyers, then analysed their responses. We found 21 themes relating to the six areas of uncertainty: 1) The importance of capturing a holistic view of the person’s life; 2) Challenges for assessors when trying to presume initially that a person does have mental capacity, as the law asks assessors to do; 3) Detailed testing by psychologists could be useful; 4) Other people were rarely thought to try to influence decisions, but awareness of this possibility should be emphasised in training; 5) Multi-professional assessments were common, despite doubts about whether these were possible in all settings or fit with the law; 6) Remote assessment was generally acceptable, but was poor at identifying if people were being influenced.

Practical constraints and competing demands were reported by professionals working within real world systems. Our analysis suggests that mental capacity assessment processes need to be versatile, so they can work well in routine and emergency settings and for a range of types of decisions. Recognising these challenges will guide development of best practices in assessment and associated policy.

#### *Article Excerpt*

##### *...2. Presumption of capacity*

The law is clear that assessment must start from a position of autonomy and self-determination, with the presumption of mental capacity enshrined into s.1 MCA 2005. We found that this presumption was indeed often seen as helpful, including to remind assessors to approach each decision with fresh eyes. Some participants felt uneasy that the instigation of an assessment at all might be a paternalistic act running counter-current to the presumption. However, others articulated that it was right to query capacity in high-risk decisions or where there were welfare concerns, so a risk-sensitive approach need not be seen as overly paternalistic. The drafted new MCA 2005 Code of Practice – derived after a recent governmental consultation – highlights the challenges when thinking about the presumption ([United Kingdom Government, 2022](#)). It draws a distinction between “considering” and “assessing” a person’s capacity status, giving a route to query legitimately a capacity status without violating the

presumption (at section 4.6 of the drafted code). This may not allay concerns about perverse drivers around use of the presumption to avoid offering assessment at all, which may need to be addressed via a systems-wide approach. Training and resource development might thus be directed to managing uncertainty by applying a risk-sensitive model of capacity which aims to respect autonomy, by maximising, for different gravities of decision, the chances of getting the capacity assessments right (Berens & Kim, 2022).

*Research Note Open Access*

## **[Recruitment strategies used to enrol healthy volunteers in the first pneumococcal human infection study in Africa: Lessons from Blantyre, Malawi](#)**

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Edna Nsomba \*, Anthony E. Chirwa \*, et al. Malawi Accelerated Research in Vaccines, Experimental Laboratory Systems (MARVELS) consortium

### *Abstract*

#### Background

Human infection studies (HIS) also known as Controlled Human Infection Models (CHIM) are a relatively new concept in African countries to clinicians, scientists, and communities alike. We have introduced HIS/CHIM studies to Malawi during the last four years by developing an experimental human pneumococcal carriage model. This CHIM was used to test the efficacy of a licensed 13-valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV13) against experimental nasal pneumococcal carriage. Traditional and digital recruitment strategies into this novel trial were explored.

#### Objectives

To describe various methods of recruitment in this first CHIM study in Malawi.

#### Methods

The clinical trial within the context of which these data were recorded was registered with the Pan African Clinical Trials Registry (REF: PACTR202008503507113) on 03 August 2020. The project was conducted at the Malawi Liverpool Wellcome Programme (MLW) in Blantyre, Malawi between April 2021, and September 2022. Source populations were college students and community members within Blantyre. Recruitment strategies included sharing study information in written or visual form, community sensitization meetings, snowball contacts (word of mouth from previous volunteers), branded clothing and participating in radio and television programs.

#### Results

299 volunteers attended screening clinic, of whom 278 were recruited. Sixty-six recruited volunteers (23.7%) were college students and 212 (76.3%) were from the community. Snowball word-of-mouth contacting was the most successful recruitment strategy, with 201 (72.3%) participants recruited using this method. 195 (70.1%) were men of whom 149 (76.4%) joined the study through snowballing.

#### Conclusion or recommendation

Using a variety of recruitment strategies led to successful recruitment in this novel controlled human infection study. Most participants were recruited through snowballing.

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