



Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review
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Milestones, Perspectives



Global Preparedness Monitoring Board

[A Fragile State of Preparedness: 2023 Report on the State of the World's Preparedness](#)

30 October 2023 | Technical document :: 48 pages

PDF: [Download \(4.1 MB\)](#)

Overview

The GPMB 2023 Report, 'A Fragile State of Preparedness', which is based for the first time on an analysis using the [GPMB Monitoring Framework](#), finds that global preparedness for pandemics and other disease outbreaks remains inadequate. There have been some areas of progress since COVID-19 but this progress remains fragile, and some areas have declined, highlighting an urgent need for political commitment and increased resources. The Board makes four key recommendations to urgently strengthen global preparedness.

Key messages

- 1] The world's capacity to deal with a potential new pandemic threat remains inadequate.
- 2] The GPMB Monitoring Framework has revealed significant weaknesses or declining capacities in several critical areas of preparedness, including global coordination of R&D, efforts to address misinformation, community engagement, participation of low- and middle-income countries in decision-making, domestic and international financing of preparedness, independent monitoring, and meaningful involvement of relevant actors. Where there are signs of improvement, they are fragile, and in urgent need of reinforcement.
- 3] The trust deficit between countries and between communities is a significant impediment to progress in strengthening preparedness. Urgent steps are needed to build trust through operationalizing principles of equity, leadership and accountability, and coherence within all measures to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (PPPR).
- 4] Evidence-based monitoring, including independent monitoring, is essential to increase effectiveness, ensure accountability, and build trust.
- 5] PPPR financing requires fundamental reform to free it from the limitations of development assistance and place it on a sustainable footing, based on burden-sharing. Strengthening PPPR requires ensuring sustainable financing for WHO and other international organizations working on PPPR.
- 6] Strengthening regional capacities for R&D, manufacturing and supply will help to address the inequities in global access to medical countermeasures.
- 7] There is a need to strengthen mechanisms for coordination across the many sectors that play a key role in PPPR, nationally, regionally and globally.

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The way forward

Global, regional and national leaders need to fully institutionalize preparedness measures that work in the collective interests of all. Strengthening preparedness goes hand in hand with global efforts towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and many of the gaps in pandemic preparedness are shared with the areas that have been most challenging in progress towards the SDGs.

The GPMB has identified four key priorities to repair the weaknesses in global preparedness: strengthen monitoring and accountability; reform the global financing system for PPPR; achieve more comprehensive, equitable and robust R&D and supply chains; and enhance multisectoral, multistakeholder engagement.

Recommendation 1: Strengthen PPPR monitoring and accountability by improving national monitoring, investing in better data and evidence collection, and strengthening global multisectoral independent monitoring.

Mechanisms for self-assessment, peer review and independent monitoring are needed to strengthen monitoring and accountability at the local, national, regional and global levels, and support countries, organizations and actors to be more resilient. Monitoring should be integrated into the governance of PPPR, most importantly in the WHO Pandemic Agreement. Strong multisectoral independent monitoring is needed to provide broad, independent, evidence- and science-based analysis. The values of objectivity, transparency, impartiality, equity and impact need to be embedded in the structures and mechanisms for monitoring. Beyond assessing data and information, independent monitoring must be able to propose solutions and make recommendations to strengthen PPPR.

Recommendation 2: Strengthen the global financing system for PPPR by addressing immediate funding gaps and reforming the global financing system to enable greater national investments and bolster international financing through new modalities and sources of financing.

The global financing system for PPPR requires comprehensive reform to make it fit for purpose. This will require addressing urgent funding gaps and aligning the system around national priorities and needs, but also identifying new ways to bolster national and international financing, including tapping private sector funding streams. International financing must be expanded through Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) and non-ODA sources to meet identified needs; the fiscal space for domestic resource mobilization must be expanded in those countries where it is lacking; grant, loan and debt relief modalities must be aligned; and predictability and timeliness must be ensured across long-term prevention and preparedness capacity-building as well as immediate response and surge financing needs.

Recommendation 3: Establish baseline regional capabilities to drive more equitable and robust R&D and supply chains.

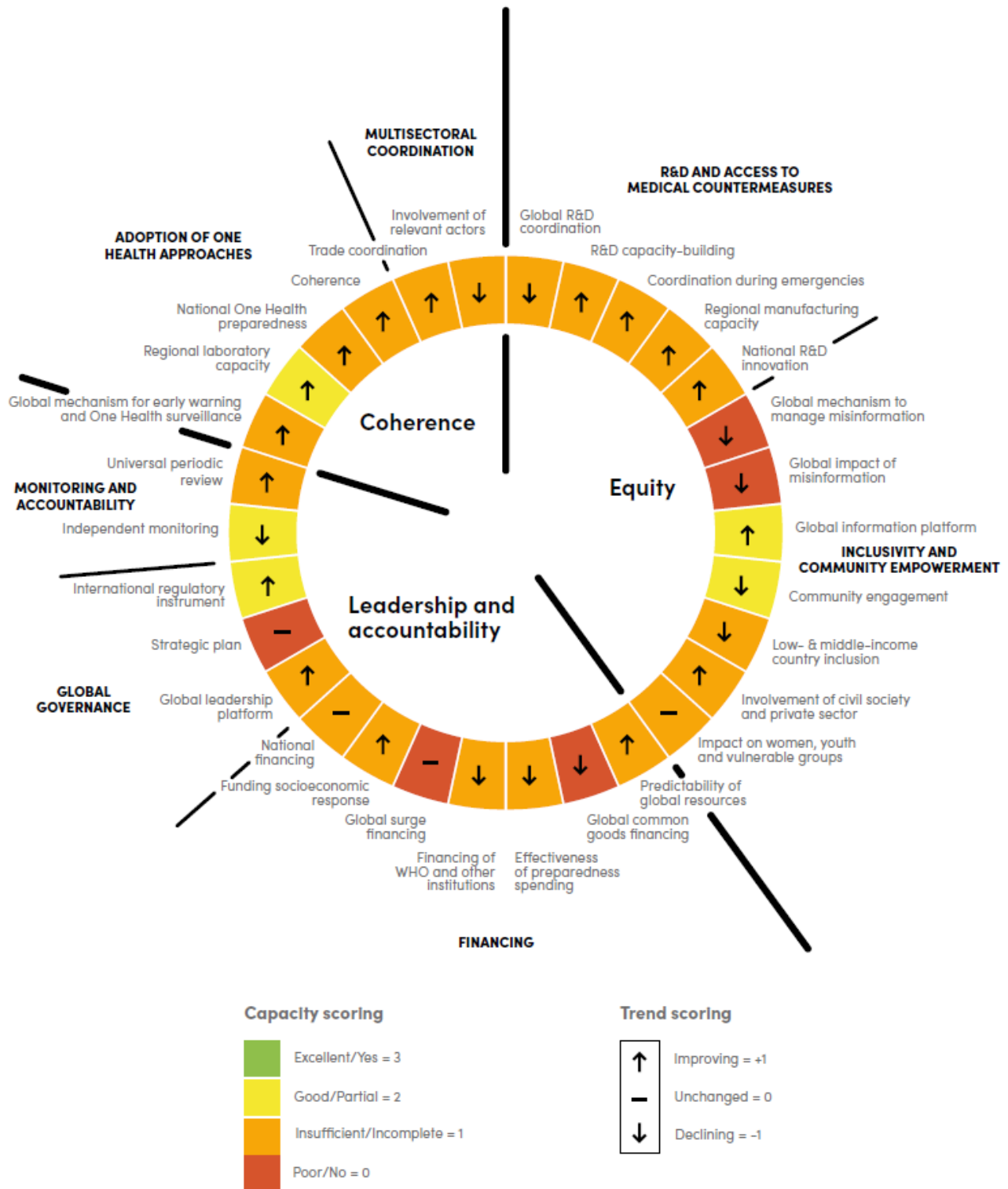
Within every region, baseline manufacturing capacity is needed for medical countermeasures, early detection and One Health surveillance systems and laboratories, capacity to track and shape pandemic-relevant social and economic trends, and agile stock management across pandemic response needs. These regional capacities should be component elements of a global approach that promotes strategic coherence and coordination. Long-term investment in building more equitable R&D capabilities is needed, building on the growing efforts of many middle-income countries. Regional ecosystems will need to be embedded in a global framework for R&D and access to medical countermeasures to support global prioritization and coordination of R&D, information sharing across countries, capacity-building and technology transfers, and equitable access to medical countermeasures.

Recommendation 4: Develop a new approach to multisectoral, multistakeholder engagement for pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.

Multisectoral preparedness and cooperation should be strengthened through engagement of sectors outside of health as well as civil society and the private sector. A new structured and coordinated approach which is multisectoral and multistakeholder in character is needed to support a more integrated, coherent response to pandemics and health emergencies.

Assessing the status of 30 indicators from the GPMB Monitoring Framework

Figure 2: Heatmap





Gaza

[Joint statement by UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA and UNRWA on Women and newborns bearing the brunt of the conflict in Gaza](#)

3 November 2023 *Statement* East Jerusalem/Geneva/ New York

Women, children and newborns in Gaza are disproportionately bearing the burden of the escalation of hostilities in the occupied Palestinian territory, both as casualties and in reduced access to health services, warn the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency (UNFPA), and the World Health Organization (WHO).

As of 3 November, according to Ministry of Health data, 2326 women and 3760 children have been killed in the Gaza strip, representing 67% of all casualties, while thousands more have been injured. This means that 420 children are killed or injured every day, some of them only a few months old.

The bombardments, damaged or non-functioning health facilities, massive levels of displacement, collapsing water and electricity supplies as well as restricted access to food and medicines, are severely disrupting maternal, newborn, and child health services. There are an estimated 50 000 pregnant women in Gaza, with more than 180 giving birth every day. Fifteen per cent of them are likely to experience pregnancy or birth-related complications and need additional medical care.

These women are unable to access the emergency obstetric services they need to give birth safely and care for their newborns. With 14 hospitals and 45 primary health care centres closed, some women are having to give birth in shelters, in their homes, in the streets amid rubble, or in overwhelmed healthcare facilities, where sanitation is worsening, and the risk of infection and medical complications is on the rise. Health facilities are also coming under fire – on 1 November Al Hilo Hospital, a crucial maternity hospital, was shelled.

Maternal deaths are expected to increase given the lack of access to adequate care. The psychological toll of the hostilities also has direct – and sometimes deadly – consequences on reproductive health, including a rise in stress-induced miscarriages, stillbirths and premature births.

Prior to the escalation, malnutrition was already high among pregnant women, with impacts on childhood survival and development. As access to food and water worsens, mothers are struggling to feed and care for their families, increasing risks of malnutrition, disease and death.

The lives of newborns also hang by a thread. If hospitals run out of fuel, the lives of an estimated 130 premature babies who rely on neonatal and intensive care services will be threatened, as incubators and other medical equipment will no longer function.

Over half of the population of Gaza is now sheltering in UNRWA facilities in dire conditions, with inadequate water and food supplies, which is causing hunger and malnutrition, dehydration and the spread of waterborne diseases. According to initial assessments by UNRWA, 4600 displaced pregnant women and about 380 newborns living in these facilities require medical attention. Already more than 22 500 cases of acute respiratory infections have been reported along with 12 000 cases of diarrhoea, which are particularly concerning given the high rates of malnutrition.

Despite the lack of sustained and safe access, UN agencies have dispatched life-saving medicines and equipment to Gaza, including supplies for newborns and reproductive health care. But much more is needed to meet the immense needs of civilians, including pregnant women, children and newborns. Humanitarian agencies urgently need sustained and safe access to bring more medicines, food, water and fuel into Gaza. No fuel has come into the Gaza Strip since 7 October. Aid agencies must receive fuel immediately to be able to continue supporting hospitals, water plants and bakeries.

An immediate humanitarian pause is needed to alleviate the suffering and prevent a desperate situation from becoming catastrophic.

All parties to the conflict must abide by their obligations under international humanitarian law to protect civilians and civilian infrastructure including health care. All civilians, including the hostages currently held in Gaza, have the right to health care. All hostages must be released without delay or conditions.

In particular, all parties must protect children from harm and afford them the special protection to which they are entitled under international humanitarian and human rights laws.

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WHO in occupied Palestinian territory – WHO EMRO

oPt EMERGENCY SITUATION REPORT Issue 10 As of 01 November 2023



Source for Gaza and West Bank death and injury figures: Ministry of Health

SITUATION OVERVIEW

From 7 to 30 October at least 8,805 people killed in Gaza. Approximately 41.5% are children (3650), 45% female (3956) and 55% male (4849), according to the Ministry of Health (MoH). 128 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank; 27% are children.

According to Israeli authorities, ~1400 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed, ~5,400 injured and 240 being held hostage since the hostilities started.

Gaza: Largescale fatalities and casualties with mass displacement of 1.4 million people and continued siege severely restricting entry of essential supplies, as well as entry/exit of humanitarian workers and evacuation of the injured/sick.

West Bank, including east Jerusalem: Increased settler and military violence, including airstrikes and live ammunition. Complete obstruction at checkpoints between Palestinian towns and closure of several communities, restricting access for patients, health personnel and ambulances. At least 103 households comprising 864 people, including 333 children, have been forcibly displaced since 7 October.

Patients under siege in Gaza

Published 31st October 2023

Long-term conditions in Gaza

- > 2000 people diagnosed with cancer each year including 122 children
- 225 000 people with high blood pressure
- > 1000 patients in need of kidney dialysis to maintain life
- > 60 000 patients living with diabetes
- 45 000 patients living with cardiovascular disease
- > 485 000 people with mental health disorders*

* People in Gaza facing daily intense psychological stressors, including bombardment and severe barriers to fulfilling basic needs



Medication and supply shortages

45% of essential medicines had less than a month's supply remaining before 7 October

- Medicines to prevent heart disease and stroke
- Medical supplies for surgery and dialysis
- Insulin for diabetic patients
- Antibiotics to treat infections
- Chemotherapy for cancer patients
- Medicines for treating mental ill health

Beit Hanoun (Erez) checkpoint
People Closed since 7 October 2023

Nahal Oz
Closed since 2010

Karni
Closed between 2007 and 2011

Under evacuation orders

- Checkpoint
- Permanently closed checkpoint

Reduced functioning of services

- 29% of primary care services are functioning
- Only 15% of needed primary care consultations
- Only 20% of dialysis capacity is located south of the area under evacuation orders
- Only 66% of hospitals functional
- Cancer hospital (Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital) faces imminent closure due to fuel shortages

Referral needs of Gaza patients

- ~100 patients per day need access out of Gaza for health care
- 1 in 4 are children
- 1 in 3 require cancer care

Due to lack of

- Diagnostics
- Medical expertise
- Treatments
- Equipment
- Services

12.6km-long Egyptian fence

60km-long Israeli fence

Salah Ad Din (goods)

Rafah
People/goods Closed since 7 October 2023

Sufa
Closed since 2008 (except Mar-Apr 2011)

Karam Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) checkpoint
Goods - closed since 7 October 2023

143 trucks entered Gaza from 21 until 30 Oct. Before 7 Oct, around 500 trucks per day entered Gaza with goods.



[Global research agenda on health, migration and displacement: strengthening research and translating research priorities into policy and practice](#)

30 October 2023 | Technical document

PDF: <https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/373659/9789240082397-eng.pdf?sequence=1>

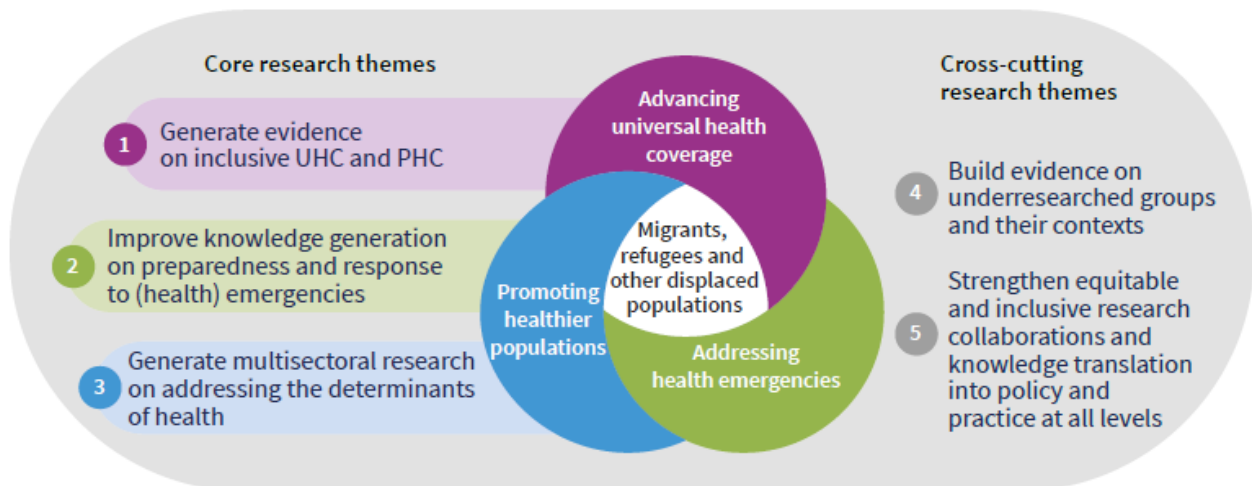
Overview

Globally, there is a global lack of high-quality and policy-relevant research on health, migration and displacement. There is also lack of clarity about which knowledge gaps should be addressed in order to advance progress towards the most urgent global public health objectives, such as within the Sustainable Development Goals and the WHO Triple Billion Targets.

To address these global evidence gaps, the WHO Department of Health and Migration undertook a consultative research agenda setting process to build consensus with over 180 stakeholders across all regions, culminating in a global research agenda.

This publication sets out five research themes to be addressed over the next five years. It also includes an Implementation Guide and Toolkit for other actors to adapt and expand upon the research agenda at regional, national and local levels. It provides a roadmap to strengthen global research collaborations and calls for urgent investment in research and the translation of evidence into policy and practice to support leaders at all levels in creating inclusive and responsive health care systems for migrants, refugees and other displaced populations.

Fig. 1. Five key research themes identified as global priorities to be addressed over the next five years



Polio – PHEIC

[Polio this week as of 01 Nov 2023 - GPEI](#)

Headlines [Selected]

Summary of new polioviruses this week, cases and positive environmental isolates:

- Cameroon: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Central African Republic: one cVDPV2 case
- Chad: two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- DR Congo: one cVDPV1 case and three cVDPV2 cases
- Kenya: two cVDPV2 cases
- Nigeria: nine cVDPV2 cases and one positive environmental sample
- Somalia: one cVDPV2 case



Coronavirus [COVID-19]

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

Numbers at a glance

Last update: 2 Nov 2023

Confirmed cases :: 771 679 618

Confirmed deaths :: 6 977 023

Vaccine doses administered: 13 534 457 273



Our World in Data

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Vaccinations](#) [Accessed 04 Nov 2023]

:: [70.6%](#) of the world population has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

:: [13.53 billion doses](#) have been administered globally, and [19,730](#) are now administered each day.

:: [32.8%](#) of people in low-income countries have received at least one dose.



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

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[Women and newborns bearing the brunt of the conflict in Gaza, UN agencies warn](#)

3 November 2023 News release

[WHO urges investing in "One Health" actions for better health of the people and the planet](#)

3 November 2023 Departmental news

[Online survey: Ensuring quality healthcare by promoting dignity, equity and inclusion and reducing HIV-related stigma](#)

2 November 2023 Departmental news

[The Global Onchocerciasis Network for Elimination \(GONE\): working together to see onchocerciasis GONE](#)

2 November 2023 Departmental news

[Climate change and noncommunicable diseases: connections](#)

2 November 2023 Departmental news

[WHO and BMJ convene global experts to discuss potential guiding principles for developmentally appropriate mental health content for youth on digital platforms.](#)

2 November 2023 Departmental news

[WHO releases updated Target Regimen Profiles for tuberculosis treatment and new Target Product Profiles for tuberculosis treatment monitoring and optimization](#)

31 October 2023 Departmental news

[Landmark listing of first three countries as WHO-Listed regulatory Authorities](#)

31 October 2023 [Eliminating rabies: Ukraine's journey from crisis to control](#)

31 October 2023

[Departmental news Bangladesh achieves historic milestone by eliminating kala-azar as a public health problem](#)

31 October 2023 Departmental news

[FAO, WHO, and WOAHA launch new online course on joint response to zoonotic disease outbreaks](#)

30 October 2023 [Call for experts - The Collaboratory Technical Advisory Group](#)

30 October 2023 Departmental news

[Saudi Arabia regulatory system becomes third to reach WHO Maturity Level 4](#)

30 October 2023 Departmental news

[WHO outlines crucial research priorities for better refugee and migrant health](#)

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WHO Regional Offices

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WHO African Region

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[Building momentum against diphtheria outbreak in Nigeria](#)

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[First WHO tri-regional health leadership training gets underway](#)

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: 3 Nov 2023

[PAHO announces Malaria Champions of the Americas 2023](#)

Washington, DC, 3 November, 2023 (PAHO) – The Dominican Republic, Belize and Suriname, as well as the Mexican state of Quintana Roo and the Brazilian city of Manaus, were today awarded the

2023 Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Malaria Champions of the Americas prize for their sustained actions towards malaria elimination in the Region. The...

:: 31 Oct 2023

[PAHO and European Union discuss main health challenges in the Americas](#)

Washington D.C., 31 October 2023 (PAHO)- The Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Dr. Jarbas Barbosa, today received Members of the Public Health Subcommittee of the European Parliament at PAHO's headquarters in Washington DC to discuss health priorities, successes, challenges in the region of the Americas. The European...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: 2 November 2023 News release

[WHO South-East Asia to strengthen regional collaboration to innovate and expand public health gains](#)

:: 1 November 2023 News release

[Ms Saima Wazed nominated to lead WHO South-East Asia Region](#)

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[Bangladesh eliminates visceral leishmaniasis, Maldives interrupts leprosy transmission and DPR Korea eliminates rubella: WHO](#)

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[New, modular primary health-care clinics to serve frontline communities of Tsyrkuny and Hrakove](#)

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[73rd session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe draws to a close with a clear focus on resilience amid ongoing challenges and crises](#)

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[Newly adopted resolution is a tool for countries to tackle the health workforce crisis](#)

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[New WHO guide for small and medium-sized enterprises highlights benefits of physical activity for workplaces](#)

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: [WHO Regional Director Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari concludes visit to Lebanon](#)

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:: [WHO and Italy forge partnership to prevent and control arboviral and zoonotic diseases in Libya](#)

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WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified.

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WHO - Emergency situation reports

Multi-country outbreak of cholera, External situation report #8 - 2 November 2023

Overview

Since the last situation report on the multi-country outbreak of cholera was published on 5 October 2023 (covering data reported until 15 September), and as of 15 October 2023, no new country has reported an outbreak of cholera or acute watery diarrhoea (AWD), although new outbreaks have been reported within affected countries. In total, 29 countries have reported cases since the beginning of 2023. The WHO African Region remains the most affected region with 16 countries reporting cholera cases since the beginning of the year. The overall capacity to respond to the

multiple and simultaneous outbreaks continues to be strained due to the global lack of resources, including shortages of the oral cholera vaccine and cholera supplies, as well as overstretched public health and medical personnel, who are dealing with multiple parallel disease outbreaks and other health emergencies. Based on the large number of outbreaks and their geographic expansion, as well as a lack of vaccines and other resources, WHO continues to assess the risk at global level as very high.

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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 DONs reported.

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

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

Vol. 98, No. 44, pp. 555–566 3 November 2023

PDF: <https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/373831/WER9844-eng-fre.pdf>

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[Good practice statement on the use of variant-containing COVID-19 vaccines](#)

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[Target regimen profiles for tuberculosis treatment, 2023 update](#)

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[Target product profiles for tests for tuberculosis treatment monitoring and optimization](#)

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[Governance and financing for urban health: policy brief](#)

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[Global research agenda on health, migration and displacement: strengthening research and translating...](#)

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[Policy brief on tuberculosis-associated disability](#)

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[Towards a malaria-free world: elimination of malaria in Kyrgyzstan](#)

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[Policy brief on integrating related infections into HIV surveillance systems](#)

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USA – HHS, FDA, CDC

HHS

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FDA VRBPAC

Advisory Committee Calendar

No new meetings scheduled.

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<http://www.cdc.gov/media/index.html>

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No new digest content identified.

ACIP Meetings

Next ACIP Meeting

No new meetings scheduled.

MMWR Weekly

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/index2023.html>

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- [Tuberculosis Testing and Latent Tuberculosis Infection Treatment Practices Among Health Care Providers — United States, 2020–2022](#)
- [Vaccination Coverage by Age 24 Months Among Children Born in 2019 and 2020 — National Immunization Survey-Child, United States, 2020–2022](#)

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Europe

European Medicines Agency [EMA]

https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/search/search/ema_editorial_content/ema_news?sort=field_ema_computed_date_field&order=desc

News & Press Releases

[News: Call for expressions of interest for patients' organisations representatives to join Committee for Orphan Medicinal Products \(COMP\) \(new\)](#)

COMP, Last updated: 03/11/2023

[News: Call for expression of interest for independent scientific experts to participate in the work of EMA's Safety Committee \(new\)](#)

PRAC, Last updated: 03/11/2023

[News: EMA recommends approval of adapted Nuvaxovid COVID-19 vaccine targeting Omicron XBB.1.5 \(new\)](#)

CHMP, Last updated: 31/10/2023

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European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en>

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Scientific and technical publications

[Communicable disease threats report, 29 October - 4 November 2023, week 44](#)

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[Reporting Protocol for integrated respiratory virus surveillance v1.1](#)

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

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China CDC

<http://www.chinacdc.cn/en/>

National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China [to 04 Nov 2023]

<http://en.nhc.gov.cn/>

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National Medical Products Administration – PRC [to 04 Nov 2023]

<http://english.nmpa.gov.cn/>

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[China CDC Weekly Reports: Current Volume \(5\) 2023-11-03 / No. 44](#)

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- [Preplanned Studies: Impact of HIV/HCV Co-Infection on Mortality and Attrition in Antiretroviral Therapy Among People with HIV — Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China, 2003–2022](#)
- [Review: A Scoping Review of Tools and Techniques on Evaluating Population Health and Healthy Life Expectancy](#)
- [Notifiable Infectious Diseases Reports: Reported Cases and Deaths of National Notifiable Infectious Diseases — China, August 2023*](#)

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BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

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Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

The Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute is a non-profit biotech organization. Our mission is to develop products to fight malaria, tuberculosis, and diarrheal diseases—three major causes of mortality, poverty, and inequality in developing countries. The world has unprecedented scientific tools at its disposal; now is the time to use them to save the lives of the world's poorest people

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<https://carb-x.org/>

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CEPI – Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations [to 04 Nov 2023]

<http://cepi.net/>

Latest News

[CEPI and University of Oxford advance vaccine work against potentially deadly Arenaviruses](#)

Up to US \$25m will support early development of prototype vaccines against the Junín virus, while also looking to improve manufacturing speed and scale-up of ChAdOx technology.
02 Nov 2023

[CEPI and Moderna harness mRNA technology to advance 100 Days Mission](#)

New partnership will harness Moderna's mRNA rapid-response platform, clinically validated during the COVID-19 pandemic, to accelerate epidemic and pandemic vaccine development.
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CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 04 Nov 2023]

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DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

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Duke Global Health Innovation Center [to 04 Nov 2023]

<https://dukeghic.org/>

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EDCTP [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

The European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) aims to accelerate the development of new or improved drugs, vaccines, microbicides and diagnostics against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as well as other poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa, with a focus on phase II and III clinical trials

News

No new digest content identified.

Emory Vaccine Center [to 04 Nov 2023]

<http://www.vaccines.emory.edu/>

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No new digest content identified.

European Vaccine Initiative [to 04 Nov 2023]

<http://www.euvaccine.eu/>

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EVI

[A business model for a sustainable vaccine R&D infrastructure](#)

Evidence Aid [to 04 Nov 2023]

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/>

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No new digest content identified.

Fondation Merieux [to 04 Nov 2023]

<http://www.fondation-merieux.org/>

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Gavi [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

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GE2P2 Global Foundation [to 04 Nov 2023]

www.ge2p2.org

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:: [Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment – 24 Oct 2023 – Issue 09](#)

GHIT Fund [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

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Global Fund [to 04 Nov 2023]

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Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness [GloPID-R] [to 04 Nov 2023]

<https://www.glopid-r.org/news/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Hilleman Laboratories [to 04 Nov 2023]

<http://www.hilleman-labs.org/>
News & Insights
No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 04 Nov 2023]
<https://www.hhmi.org/news>
Press Room
No new digest content identified.

Human Vaccines Project [to 04 Nov 2023]
<http://www.humanvaccinesproject.org/>
News
No new digest content identified.

IAVI [to 04 Nov 2023]
<https://www.iavi.org/>
Latest News, Features
No new digest content identified.

INSERM [to 04 Nov 2023]
<https://www.inserm.fr/en/home/>
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities [ICMRA]
<http://www.icmra.info/drupal/en/news>
Selected Statements, Press Releases, Research
No new digest content identified.

ICH - International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use [to 04 Nov 2023]
<https://www.ich.org/page/press-releases>
News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selective]
No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 04 Nov 2023]
<https://www.icrc.org/en/whats-new>
What's New [Selected]

[The protection of hospitals during armed conflicts: What the law says](#)

What kind of specific protection do the wounded and sick enjoy in times of armed conflict? In times of armed conflict, the wounded and sick include anyone, whether military or civilian, who needs medical attention and is not, or no longer, taking part
02-11-2023 | Article

[The critical importance of neutrality: A humanitarian perspective into a multipolar world](#)

Keynote Speech by Gilles Carbonnier, Vice-President, International Committee of the Red Cross,
10th Beijing Xiangshan Forum, 31 October 2023.
31-10-2023 | Article

IFFIm

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

Press Releases/Announcements

[IFFIm funding helps VaccinesWork: measles, pneumococcus, rotavirus and yellow fever](#)

01 Nov 2023

Funds provided by IFFIm over the last 17 years have had a catalytic effect on increasing uptake of underused vaccines in low-income countries.

IFRC [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Institut Pasteur [to 04 Nov 2023]

<https://www.pasteur.fr/en/press-area>

Press Documents

No new digest content identified.

ISC / International Science Council [to 04 Nov 2023]

<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.

News, Blogs

[Reviving public trust in science: new practices for 21st-century challenges](#)

In an increasingly tense geopolitical landscape, science stands out as a universal language that facilitates coordinated action. However, when trust in science wavers, it weakens the foundation for cohesive global policy. How can the multilateral policy interface engage effectively with science in ways trusted by populations?

31.10.2023

The Contextualization Deficit: Reframing Trust in Science for Multilateral Policy

DOI: 10.24948/2023.10 'The Contextualization Deficit: Reframing Trust in Science for Multilateral Policy'. The Centre for Science Futures, Paris.

<https://futures.council.science/publications/trust-in-science>, 2023

International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS)

<https://iuis.org/>

News/Events [Selected]

[18th International Congress of Immunology](#)

27 November - 2 December 2023 | Cape Town, South Africa

IVAC [to 04 Nov 2023]

<https://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/ivac/index.html>

Updates; Events

No new digest content identified.

IVI [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

IVI News & Announcements

[IVI, KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme, and Korea Biopharmaceutical CMO organize vaccine manufacturing training in Korea](#)

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security [to 04 Nov 2023]

<https://www.centerforhealthsecurity.org/news/center-news/>

Center News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Iraq

[MSF hands over medical activities at Sinuni General Hospital in Sinjar](#)

Project Update 2 Nov 2023

Gaza-Israel war

[MSF staff cross out of Gaza](#)

Statement 1 Nov 2023

Ukraine

[MSF evacuates 150 patients as hospitals in Kherson are attacked repeatedly](#)

Press Release 30 Oct 2023

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Sciences - USA [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

National Vaccine Program Office - U.S. HHS [to 04 Nov 2023]

<https://www.hhs.gov/vaccines/about/index.html>

Upcoming Meetings/Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

NIH [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

PATH [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

Press Releases

[Melanie Saville joins PATH as Chief Scientific Officer](#)

October 30, 2023 by PATH

PATH is delighted to announce the appointment of Melanie Saville, MB BS, as our new Chief Scientific Officer, effective January 2, 2024.

Dr. Saville will lead PATH's product development division, which includes teams dedicated to development, introduction, and scale of vaccines, medical devices, and diagnostics...

Rockefeller Foundation [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

Selected Reports/Press Releases

Nov 01 2023 *Press Releases*

[data.org Partners With the World Health Organization on Global Health Response](#)

New York, NY | November 1, 2023 — Today, bolstered by a \$2.5 million grant from The Rockefeller Foundation, data.org announces a partnership with the World Health Organization Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence ("WHO Hub") to drive the development and deployment of digital public goods for pandemic and epidemic intelligence.

This collaboration builds on data.org's Everse initiative—funded and supported by The Rockefeller Foundation, Wellcome and IDRC—by bringing together a united global health intelligence community to foster greater adoption of accessible and powerful open-source tools to tackle global epidemic and pandemic threats...

Sabin Vaccine Institute [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

Latest News & Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UNAIDS [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

Latest press releases, news notes and statements

Statement 04 November 2023

[Children and families at risk after 6.4-magnitude earthquake hits western Nepal](#)

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/children-and-families-risk-after-64-magnitude-earthquake-hits-western-nepal>

KATHMANDU/NEW DELHI, 4 November 2023 – “We are deeply saddened by the devastating impact of the 6.4 magnitude earthquake that struck Karnali and Lumbini provinces in western Nepal at 11:47 p.m. on Friday 3 November. “According to the authorities, 143 persons have died and 190 people are reportedly injured. Jajarkot and Rukum West are the most...

Statement 03 November 2023

[Joint statement by UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA and UNRWA on Women and newborns bearing the brunt of the conflict in Gaza](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/joint-statement-unicef-who-unfpa-and-unrwa-women-and-newborns-bearing-brunt-conflict)

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/joint-statement-unicef-who-unfpa-and-unrwa-women-and-newborns-bearing-brunt-conflict>

East Jerusalem/Geneva/New York, 3 November 2023 - Women, children and newborns in Gaza are disproportionately bearing the burden of the escalation of hostilities in the occupied Palestinian territory, both as casualties and in reduced access to health services, warn the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Relief and Works...

Statement 01 November 2023

[Statement by UNICEF on the deaths and injuries of children in Jabaliya camp](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-unicef-deaths-and-injuries-children-jabaliya-camp)

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-unicef-deaths-and-injuries-children-jabaliya-camp>

NEW YORK, 1 November 2023 – “The scenes of carnage coming out of Jabaliya camp in the Gaza Strip following attacks yesterday and again today are horrific and appalling. “While we do not yet have estimates of the toll the attack has taken on children, people’s homes have been leveled, hundreds apparently injured and killed, with many children...

Remarks 31 October 2023

[Gaza has become a graveyard for thousands of children](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/gaza-has-become-graveyard-thousands-children)

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/gaza-has-become-graveyard-thousands-children>

GENEVA, 31 October 2023 – “From the earliest days of the unprecedented hostilities in the Gaza Strip, UNICEF has been forthright on the need for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire, for the aid to flow and for children abducted to be released. Like many others, we have pleaded for the killing of children to stop. “Our gravest fears about the...

Remarks 30 October 2023

[UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell's remarks at UN Security Council on humanitarian situation in Gaza](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/unicef-executive-director-catherine-russells-remarks-un-security-council-humanitarian-situation-gaza)

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/unicef-executive-director-catherine-russells-remarks-un-security-council>

NEW YORK, 30 October 2023 - "Excellencies. Thank you to Ambassador Nusseibeh and Ambassador França Danese for convening this meeting, and to Members of the Security Council, for this opportunity to speak with you about the humanitarian situation in the State of

Unitaid [to 04 Nov 2023]

<https://unitaid.org/>

Featured News

02 November 2023

[Partnership Report: Unitaid and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria](#)

Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative] [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Vaccination Acceptance & Demand Initiative [Sabin] [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

Announcements, Blog

No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Confidence Project [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

News, Research and Reports

No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Education Center – Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia [to 04 Nov 2023]

<http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center>

News

[Vaccine Update for Providers](#)

October 2023

Announcements: December webinar registration and 2024 dates, updated Q&A, and new videos

Wellcome Trust [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

News, Opinion, Reports

Analysis

[How is AI reshaping health research?](#)

31 October 2023

Artificial intelligence (AI) has the power to reshape science and health. Three experts share the potential benefits and pitfalls of AI in health research.

The Wistar Institute [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

Press Releases

Nov. 1, 2023

[Wistar Scientists Engineer New NK cell Engaging Immunotherapy Approaches to Target and potentially Treat recalcitrant Ovarian Cancer](#)

Novel human Siglec-7 monoclonal and bispecific antibodies are being developed as potential future cancer immunotherapies

World Bank [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

All News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

WFPHA: World Federation of Public Health Associations [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

Latest News - Blog

No new digest content identified.

World Medical Association [WMA] [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

Press Releases, Statements

No new digest content identified.

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ARM [Alliance for Regenerative Medicine] [to 04 Nov 2023]

<https://alliancerm.org/press-releases/>

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

BIO [to 04 Nov 2023]

<https://www.bio.org/press-releases>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

DCVMN – Developing Country Vaccine Manufacturers Network [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

News; Upcoming events

No new digest content identified.

ICBA – International Council of Biotechnology Associations [to 04 Nov 2023]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

IFPMA [to 04 Nov 2023]

<https://ifpma.org/>

Selected Press Releases/Statements

Statement 2 November 2023

[IFPMA welcomes announcement of first three regulatory agencies listed under WHO Listed Authorities Framework](#)

On 2 November, IFPMA and its member associations in South Korea, Singapore and Switzerland have welcomed the appointment of the Korean Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) of South Korea, the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) of Singapore, and Swissmedic of Switzerland as the first three Listed Authorities under the WHO Listed Authorities (WLA) framework.

International Alliance of Patients' Organizations – IAPO [to 04 Nov 2023]

<https://www.iapo.org.uk/news/topic/6>
Press and media [Selected]
No new digest announcements identified

International Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association [IGBA]

<https://www.igbamedicines.org/>
News
No new digest announcements identified

PhRMA [to 04 Nov 2023]
<http://www.phrma.org/>
Press Releases
No new digest announcements identified

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Vaccines/Therapeutics/Medicines – Selected Developer/Manufacturer Announcements

AstraZeneca

Press Releases
Latest

[AstraZeneca announces collaboration and investment agreement with Collectis to accelerate cell therapy and genomic medicine ambitions](#)

01 November 2023

Collaboration leverages the Collectis gene editing technologies and manufacturing capabilities, to develop up to 10 novel cell and gene therapy candidate products

AstraZeneca today announced a collaboration and investment agreement with Collectis, a clinical-stage biotechnology company, to accelerate the development of next generation therapeutics in areas of high unmet need, including oncology, immunology and rare diseases...

Bharat Biotech

Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified*

BioCubaFarma – Cuba

Últimas Noticias - *Website not responding at inquiry*

Biological E

News - *No new digest announcements identified*

BioNTech

Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified*

Boehringer

Press Releases

[Boehringer Ingelheim achieves major milestone in chronic kidney disease: aldosterone synthase inhibitor on top of empagliflozin delivers promising results in Phase II trial](#)

Ingelheim, Germany, Friday, 03/11/2023 - 15:30

CanSinoBIO

News - Website not responding at inquiry

CIGB

Latest News - No new digest announcements identified

Cinnagen

Recent News - No new digest announcements identified

Clover Biopharmaceuticals - China

News - No new digest announcements identified

Curevac [Bayer Ag – Germany]

News

November 1, 2023

[CureVac Announces Solid Progress in Phase 2 COVID-19 and Seasonal Flu Clinical Development Programs in Collaboration with GSK](#)

:: COVID-19 Phase 2 clinical trial fully enrolled - Study compares mono- and bivalent vaccine candidates against licensed comparator COVID-19 vaccine

:: First participant dosed in seasonal flu Phase 2 part of combined Phase 1/2 study - Study compares a potentially differentiated, multivalent vaccine candidate with broad antigen coverage against licensed comparator vaccine

Gamaleya National Center/Sputnik

Latest News and Events - No new digest announcements identified

<https://sputnikvaccine.com/> - No new digest announcements identified

GSK

Press releases for media

31 October 2023

[GSK enters agreement to obtain exclusive license for JNJ-3989 to expand the development of bepirovirsen](#)

GSK's bepirovirsen both alone and in combination with nucleos(t)ide analogue therapy has shown functional cure in patients with chronic hepatitis B

IMBCAMS, China

Home - Website not responding at inquiry

Janssen/JNJ

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified

Merck

News releases - No new digest announcements identified

Moderna

Press Releases

10/30/2023

[CEPI and Moderna Harness mRNA Technology to Advance 100 Days Mission](#)

:: New partnership will harness Moderna's mRNA rapid-response platform, clinically validated during the COVID-19 pandemic, to accelerate epidemic and pandemic vaccine development

:: First project will enable rapid pre-clinical testing of antigen designs for high-risk viral families, to advance global outbreak readiness

Nanogen

News - No new digest announcements identified

Novartis

News - No new digest announcements identified

Novavax

Press Releases

Oct 31, 2023 COVID-19

[Novavax's Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Now Approved in the EU](#)

Oct 31, 2023 COVID-19

[Novavax's Updated Nuvaxovid™ COVID-19 Vaccine Receives Positive CHMP Opinion in the EU](#)

Pfizer

Recent Press Releases

[Pfizer Highlights Scientific Advances from Growing Hematology Portfolio at American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting](#)

Thursday, November 02, 2023

R-Pharm

<https://rpharm-us.com/index.php>

[No news or media page identified]

Sanofi Pasteur

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified

Serum Institute of India

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - No new digest announcements identified

Sinopharm/WIBPBIBP

News - No new digest announcements identified [English translation function not operating]

Sinovac

Press Releases

2023/11/01 | Press Releases

[SINOVAC Launches Its First Overseas Jointly Invested Vaccine Production Plant in Türkiye](#)

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Attends the Inauguration Ceremony for KeyVac

SK Biosciences

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified

Takeda

Newsroom - No new digest announcements identified

Valneva

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified

Vector State Research Centre of Virology and Biotechnology

Home - Website not responding [404 error]

WestVac Biopharma

Media - No new digest announcements identified

Zhifei Longcom, China

[Anhui Zhifei Longcom Biologic Pharmacy Co., Ltd.]

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Journal Watch

Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review continues its weekly scanning of key peer-reviewed journals to identify and cite articles, commentary and editorials, books reviews and other content supporting our focus on vaccine ethics and policy. Journal Watch is not intended to be exhaustive, but indicative of themes and issues the Center is actively tracking. We selectively provide full text of some editorial and comment articles that are specifically relevant to our work. Successful access to some of the links provided may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher.

If you would like to suggest other journal titles to include in this service, please contact David Curry at: david.r.curry@centerforvaccineethicsandpolicy.org

AJOB Empirical Bioethics

Volume 14, 2023 Issue 4

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

Article

[Community Engagement in Precision Medicine Research: Organizational Practices and Their Impacts for Equity](#)

[Janet K. Shim](#), [Nicole Foti](#), [Emily Vasquez](#), [Stephanie M. Fullerton](#), [Michael Bentz](#), [Melanie Jeske](#) & [Sandra Soo-Jin Lee](#)

Pages: 185-196

Published online: 01 May 2023

AMA Journal of Ethics

Volume 25, Number 11: E791-854 Nov 2023

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/health-and-loneliness>

Health and Loneliness

Human experiences of loneliness come from perceived deficits in social interaction. Loneliness first became a health concern due to its associations with increased mortality and functional decline, especially among elders. However, its increasing prevalence across age groups in the US calls for our health care system to pay clinical and ethical attention to loneliness as a common experience in

American life. This theme issue considers loneliness as a key source of health vulnerabilities that remains underappreciated and provides insights as to how our health care system can more fully respond to the needs of patients with limited social networks.

American Journal of Human Genetics

Nov 02, 2023 Volume 110 Issue 11 p1827-1986

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

Forum

[To boldly go: Unpacking the NHGRI's bold predictions for human genomics by 2030](#)

Chris Gunter, Eric D. Green

The 2020 strategic vision for human genomics, written by the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), was punctuated by a set of provocatively audacious "bold predictions for human genomics by 2030." Starting here, these will be unpacked and discussed in an upcoming series in the American Journal of Human Genetics.

American Journal of Infection Control

November 2023 Volume 51 Issue 11 p1201-1294

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

Brief Reports

[Reliability and comprehensiveness of YouTube videos about the COVID-19 vaccine in pregnancy](#)

Rebecca Fairchild, Meghan Price, Amanda Craig, Sarah K. Dotters-Katz

Published online: July 22, 2023

p1282-1284

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

November 2023 Volume 65 Issue 5 p763-952

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

Research Articles

[Cost-Effectiveness of Recombinant Zoster Vaccine for Adults Aged \$\geq 50\$ Years in China](#)

Minghuan Jiang, et al.

published online: May 11, 2023

p818-826

American Journal of Public Health

November 2023 113(11)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 109 (2023): Issue 4 (Oct 2023)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/109/4/tpmd.109.issue-4.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

October 2023 Volume 176, Issue 10

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 323 October 2023

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/323/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 04 Nov 2023)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 04 Nov 2023)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 04 Nov 2023)

[Gaps in vaccine management practices during vaccination outreach sessions in rural settings in southwestern Uganda](#)

Outreach efforts were developed to bolster people's access to and use of immunization services in underserved populations. However, there have been multiple outbreaks of diseases like measles in Uganda, prompt...

Authors: Atwiine Flavia, Bagenda Fred and Turyakira Eleanor

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2023 23:758

Content type: Research Published on: 3 November 2023

[Assessing the COVID-19 vaccination program during the Omicron variant \(B.1.1.529\) epidemic in early 2022, Tokyo](#)

Many countries, including high-income nations, struggled to control epidemic waves caused by the Omicron variant (B.1.1.529), which had an antigenically distinct evolution. Evaluating the direct and indirect e...

Authors: Taishi Kayano and Hiroshi Nishiura

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2023 23:748

Content type: Research Published on: 31 October 2023

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 04 Nov 2023)

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BMC Medicine

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

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[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 04 Nov 2023)
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BMC Public Health

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

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BMC Research Notes

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

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BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

October 2023 - Volume 28 - 5

<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/28/5>

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BMJ Global Health

October 2023 - Volume 8 - 10

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/8/10>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

September 2023

<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2023-09/>

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Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 101(10); 2023 Oct 1

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/issues/446112/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Cell

Oct 26, 2023 Volume 186 Issue 22 p4729-4974

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 49, Issue 6 Pages: 941-1111 November 2023

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

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Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics

Volume 114, Issue 5 Pages: 933-1141 November 2023

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

Perspective Open Access

Model-Informed Drug Development: Steps Toward Harmonized Guidance

Scott Marshall, Malidi Ahamadi, Jenny Chien, Daisuke Iwata, Pavel Farkas, Augusto Filipe, Nicolas Frey, Erin Greene, Norisuke Kawai, Jian Li, Jörg Lippert, Flora Musuamba Tshinanu, Efthymios Manolis, Mark C. Peterson, Sarem Sarem, Mohamad Shebley, Million Tegenge, Chia-Hsun Tsai, Chien-Lung Tu, Yasuto Otsubo, Jiawei Wei, Lucia Zhang, Hao Zhu, Kristin E. Karlsson

Pages: 954-959 First Published: 03 August 2023

Reviews Open Access

Prediction of Clinical Trials Outcomes Based on Target Choice and Clinical Trial Design with Multi-Modal Artificial Intelligence

Alex Aliper, Roman Kudrin, Daniil Polykovskiy, Petrina Kamyra, Elena Tutubalina, Shan Chen, Feng Ren, Alex Zhavoronkov

Pages: 972-980

First Published: 22 July 2023

Clinical Therapeutics

September 2023 Volume 45 Issue 9 p807-924

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

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Clinical Trials

Volume 20 Issue 5, October 2023

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/20/5>

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Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 04 Nov 2023]

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Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 133 October 2023

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/133/suppl/C>

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The CRISPR Journal

Volume 6, Issue 5 / October 2023

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/6/5>

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Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 10, issue 3, September 2022

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/10-3>

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Medical Research and Opinion

Volume 39, Issue 10 2023

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/icmo20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

October 2023 - Volume 36 - Issue 5

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Protocols in Human Genetics

<https://currentprotocols.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/19348258>

[Accessed 04 Nov 2023]

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Developing World Bioethics

Volume 23, Issue 3 Pages: 197-292 September 2023

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current>

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Development in Practice

Volume 33, Issue 8, 2023

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

Volume 41, Issue 5 September 2023

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 16 - Issue 6 - December 2022

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

Volume 47, Issue 3 Pages: 543-846 July 2023

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/2023/47/3>

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EMBO Reports

Volume 24 Issue 10 9 October 2023

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

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Abdulaziz Mohammed, Hanna Idris-Dantata, Tochi Okwor, Paul Tanui, Elijah Paintsil, Patrick Chanda Kabwe, Yewande Alimi, Raji Tajudeen, Wessam Mankoula, Olayinka Stephen Ilesanmi, Muhammad Shakir Balogun, Chikwe Ihekweazu, Emilio Hornsey and Onyema Ogbuagu
Global Health: Science and Practice October 2023, 11(5):e2300121; <https://doi.org/10.9745/GHSP-D-23-00121>

Inadequate supply of PPE, vaccines, and diagnostics during the COVID-19 pandemic in Africa created an opportunity to promote local manufacturing. Authors describe Africa CDC's contributions and highlight strategies for strengthening the pandemic response.

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Authors: Ricardo Eccard da Silva, Maria Rita Carvalho Garbi Novaes, Cesar de Oliveira and Dirce Bellezi Guilhem

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Abstract

Background

National governance may have influenced the response of institutions to the Covid-19 pandemic, being a key factor in preparing for the next pandemics. The objective was to analyze the association between excess mortality due to COVID-19 (daily and cumulative per 100 thousand people) and national governance indicators in 213 countries.

Method

Multiple linear regression models using secondary data from large international datasets that are in the public domain were performed. Governance indicators corresponded to six dimensions: (i) Voice and Accountability; (ii) Political Stability and Absence of Violence/Terrorism; (iii) Government Effectiveness; (iv) Regulatory Quality; (v) Rule of Law and (vi) Control of Corruption. The statistical analysis consisted of adjusting a multiple linear regression model. Excess mortality due to COVID-19 was adjusted for potential confounding factors (demographic, environmental, health, economic, and ethnic variables).

Results

The indicators Control of Corruption, Government Effectiveness, Regulatory Quality and Rule of Law had a significant inverse association ($p < 0.0001$) with the estimated excess mortality in 2020, 2021 and 2022. Furthermore, the governance indicators had a direct significant association ($p < 0.0001$) with the vaccination variables (People_fully_vaccinated; Delivered population; The total number of vaccination doses administered per 100 people at the country level), except for the variables Vaccination policies and Administration of first dose, which were inversely associated. In countries with better governance, COVID-19 vaccination was initiated earlier.

Conclusion

Better national governance indicators were associated with lower excess mortality due to COVID-19 and faster administration of the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

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Special Section: Global Voices for Global Justice: Expanding Right to Health Frameworks

...The papers in this special section work together to move toward a global social medicine for the 22nd century. They envision a global social medicine that confronts and moves beyond the traditionally colonial, xenophobic, heteronormative, patriarchal, gender-binary-bound, capitalist, and racist histories of the fields of global health and human rights. They seek to instantiate a global social medicine that centers knowledge and experiences from the Global South and works toward social justice and health equity at scale. In this special section, the authors are particularly interested in understanding, challenging, and expanding our perspectives and enactments of the right to health. Unlike neoliberal perspectives on health that often limit their explanatory capacity to how individuals behave in the world, the papers here move beyond the focus on lifestyles and on the phantasmagoria of a sovereign subject with supposedly free agency. Instead, authors work toward critical consciousness that accounts for structural processes—with their inequities and disruptions, as well as their effects on individuals—and how this consciousness can open new horizons for collective transformation and social emancipation in health...

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Editorial

Human embryo research: re-forming societal agreement

The Lancet

The field of human embryology has seen major scientific breakthroughs in the past decade. In 2016, researchers were able to culture human embryos for up to 14 days for the first time, whereas previous techniques could reach only 7 days. And in recent months, scientists have shown that models mimicking human embryo development up to day 14 can be created from stem cells. Although the models are in some ways simplistic, they offer complementary alternatives to using human embryos for research. Such innovations promise to give new insights into the early stages of human development, with the potential to improve health, while raising fresh ethical concerns and testing the limits of current legislation and regulation. How to navigate these benefits and drawbacks is a question for wider society, and the need for an answer is becoming increasingly pressing.

Both improved culturing techniques and accurate models of embryo development might help to address important medical needs. Although the success rate of in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) has improved over the past 40 years, about one in three attempts are unsuccessful, often because of implantation failure. A better understanding of the initial developmental processes could lead to improved IVF methods and fewer failures. Likewise, the causes of very early miscarriage are unknown, and risk factors and drivers of many congenital birth defects that are established in early development are not fully understood. Further knowledge of these conditions, and hopefully one day better techniques for management and prevention, could help to bring hope to many millions of families worldwide.

However, such developments also stir up anxieties. In particular, regulation appears to be lagging behind the development of embryo models. In the UK, research on cultured human embryos is not permitted past 14 days (and much of the world takes its cue on such matters from the UK), but the models do not appear to fall under this regulation. As the science of these models progresses, the question of whether an embryo model becomes an embryo, and its associated legal status, becomes more urgent. The potential of human embryo culture beyond 14 days is also provoking debate among scientists, ethicists, and philosophers. Because of the 14-day limit, little is known about human gestation between days 14 and 28. But critics fear a slippery slope in which one change in law would make further undesirable and potentially amoral changes far easier. The question of when an embryo becomes an individual is also still open.

In 2021, the International Society for Stem Cell Research called for meaningful public engagement to understand how people feel about the 14-day rule. The UK is the first country to respond to this call, by conducting a [public dialogue](#) to gauge people's hopes and fears around a potential extension of the 14-day rule. The report of this dialogue, commissioned by the Human Developmental Biology Initiative and UK Research and Innovation Sciencewise, showed that there was overall public support towards some form of extension. Most participants were compelled by the potential benefits for medicine and health. Interestingly, there was a sense of mild surprise and disappointment that the 14-day rule remained unchanged over 30 years, given changes in science and technology. However, there were also strong [ethical objections](#) to the development of so-called designer babies.

Support for considering changes to the 14-day rule was conditional: research needs continued robust review and oversight, there must be wide and in-depth conversations, and the public cannot be left out of the decision-making process.

40 years ago, no regulatory mechanisms existed for research on human embryos. But the first child born via IVF in 1978, along with other developments in the sciences of embryology and reproductive medicine, generated, like today, both excitement and anxiety. They were the impetus for the establishment of the Committee of Inquiry into Human Fertilisation and Embryology in 1982, led by Baroness Warnock. The committee was tasked with finding a responsible way forward, resulting in the proposal of the 14-day rule and its implementation in the UK Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990. It has served well over the past 30 years, providing a sound basis for carrying out important science responsibly, transparently, and with wider societal consideration and consent. The results have bolstered medicine and safeguarded public trust in research into early human development. Given the recent advances in embryology, and the fresh moral dilemmas that they raise, it now seems time for a fresh inquiry.

The Lancet Commissions

[The Lancet Commission on peaceful societies through health equity and gender equality](#)

Valerie Percival, et al.

The multiple and overlapping crises faced by countries, regions, and the world appear unprecedented in their magnitude and complexity. Protracted conflicts continue and new ones emerge, fuelled by geopolitics and social, political, and economic pressures. The legacy of the COVID-19 pandemic, economic uncertainty, climatic events ranging from droughts to fires to cyclones, and rising food insecurity add to these pressures. These crises have exposed the inadequacy of national and global leadership and governance structures. The world is experiencing a polycrisis—ie, an interaction of multiple crises that dramatically intensifies suffering, harm, and turmoil, and overwhelms societies' ability to develop effective policy responses.

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Marie Juanchich, Miroslav Sirota, Dawn Liu Holford

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Editorials

[**The Nobel Prize awarded to pioneers of mRNA vaccines**](#)

Roland W. Herzog, Paloma H. Giangrande

In 2020, the emerging threat to humanity posed by the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic called for accelerated development of vaccines at unprecedented speeds. While far less proven than traditional vaccines, recombinant vaccines were, at the time, the only option to quickly manufacture shots that could generate protection against the newly emerged severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) virus. Options included genetically engineered viral vectors and the yet unproven messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccines, which, in the end, became the favored choice.

Opinion

Advancing cell and gene therapies: Key takeaways from ASGCT's 5th Annual Policy Summit

Daniela Drago, Caitlin McCombs

The field of cell and gene therapies (CGTs) has witnessed remarkable progress in recent years, offering unprecedented potential for transforming the landscape of medicine and the lives of patients. As the promise of CGTs increasingly transitions to reality, it is imperative to ensure that regulatory and legislative policies evolve in parallel to foster safe, efficient product development and broader patient access. The policy summit,¹ hosted by the American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy (ASGCT) in Washington, DC, is a critical forum for facilitating these discussions.

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Protect the 'right to science' for people and the planet

Upholding human rights can ensure that environmental policy is driven by facts and evidence, not denialism, greed and profit.

Volker Türk

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Science

Volume 382| Issue 6670| 3 Nov 2023
<https://www.science.org/toc/science/current>
Policy Forum

[New benefit-sharing principles for digital sequence information](#)

BY Michael Halewood, Margo A. Bagley, Markus Wyss, Amber Hartman Scholz
02 Nov 2023: 520-522

Abstract

Since 1992, international laws governing access and benefit sharing (ABS) have confirmed the principle that countries have sovereign rights over their nonhuman biological diversity and can regulate access to their genetic resources. These laws require the fair and equitable sharing of monetary (e.g., royalties) and nonmonetary (e.g., scientific training) benefits resulting from physical access to and utilization of those genetic resources (GRs). The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) at their 15th meeting (COP-15) in December 2022 ([1](#)), includes a decision to establish a separate, multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism for the use of “digital sequence information” (DSI), i.e., biological data associated with, or derived from, genetic resources such as nucleotide sequences and epigenetic, protein, and metabolite data. The international community has a narrow window of opportunity to develop a DSI benefit-sharing framework that is simple, harmonized, effective, and transformational.

Science and Engineering Ethics

Volume 29, issue 5, October 2023

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Volume 332 September 2023

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Volume 41, Issue 46 Pages 6775-6894 (2 November 2023)

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[Neutralizing anti-polio antibody titre in newborn babies in post-polio eradication period in Nigeria](#)

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Vaccines

<https://www.mdpi.com/journal/vaccines>

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Value in Health

November 2023 Volume 26 Issue 11p1581-1674

<https://www.valueinhealthjournal.com/current>

ISPOR REPORT

[Evolving Use of Health Technology Assessment in Medical Device Procurement—Global Systematic Review: An ISPOR Special Interest Group Report](#)

Michael Cangelosi, Akriti Chahar, Simon Eggington

Published online: June 21, 2023

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Selected Research

[Equity and efficiency in global respiratory virus genomic surveillance](#)

Simon P. J. de Jong, Brooke E. Nichols, Menno D. de Jong, Alvin X. Han, Colin A. Russell
medRxiv 2023.11.01.23297901; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.11.01.23297901>

Abstract

Public health interventions for respiratory virus outbreaks increasingly rely on genomic sequencing for the rapid identification of new (variant) viruses. However, global sequencing efforts are unevenly distributed, with some high-income countries sequencing at >100,000 times the rate of many low-income countries. Given the importance of virus genomic sequencing and substantial global disparities in sequencing capacities, there is a need for meaningful minimum sequencing targets and functional upper bounds that maximise resource efficiency. Here, using mathematical models and analyses of data on global SARS-CoV-2 sequencing output in 2022, we show that increases in sequencing rates typical of low-income countries are >100-fold more effective at reducing time to detection of new variants than increases from rates typical of high-income countries. We find that relative to 2022 sequencing rates, establishing a minimum respiratory virus sequencing capacity of two sequences per million people per week (S/M/wk) with a two-week time from sample collection to sequence deposition in all countries, while simultaneously capping sequencing rates at 30 S/M/wk in all countries, could reduce mean time to first variant detection globally by weeks-to-months while also reducing global sequencing output by >60%. Our results show that investing in a minimum global respiratory virus sequencing capacity is far more effective at improving variant surveillance than expanding local sequencing efforts in countries with existing high-intensity respiratory virus surveillance programs and can guide rightsizing of global respiratory virus genomic surveillance infrastructure.

[Real-World Data Collection from Expanded Access Case Studies for the Treatment of Nontuberculous Mycobacterial Infection with Clofazimine](#)

Misty Gravelin, Theophilus Nguyen, Madeleine Davies, Blair Richards, [View ORCID Profile](#) Jonathan Z. Sexton, [View ORCID Profile](#) Kevin Gregg, [View ORCID Profile](#) Kevin J. Weatherwax
doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.10.30.23297757>

Abstract

Background Due to its indolent nature, nontuberculous mycobacteria (NTM) are increasing in global prevalence as a cause of pulmonary infections and are difficult to treat with traditional antibiotics. Here, we study the repurposing of clofazimine (CFZ) to treat NTM through expanded access in a single health system. Our main objectives are to describe the feasibility of accessing and analyzing expanded access data and to generate hypotheses regarding CFZ use in NTM treatment.

Methods A retrospective chart review was performed on patients within a single health system who had been approved for expanded access of clofazimine or who received it through an outside hospital for NTM treatment. Data were collected on patients' baseline demographics, details of their NTM infection, concomitant therapies, and results as of 30 June 2021.

Results A total of 55 patients were identified upon initial review as potentially receiving CFZ for NTM infection. After excluding 19 patients who did not initiate CFZ, data from the remaining 36 patients were collected and summarized. The median age at which patients were diagnosed with NTM was 51.3 years old, with a median BMI of 21.2 kg/m². Patients were more likely to be female (64%), have a baseline lung disease (72%), and 52% were current or former smokers at the time of their diagnosis. The most common species isolated was *M. avium* complex (47%) followed by *M. abscessus* (36%), with the most common site of infection being the lung (78%). The majority of patients presented with productive cough with excess sputum production followed by pulmonary nodules and bronchiectasis present on radiograph.

Conclusions This study demonstrated the difficulty of collecting retrospective real-world data via electronic healthcare records on symptoms, side effects, and radiography from patients who

obtained a drug through expanded access. Based on the findings of this study, we recommend further research into the potential use of CFZ in patients with M. abscessus pulmonary infections.

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<https://osf.io/preprints/discover?provider=OSF&subject=bepress%7CLife%20Sciences>

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Wellcome Open Research

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

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

Research

Critical Technology Assessment for biopharmaceuticals

Marta Wosińska, Rena M. Conti

November 1, 2023

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SPEECHES

The Future of Global Development and Implications for Aid

Charles Kenny

November 02, 2023

On October 30, 2023, CGD senior fellow Charles Kenny delivered remarks at the Oxford Martin School, where he is a visiting fellow. His speech, "The future of global development and implications for aid," focused on global economic change and its impact on the development prospects of low- and middle...

WORKING PAPERS

The Future of Official Aid Flows

Charles Kenny and Zack Gehan

November 02, 2023

There is a non-trivial chance that ODA for non-humanitarian and climate finance will fall in absolute terms over the coming years and that aid will become increasingly focused on richer countries. The most promising strategy for bilateral ODA flows may be to increase the generosity of traditional do...

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Selected Analysis, Comment, Events

[Independent Thinking: Can world leaders regulate AI before it's too late?](#)

Episode 46 of our weekly podcast discusses Rishi Sunak's AI summit in Bletchley Park.

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Expert comment

[Gender is the missing frontier at the UK's AI Safety Summit](#)

AI safety decision-makers cannot prioritize abstract, existential risks over existing, everyday harms to individuals and communities.

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Kaiser Family Foundation [to 04 Nov 2023]

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Newsroom

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McKinsey Global Institute [to 04 Nov 2023]

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Public Consultations/Call for Papers

[Call for Contributions - OHCHR analytical study on key challenges in ensuring access to medicines, vaccines and other health products \(HRC resolution 50/13\)](#)

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights | Call for input | Treaty bodies

Deadline: 30 November 2023

Purpose:

To inform the OHCHR analytical study on key challenges in ensuring access to medicines, vaccines and other health products (HRC resolution 50/13)

Background:

Vaccine equity and access to medicines is a fundamental component of the full realization of the right to health. Vaccines, medicines and other health products must not only be produced and made available - they must also be accessible to all persons. Yet, access to vaccines, medicines and other health products remains disturbingly uneven in many places.

Council resolution 50/13 requests the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to prepare an analytical study on key challenges in ensuring access to medicines, vaccines and other health products to be presented to the Human Rights Council at the fifty-sixth session in June 2024. In order to collect inputs for this forthcoming report, OHCHR has published a short questionnaire available in [English](#), [Français](#) and [Español](#).

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