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Malaria

Shipments to African countries herald final steps toward broader vaccination against malaria

- More than 330,000 doses of WHO-recommended RTS,S malaria vaccine arrived last night in Cameroon – a historic step towards broader vaccination against one of the deadliest diseases for African children
- Malaria burden is the highest on the African continent, which accounted for approximately 95% of global malaria cases and 96% of related deaths in 2021
- With several African countries now finalizing rollout plans, an additional 1.7 million doses are set for delivery to Burkina Faso, Liberia, Niger and Sierra Leone in the coming weeks
- These shipments signal that malaria vaccination is moving out of its pilot phase, and lay the groundwork for countries to begin vaccinations through Gavi-supported routine immunization programmes in Q1 2024

GENEVA/NEW YORK/COPENHAGEN, 22 November 2023 – Shipments of the world’s first WHO-recommended malaria vaccine, RTS,S, have begun with 331,200 doses landing last night in Yaoundé, Cameroon. The delivery is the first to a country not previously involved in the malaria vaccine pilot programme and signals that scale-up of vaccination against malaria across the highest-risk areas on the African continent will begin shortly.

Nearly every minute, a child under five dies of malaria. In 2021, there were 247 million malaria cases globally, which led to 619,000 deaths. Of these deaths, 77 per cent were children under 5 years of age, mostly in Africa. Malaria burden is the highest on the African continent, which accounts for approximately 95% of global malaria cases and 96% of related deaths in 2021.

A further 1.7 million doses of the RTS,S vaccine are expected to arrive in Burkina Faso, Liberia, Niger and Sierra Leone in the coming weeks, with additional African countries set to receive doses in the months ahead. This reflects the fact that several countries are now in the final stage of preparations for malaria vaccine introduction into routine immunisation programmes, which should see first doses administered in Q1 2024...

“The world needs good news – and this a good news story,” said David Marlow, CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. “Gavi is proud that our Alliance of stakeholders, with African countries at the forefront, took the decision to invest in the malaria vaccine as a public health priority, and that this support has played a part in the availability of a new tool that can save the lives of thousands of children each year. We are excited to rollout this historic vaccine through Gavi programmes and work with partners to ensure it is delivered alongside other vital measures.”...
Cholera

Close to 1.9 million receive the Cholera vaccine despite challenging environment in Amhara region
20 November 2023
Bahir Dar – The Amhara region is the 2nd most populated region in Ethiopia. The region currently faces multiple emergencies including drought, Measles, Malaria, and a Cholera outbreak according to the Amhara Public Health Institute (APHI). Amhara is also affected by armed conflicts causing a spike in the number of Internally Displaced People (IDPs). The region counts over 800,000 IDPs in the region, of which 12% are living in 40 collective sites.

The World Health Organization (WHO) is assisting the Regional Health Bureau (RHB) and APHI by providing Financial and Technical support where humanitarian or other public health responses are required. WHO conducted successful interventions which include providing vaccination and essential kits for cholera and other diseases. The Oral Cholera Vaccination (OCV) campaign reached more than 1.9 million individuals in the region despite a challenging environment.

On 15th September 2023, the region launched a 5-day Oral Cholera Vaccination (OCV) campaign in 9 of its most affected hotspot Districts. These Districts were prioritized due to limited doses of the vaccine, the presence of holy water sites, IDPs and agriculture development corridors with migrant workers in Metema and Quara, and the fact that they have had previous Cholera outbreaks qualifying them as high-risk areas.

The OCV campaign targeted adults, youth, and children above 1 year of age in all the selected districts regardless of their gender and religion. 895 vaccination teams were deployed for the OCV campaign with an estimated daily target of 400 people vaccinated in fixed post approach. By the end of the campaign, which included three rounds of mop-up, 98.76% of the targeted population had been vaccinated. This represents a total of 1,867,926 lives protected from the deadly disease thanks to vaccines...

Meeting of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization, September 2023: conclusions and recommendations
24 November 2023
...
Report from Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance [excerpt]
...Even with the current manufacturers producing at maximum capacity, there will be shortfalls in the supply of cholera vaccines, leading to delays in planned preventive immunization campaigns in several countries in the near term. An oral cholera vaccine (OCV) market shaping roadmap was agreed with partners, and UNICEF has issued a tender for vaccine supply for the period 2024–2028. The supply situation is expected to improve as new manufacturers enter the market in 2025...
...
Cholera vaccine
SAGE was informed about the current cholera epidemiology, including the recent outbreaks, vaccine availability and other ongoing work. Since 2021, the number and size of cholera outbreaks have increased and case–fatality rates have worsened, in part because of climate change.

SAGE was presented with new – albeit limited – data, collected since the issuance of the 2017 WHO Cholera vaccine position paper that recommended the use of OCV during pregnancy, and was asked
for advice on implementing this recommendation in outbreak response campaigns. This recommendation is still not implemented in many countries. On the basis of the available data, SAGE reinforced its recommendation that all relevant target groups, including pregnant women, be included in the OCV outbreak response.

SAGE was updated on the vaccine supply situation, which remains constrained because one manufacturer exited the market in 2023. The only remaining prequalified OCV products containing Vibrio cholerae O1 and O139 are from a single manufacturer (EuBiologics Co. Ltd, Seoul, Republic of Korea).

SAGE noted that several non-vaccination strategies for the reduction of cholera may be difficult to implement in fragile and conflict-affected settings and that vaccination would have a major role in these contexts. SAGE expressed its deep concern about the limited supply of OCV and asked that new approaches be explored for increasing vaccine supply, such as incentivizing manufacturers, especially from LMICs. In the interim, WHO is developing a vaccine allocation framework to ensure equitable distribution of the limited available doses. In addition, it will be important to continue to support countries to develop preventive vaccination strategies as part of a multisectoral approach to cholera control, as proposed in the End Cholera Roadmap, in order to improve the predictability of vaccine demand, thereby incentivizing manufacturers.

SAGE was further informed about the use of OCV in the controlled temperature chain (CTC), which allows vaccines to be kept at temperatures outside the standard cold-chain temperatures (+2 °C to +8 °C) for a limited period under controlled conditions. Recent data reviewed by WHO indicated that there would be public health benefits to interim off-label use of OCV in CTC conditions of not more than 10 days at ambient temperatures not exceeding 40 °C. Implementation guidance will be developed to help countries wishing to apply the CTC approach to OCV delivery.

SAGE was further informed about ongoing and planned work that may inform a future policy update in 2024 or beyond. A systematic review of evidence on a single-dose vaccination schedule is currently ongoing and preliminary results were presented. It remains to be assessed whether a single-dose strategy ensures long-term protection, including in specific target populations such as children. Further, an impact study and a review of evidence on the intervals between doses may inform updated recommendations.

Climate Change

World Bank and Global Fund: Stronger Collaboration to Tackle the Impact of Climate Change on Health
WASHINGTON, Nov 22, 2023— The World Bank and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria (the Global Fund) today signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) outlining how the two organizations will work together to strengthen health systems in countries of the Global South. The goal is to support more efficient, effective, and sustainable financing to improve health outcomes in the face of climate change. Latest estimates show that more than half of the global population is not fully covered by essential health services and the climate crisis will only increase the demand for effective services, especially for the most vulnerable people...

Specifically, the two organizations will work together on climate and health priorities to reduce the burden of malaria, HIV/AIDS, and tuberculosis (TB) through stronger health
systems, including better access to primary healthcare services for the most vulnerable populations. The World Bank estimates that 132 million people may be forced into extreme poverty by 2030 due to climate change; one-third are the result of climate-related health risks disproportionately affecting the poorest and most vulnerable people.

“To stand a chance at achieving the targets of ending AIDS, TB and malaria, we must redouble our efforts to fight these diseases. That includes investing to build health systems that can withstand the effects of climate change,” said Peter Sands, Executive Director of the Global Fund. “With malaria serving as an early tracer of the impact of climate on health, we need intensive interventions and strong partnerships to reverse the negative impact of climate change on health.”

Importantly, the two organizations will also advocate for increased financing for health and building country capacity for more efficient and sustainable financing across health systems, including for HIV/AIDS, TB, and malaria. The goal is to make better use of scarce domestic and international health resources, including through better public finance management in countries. The two organizations will also use various financing modalities, including joint investments and blended finance, and collaborate on joint investments.

Another area of joint focus will be on strengthening the regional production and procurement of health supplies, including drugs and medical devices. Access to essential health supplies is necessary to ensure preparedness and strong and resilient health systems. The organizations will help localize health supply chains by supporting sustainable manufacturing in Africa and low- and middle-income countries...

WHO statement on reported clusters of respiratory illness in children in northern China

Statement
22 November 2023
Geneva, Switzerland

WHO made an official request to China for detailed information on an increase in respiratory illnesses and reported clusters of pneumonia in children.

At a press conference on 13 November 2023, Chinese authorities from the National Health Commission reported an increase in incidence of respiratory diseases in China. Chinese authorities attributed this increase to the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions and the circulation of known pathogens such as influenza, mycoplasma pneumoniae (a common bacterial infection which typically affects younger children), respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19). Authorities stressed the need for enhanced disease surveillance in healthcare facilities and community settings, as well as strengthening the capacity of the health system to manage patients.

On 21 November, media and ProMED reported clusters of undiagnosed pneumonia in children in northern China. It is unclear if these are associated with the overall increase in respiratory infections previously reported by Chinese authorities, or separate events.

On 22 November, WHO requested additional epidemiologic and clinical information, as well as laboratory results from these reported clusters among children, through the International Health Regulations mechanism. We have also requested further information about recent trends in the circulation of known pathogens including influenza, SARS-CoV-2, RSV and mycoplasma
pneumoniae, and the current burden on health care systems. WHO is also in contact with clinicians and scientists through our existing technical partnerships and networks in China.

Since mid-October, northern China has reported an increase in influenza-like illness compared to the same period in the previous three years. China has systems in place to capture information on trends in influenza, influenza-like illnesses, RSV and SARS-CoV-2, and reports to platforms such as the Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System.

While WHO seeks this additional information, we recommend that people in China follow measures to reduce the risk of respiratory illness, which include recommended vaccination; keeping distance from people who are ill; staying home when ill; getting tested and medical care as needed; wearing masks as appropriate; ensuring good ventilation; and regular hand-washing. WHO will continue to provide updates.

Polio – PHEIC

**Polio this week as of 15 Nov 2023 - GPEI**

*Headlines [Selected]*

:: Nearly 1 billion people globally are served by health care facilities that do not have regular or consistent power. Unreliable energy disrupts routine and emergency care—from running diagnostic tests to ensuring vaccines stay cold. As heatwaves, floods, and other extreme weather events become more common, energy disruptions are expected to increase due to events like power outages and heat stress on existing infrastructure. To address these challenges in the last mile of polio eradication and reduce its carbon footprint, the GPEI and partners have turned to solar power, a more affordable, reliable and climate-resilient energy source to power polio vaccination and surveillance activities. Read more..

:: Pakistan, one of the last two endemic countries for wild polio, is closer than ever before to ending this devastating disease for good. However, many experts say Pakistan is among the countries most vulnerable to the climate crisis. As the world becomes hotter, more frequent and severe heatwaves, intense droughts, and devastating floods, threaten the incredible progress that has been made against polio. Read more...

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

:: Zimbabwe: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample

**Coronavirus [COVID-19]**


*Numbers at a glance*

*Last update: 21 Nov 2023*

**Confirmed cases ::** 772 166 517

**Confirmed deaths ::** 6 981 263

**Vaccine doses administered:** 13 535 714 288
COVID-19 Epidemiological Update - 24 November 2023

Overview
Globally, more than half a million new COVID-19 cases and over 2400 new deaths have been reported in the past 28-day period from 23 October to 19 November 2023. Compared to the previous 28-day period, those figures represent a 13% and 72% decrease in cases and deaths respectively. As of 19 November 2023, over 772 million confirmed cases and over six million deaths have been reported globally.

Our World in Data
:: 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 12,322 are now administered each day.
:: 32.8% of people in low-income countries have received at least one dose.

WHO & Regional Offices [to 25 Nov 2023]
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Selected News/Announcements/Statements
24 November 2023 Statement
Joint UN mission transfers critical patients from Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza, under intense fighting

23 November 2023 Departmental news
WHO, WIPO, WTO Symposium highlights interrelatedness of climate change and human health

23 November 2023 News release
Health needs to be front and centre of national plans to fight climate change

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WHO statement on reported clusters of respiratory illness in children in northern China

22 November 2023 Departmental news
WHO releases new learning resources to help health workers provide better care and support for women subjected to violence

22 November 2023 Joint News Release
Shipments to African countries herald final steps toward broader vaccination against malaria: Gavi, WHO and UNICEF
United Nations agencies launch first report on the Decade of Healthy Ageing, 2021-2030

WHO staff member killed in Gaza

Global Observatory on Health R&D: Bridging the Gap in Global Health Research and Development

Climate change is an urgent threat to pregnant women and children

WHO releases priorities for research and development of age-appropriate medicines for treatment of neglected tropical diseases

Global meeting on strengthening public-private provider engagement outlines key actions to accelerate the TB response towards reaching commitments made by world leaders at the 2023 UN High Level Meeting on TB

Driving access to better paediatric medicines on World Children’s Day

WHO issues new guideline to tackle acute malnutrition in children under five

WHO issues new and updated recommendations on treatment of mental, neurological and substance use conditions

WHO launches new e-course on the management of TB in children and adolescents

WHO Regional Offices
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WHO African Region
:: 23 November 2023
The Gambia launches national plan to tackle antimicrobial resistance
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:: 21 November 2023
Emergency health services offer relief to South Sudanese returnees
:: 21 November 2023
Ghana reinforces antimicrobial stewardship

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO
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WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO
:: 21 November 2023  News release
Vaccine regulators and officials meet to strategize integration of COVID-19 vaccines in routine immunization

WHO European Region EURO
:: 23 November 2023  Media release
Control antibiotic misuse or the drugs won’t work, warn WHO experts
:: 22 November 2023  News release
WHO/Europe and EUPHA strengthen collaboration to mobilize public health community and address key issues

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO
:: The EU provides €10 million to strengthen preparedness and response systems for outbreaks and health emergencies in Afghanistan  23 November 2023
:: WHO Regional Director’s remarks at the regional press briefing on health emergencies  22 November 2023
:: Regional Director statement on the health crisis in Sudan  21 November 2023

WHO Western Pacific Region
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WHO - Emergency situation reports

25 November 2023
Multi-country outbreak of mpox, External situation report#30 – 25 November 2023

24 November 2023
COVID-19 Epidemiological Update - 24 November 2023

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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.

23 November 2023  Upsurge of respiratory illnesses among children-Northern China

23 November 2023  Mpoon (monkeypox)- Democratic Republic of the Congo

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Weekly Epidemiological Record
https://www.who.int/publications/journals/weekly-epidemiological-record
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Comprehensive TB Guidelines for National Tuberculosis Program, V Edition

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National Strategic Plan for Ending TB 2020-2024

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News: Consumption of antimicrobials in animals reaches lowest level ever in Europe (new)
Last updated: 20/11/2023

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
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The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation Awards $10.5 Million to new Allen Distinguished Investigators
11.21.2023
Research funding will support four projects focused on extracellular vesicles and three on sex hormones

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 25 Nov 2023]
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Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute [to 25 Nov 2023]
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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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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
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EVI welcomes Professor Sam McConkey as new Chair of the Board

In a significant development, Professor Sam McConkey, the Head of the Department of International Health and Tropical Medicine at RCSI...

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GHIT Fund Welcomes EIKEN CHEMICAL as New Sponsor

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Global Fund Board Hails Recovery in Fight Against HIV, TB and Malaria After COVID-19 Setbacks, Commits to Strengthen Investments in Climate-Resilient Health Systems

The Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria held its 50th meeting this week in Geneva, Switzerland. Two months after the release of the Global Fund’s Results Report, Board members praised the unprecedented progress achieved i...
The Global Fund Welcomes the Anne and Chris Flowers Foundation’s Contribution for Cross-border Malaria Elimination in Southern Africa

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund) welcomes a contribution by the Anne and Chris Flowers Foundation of US$1 million to support the Global Fund’s MOSASWA regional grant, a trilateral agreement between the governm...

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Human Immunome Project  [nee Human Vaccines Project]  [to 25 Nov 2023]
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Scientific Consensus Builds on Effort to Map and Model Human Immune System
BARCELONA, November 21, 2023 – The Human Immunome Project Into Action Conference, hosted at CosmoCaixa Museum of Science by the CaixaResearch Institute and Human Immunome Project (HIP), concluded with agreement on a scientific strategy to map and model the human immune system, the groups announced today.

IAVI  [to 25 Nov 2023]
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IAVI and Partners Announce the 7th Global Forum on TB Vaccines in 2024 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
IAVI, the Stop TB Partnership Working Group on New TB Vaccines (WGNV), the Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (TBVI), the Ministry of Health of Brazil, and the Brazilian Tuberculosis Research Network (REDE-TB) are pleased to announce that the 7th Global Forum on Tuberculosis Vaccines will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, October 8-10, 2024. This is the first time the Global Forum on TB Vaccines will be hosted in the Americas, and it comes at a time of renewed attention to TB vaccine research and development...
Israel and the Occupied Territories: ICRC teams begin multi-day operation to reunite hostages and detainees with their families, deliver assistance

Teams from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on Friday began carrying out a multi-day operation to facilitate the release and transfer of hostages held in Gaza and of Palestinian detainees to the West Bank.

24-11-2023 | News release

Summary of the Evaluation of the ICRC’s Response to COVID-19

This is the executive summary of the evaluation of the ICRC’s crisis management and response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It includes a summary of the management response to recommendations.

24-11-2023 | Report

Preserving humanity in times of conflict demands strict abidance by constraints on conventional weapons

Observations of the ICRC shared by Maya Brehm, Legal Adviser (Arms and Conduct of Hostilities Unit), at an informal session of the Meeting of High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) on 16 November 2023.

22-11-2023 | Statement

Severe pneumonia in retreat since PCV jab, say Nepal health workers

After the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine was introduced in 2015, studies observed a major change in disease rates. Now health workers countrywide say the impact is evident.
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IFRC launches CHF 18 million appeal for El Niño-induced flood relief in Kenya

Press release 24/11/2023
Record-breaking CHF 64 Million pledged at IFRC-DREF conference, surpassing previous year's contributions

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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.
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Researcher Assessment: ISC Members invited to respond to global survey
Joint global mapping exercise on research evaluation and engagement launched for national academies and research councils, and regional and international scientific associations.
24.11.2023

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IVI News & Announcements
IVI, KAIST to collaborate in global vaccine research to accelerate innovations in vaccines and immunology
11/23/2023
The International Vaccine Institute (IVI) and the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), a world-leading higher education and research institution in science and technology, signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for global vaccine research collaboration on November 23, 2023...
Under the agreement, the two organizations will collaborate in four main areas: vaccine immune response analysis projects; collaborative research with global health partners; strengthening research and education in the medical and life sciences field; and improving access to healthcare and vaccines in developing countries...

**IVI, CEPI co-host Vaccine Session at the World Bio Summit 2023**
11/21/2023

**IVI Global Council Joint Statement 2023**
11/21/2023

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Repeated attacks on hospitals in Ukraine take a tragic toll on lives and infrastructure
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_Climate emergency_
At COP28, more failure on climate change is not an option for vulnerable communities
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_Mediterranean migration_
“No one came to our rescue”: The human costs of European migration policies in the Central Mediterranean
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_Mediterranean migration_
EU member states must reverse deadly inaction on Central Mediterranean migration
Press Release 22 Nov 2023

_Gaza-Israel war_
MSF doctors killed in strike on Al-Awda hospital in northern Gaza
Press Release 21 Nov 2023

_Vaccination_
Dramatic upscaling of vaccination needed in West Africa to curb deadly diphtheria outbreaks
Press Release 21 Nov 2023
- Several countries across West Africa are experiencing some of the worst outbreaks of vaccine-preventable disease diphtheria ever recorded on the continent.
- The outbreaks come as vaccine levels against the potentially fatal disease in some countries, including Nigeria, Niger and Guinea, are dangerously low.
- MSF is urging authorities to prioritise outbreak response and for WHO, GAVI and UNICEF to provide the necessary support to curb the outbreak.
Benin

Limiting maternal and child loss in communities in Benin
Project Update 21 Nov 2023

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National Vaccine Program Office - U.S. HHS [to 25 Nov 2023]
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Newsroom
PATH and partners host congressional briefing on child survival
November 22, 2023
Washington, DC—Kicking off Child Survival Week on November 13, 2023, PATH, the American Academy of Pediatrics, Gavi, Jhpiego, Mothers2Mothers, Management Sciences for Health, Results, Save the Children, Shot@Life, UNICEF USA, and World Vision, with the support of honorary co-hosts Representative Young Kim and Representative Adam Smith, conducted an educational briefing for congressional staff to discuss the importance of US government funding for lifesaving programs to advance child survival. Widely attended by Hill staff and community advocates, PATH and partners were able to reach 22 congressional offices and committees with timely information about the value of US investments in maternal and child health...

Rockefeller Foundation  [to 25 Nov 2023]
https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/
Selected Reports/Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

Sabin Vaccine Institute  [to 25 Nov 2023]
UNAIDS [to 25 Nov 2023]
http://www.unaids.org/en
Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements
No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 25 Nov 2023]
https://www.unicef.org/media/press-releases
Latest press releases, news notes and statements
Remarks 24 November 2023
UNHCR and UNICEF express grave concern over the humanitarian toll on civilians in eastern DR Congo

GENEVA, 24 November 2024 – "UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and UNICEF, the UN Children's Fund, are greatly alarmed by the escalating crisis unfolding once again in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Violent clashes between non-state armed groups and government forces have forcibly displaced more than 450,000 people in the last six..."

Remarks 22 November 2023
UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell’s remarks at the UN Security Council briefing on the protection of children in Gaza

NEW YORK, November 22, 2023 – “Excellencies, “Thank you to Ambassador Nusseibeh, Ambassador Zhang Jun, and Ambassador Frazier for bringing us together to speak about the worsening situation for children in the State of Palestine and Israel. “I would also like to thank this Council for its adoption of Resolution 2712, a text that acknowledges the..."

Press release 22 November 2023
Shipments to African countries herald final steps toward broader vaccination against malaria

More than 330,000 doses of WHO-recommended RTS,S malaria vaccine arrived last night in Cameroon – a historic step towards broader vaccination against one of the deadliest diseases for African children Malaria burden is the highest on the African continent, which accounted for approximately 95% of global malaria cases and 96% of related deaths in...

Remarks 21 November 2023
Gaza’s children running out of time: Water shortages spark disease alarm

GENEVA, 21 November 2023 – “If children’s access to water and sanitation in Gaza continues to be restricted and insufficient, we will see a tragic – yet entirely avoidable – surge in the number of children dying. “It is also now raining in Gaza. Combined, children face a serious threat of mass disease outbreak. It will be lethal. “It’s important..."
**Press release 21 November 2023**

**Climate change is an urgent threat to pregnant women and children**

GENEVA/NEW YORK, 21 November 2023 - Pregnant women, babies and children face extreme health risks from climate catastrophes that warrant urgent attention, according to a Call for Action released today by United Nations (UN) agencies ahead of the global Conference of the Parties (COP28) negotiations on climate change in Dubai. According to the...

**Press release 20 November 2023**

**At least 5 million children at the brink in Darfur as unchecked conflict worsens**

NEW YORK, 20 November 2023 – The escalating humanitarian crisis in Sudan over the last seven months has reached a grim milestone in Darfur, where at least 5 million children are facing extreme deprivation of their rights and protection risks due to ongoing conflict. Since the war broke out on April 15, over 3,130 allegations of severe child rights...

**Statement 20 November 2023**

**Statement by UNICEF Deputy Executive Director Omar Abdi at the Global Food Security Summit**

LONDON, 20 November 2023 - "Excellencies, distinguished guests, it is an honor to be here today representing UNICEF at this important gathering. "I come with a message of hope. "It might seem strange to talk about hope right now, at a time when the world is facing an array of complex crises from conflicts to climate change, and when the media...

**Press release 20 November 2023**

**Almost 60 per cent of child-focused SDGs are off track in Latin America and the Caribbean**

PANAMA CITY, 20 November 2023 – Most child-related Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators are off-pace to meet their targets by the 2030 deadline in Latin America and Caribbean, UNICEF warned on World Children’s Day. At the current pace, the region will not achieve 58 per cent of the indicator targets related to children’s rights and well-...

**Statement 20 November 2023**

**“Children live in a world that is increasingly hostile to their rights”**

NEW YORK, 20 November 2023 – "Each year on November 20, we mark World Children’s Day to commemorate the 1989 adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) – the most widely ratified human rights treaty in history. By ratifying this international legal framework, world leaders acknowledged that all children have...
Executive Board approves ambitious new areas of work for Unitaid during its 43rd meeting

Brasilia, 22 November 2023 – Hosted by Brazil, one of Unitaid’s founding members, the 43rd session of Unitaid’s Executive Board concluded with decisions that chart out ambitious new areas of work that reaffirm Unitaid’s role as a pathfinder and innovator while adapting to today’s global health challenges… In support of these efforts, the Board reiterated its support for Unitaid’s resource mobilization efforts, approved a new area for intervention to enable access to monoclonal antibodies to treat and prevent infectious disease in low and middle-income countries (LMICs), and approved a new climate and health strategy to contribute to resilient health systems centered around climate-smart health products…

Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative] [to 25 Nov 2023]
https://vaccineequitycooperative.org/news/
News
No new digest content identified.

Vaccination Acceptance & Demand Initiative [Sabin] [to 25 Nov 2023]
https://www.vaccineacceptance.org/
Announcements, Blog
No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Confidence Project [to 25 Nov 2023]
http://www.vaccineconfidence.org/
News, Research and Reports
No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Education Center – Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia [to 25 Nov 2023]
http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center
News
No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 25 Nov 2023]
https://wellcome.ac.uk/news
News. Opinion, Reports
Explainer
From drug discovery to delivery, we need to do more to fight infectious diseases
23 November 2023

The Wistar Institute [to 25 Nov 2023]
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

World Bank [to 015 Oct 2022]
World Bank and Global Fund: Stronger Collaboration to Tackle the Impact of Climate Change on Health
WASHINGTON, Nov 22, 2023— The World Bank and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria (the Global Fund) today signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) outlining how the two organizations...
Date: November 22, 2023 Type: Press Release

WFPHA: World Federation of Public Health Associations [to 25 Nov 2023]
https://www.wfpha.org/
Latest News - Blog
No new digest content identified.

World Medical Association [WMA] [to 25 Nov 2023]
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health [to 25 Nov 2023]
https://www.oie.int/en/
Press Releases, Statements
Statements
WOAH urges Veterinary Authorities and the animal industry to live up to their commitments regarding the use of antimicrobials as growth promoters
Published on 23 November 2023
   Antimicrobial resistance is a growing concern. In recent years, the international community has made important commitments to address this global health threat. One of these is to phase out the use of antimicrobials to promote growth in healthy animals. It is time to move from commitment to action.

ARM [Alliance for Regenerative Medicine] [to 25 Nov 2023]
Selected Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

BIO [to 25 Nov 2023]
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

DCVMN – Developing Country Vaccine Manufacturers Network [to 25 Nov 2023]
http://www.dcvmn.org/
News; Upcoming events
No new digest content identified.
**ICBA – International Council of Biotechnology Associations**  [to 25 Nov 2023]
https://internationalbiotech.org/news/
News
*No new digest content identified.*

**IFPMA**  [to 25 Nov 2023]
https://ifpma.org/
Selected Press Releases/Statements
Statement  22 Nov 2023
**Joint statement on World Antimicrobial Awareness Week**
To mark World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) 2023, the International Alliance of Patients’ Organizations (IAPO), the IAPO Patients for Patient Safety Observatory and its AMR Patient Alliance, the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA), the World Medical Association (WMA), the International Council of Nurses (ICN) and International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), call for cross-sectoral collaboration to address the growing threat of AMR.

**International Alliance of Patients’ Organizations – IAPO**  [to 25 Nov 2023]
https://www.iapo.org.uk/news
Press and media [Selected]
**“Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance Together”: The time to act is now**
Thursday, 23 November 2023

**International Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association [IGBA]**
https://www.igbamedicines.org/
News
*No new digest announcements identified*

**PhRMA**  [to 25 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
**AstraZeneca launches Evinova, a health-tech business to accelerate innovation across the life sciences sector, the delivery of clinical trials and better health outcomes**
20 November 2023
- Evinova will operate as a separate health-tech business within AstraZeneca
- Evinova’s globally-scaled digital health solutions are evidence-led, science-based and human experience-driven to serve clinical trial sponsors, clinical research organisations (CROs), clinical trial site care teams and patients
- First strategic collaborations with globally-leading CROs Parexel and Fortrea enable Evinova’s digital health solutions to be offered to their wide customer base

**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*  
November 22, 2023  
**BoehringerIngelheim expands immuno-oncology portfolio with the acquisition of bacterial cancer therapy specialist T3 Pharma**  
T3 Pharma has developed a proprietary therapy platform that uses live bacteria to deliver immune-modulating proteins to cancer cells and tumor micro-environments.

**CanSinoBIO**  
*News* - Website not responding at inquiry

**CIGB**  
*Latest News*  
**Cuba and Spain in Triangular Cooperation Initiative supported by the EU**  
10 Nov 2023

**Cinnagen**  
*Recent News* - No new digest announcements identified.

**Clover Biopharmaceuticals** - China  
*News* - No new digest announcements identified.

**Curevac [Bayer Ag – Germany]**  
*News* - No new digest announcements identified.

**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* - No new digest announcements identified.

**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* - No new digest announcements identified

Nanogen
*News* - No new digest announcements identified

Novartis
*News* - No new digest announcements identified

Novavax
*Press Releases* - No new digest announcements identified

Pfizer
*Recent Press Releases* - No new digest announcements identified

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/WIBP/BIBP
*News* - No new digest announcements identified [English translation function not operating]

Sinovac
*Press Releases* - No new digest announcements identified

SK Biosciences
*Press Releases*
**SK bioscience and Hilleman Laboratories Announce Joint Development of Second - Generation Zaire Ebola Virus**

SK bioscience will partner with Hilleman Laboratories Singapore to develop a low-cost, improved manufacturing process of MSD's second-generation Ebola-Zaire vaccine.

Takeda
*Newsroom* - No new digest announcements identified

Valneva
*Press Releases* - No new digest announcements identified

Vector State Research Centre of Viralology and Biotechnology
*Home* - Website not responding [404 error]

WestVac Biopharma
Coviccine® Trivalent XBB Vaccine Widely Administered! Further Fortifying the National Immune Wall

Recombinant COVID-19 Trivalent Protein Vaccine (Sf9 Cell) - Coviccine® Trivalent Vaccine developed by WestVac BioPharma and Sichuan University West China Hospital has been officially launched in in multiple regions across the country.

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
[Reviewed earlier]

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
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Infection Control
November 2023 Volume 51 Issue 11 p1201-1294
http://www.ajicjournal.org/current
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine
November 2023 Volume 65 Issue 5 p763-952
https://www.ajpmonline.org/current
[Reviewed earlier]

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
Review Article
Plague Gives Surprises in the Second Decade of the Twenty-First Century
Thomas Butler
DOI: https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.23-0331

Article
Oral and Inactivated Polio Vaccine Coverage and Determinants of Coverage Inequality Among the Most At-Risk Populations in Ethiopia
Samson Gebremedhin, et al.
DOI: https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.23-0319

Annals of Internal Medicine
November 2023 Volume 176, Issue 11
https://www.acpjournals.org/toc/aim/current
Position Papers
Health as a Human Right: A Position Paper From the American College of Physicians
FREE
Matthew DeCamp, MD, PhD, and Lois Snyder Sulmasy, JD, \ldots et al.
Pages:1516–1519
Abstract
The relationship of health to rights or human rights is complex. Although many find no right of any kind to health or health care, and others view health care as a right or human right, the American College of Physicians (ACP) instead sees health as a human right. The College, in the ACP Ethics Manual, has long noted the interrelated nature of health and human rights. Health as a human right also has implications for the social and structural determinants of health, including health care. Any rights framework is imperfect, and rights, human rights, and ethical obligations are not synonymous. Individual physicians and the profession have ethical obligations to patients, and these obligations can go beyond matters of rights. Society, too, has responsibilities—the equitable and universal access to appropriate health care is an ethical obligation of a just society. By recognizing health as a human right based in the intrinsic dignity and equality of all patients and supporting the patient–physician relationship and health systems that promote equitable access to appropriate health care, the United States can move closer to respecting, protecting, and fulfilling for all the opportunity for health.

Editorial
ACP and the Human Right to Health
P. Preston Reynolds, MD, PhD

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal
Volume 324  November 2023
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BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation
http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/
(Accessed 25 Nov 2023)
Health system productivity in sub-Saharan Africa: tuberculosis control in high burden countries
Sixteen of the 30 countries with a high tuberculosis (TB) burden are in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). Over 25% of TB deaths occur in the Africa region. This study aims to estimate the productivity changes of TB pr...
Authors: Esso-Hanam Atake
Citation: Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation 2023 21:90
Content type: Research Published on: 25 November 2023

BMC Health Services Research
http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmchealthservres/content
(Accessed 25 Nov 2023)
Public willingness to receive chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and trichomoniasis vaccines: a scoping review
Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) like chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and trichomoniasis contribute significantly to global morbidity and mortality. Researchers are pursuing vaccines for these STIs, and...
Authors: T. Valleroy, Colin Garon, Janamarie Perroud and Abram L. Wagner
Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2023 23:1290
Content type: Research Published on: 23 November 2023

Economic evaluations of immunization programs as an indispensable tool for policymakers
Introducing new vaccines within national immunization programs requires careful consideration of disease- and vaccine-related issues as well as of the strength of the program and the affected health system. Ec...
Authors: Saskia den Boon, Sayem Ahmed and Abdur Razzaque Sarker
Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2023 23:1284
Content type: Editorial Published on: 22 November 2023

BMC Infectious Diseases
http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content
(Accessed 25 Nov 2023)
A circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 outbreak in a chronic conflict setting: a descriptive epidemiological study in South Sudan – 2020 to 2021
In this study, we describe the epidemiological profile of an outbreak of the circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Virus type 2 in South Sudan from 2020 to 2021.
Authors: Ayesheshem Ademe Tegegne, Atem Nathan Anyuon, George Awzenio Legge, Melisachew Adane Ferede, Zingbondo Isaac, Kirbak Anthony Laku, Sibhatu Biadgilign, Ochan Taban David Kilo, Fabian Ndenzako, Ndoutabe Modjirom, Olushayo Oluseun Olu and Sylvester Maleghemi
Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2023 23:816
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BMC Medical Ethics
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BMC Medicine
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BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth
http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content
(Accessed 25 Nov 2023)
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BMC Public Health
http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles
(Accessed 25 Nov 2023)
The socioeconomic burden of pediatric tuberculosis and role of child-sensitive social protection
Households of children with tuberculosis (TB) experience financial and social hardships, but TB-specific social protection initiatives primarily focus on adults.
Authors: Kinari Shah, Jascent Nakafeero, Jillian L. Kadota, Peter Wambi, Gertrude Nanyonga, Emma Kiconco, Atwiine Deus, Moorine P. Sekadde, Mary G. Nabukenya-Mudiope, Hellen Aanyak-Tukamuhebwa, Ezekiel Mupere, Swomitra Mohanty, Adithya Cattamanchi, Eric Wobudeya, Priya B. Shete and Devan Jaganath
Citation: BMC Public Health 2023 23:2339
Determinants of parental vaccine hesitancy in Canada: results from the 2017 Childhood National Immunization Coverage Survey

In 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) designated vaccine hesitancy as one of the ten leading threats to global health. Vaccine hesitancy exists when vaccination services are available and accessible, bu...

Authors: Ruoke Chen, Mireille Guay, Nicolas L. Gilbert, Eve Dubé, Holly O. Witteman and Hina Hakim
Citation: BMC Public Health 2023 23:2327

BMC Research Notes
http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcresearchnotes/content
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BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine
December 2023 - Volume 28 - 6
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BMJ Global Health
November 2023 - Volume 8 - 11
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Editorial
The Gates Foundation’s new AI initiative: attempting to leapfrog global health inequalities? (3 November, 2023)
Jonathan Shaffer, Arsenii Alenichev, Marlyn C Faure

Commentary
Decoloniality in global health research: ten tasks for early career researchers (24 November, 2023)
Roxanne C Keynejad, Omar Deraz, Rebecca Ingenhoff, Frode Eick, Hassan Njie, Selina Graff, Tara Ballav Adhikari, Polona Zajec, Maria-Christine Mautner, Andrés Salazar, Hanne Ochieng Lichtwarck, Francisca Gaifém, Hiwot Hailu Abera, Hiwot Hailu Amare, Sewhareg Belay Alemayehu, Adiyam Mulushoa, Pascal Grosse

Original research
Impact and cost-effectiveness of measles vaccination through microarray patches in 70 low-income and middle-income countries: mathematical modelling and early-stage economic evaluation (10 November, 2023)
Han Fu, Kaja Abbas, Stefano Malvolti, Christopher Gregory, Melissa Ko, Jean-Pierre Amorij, Mark Jit

Health and economic effects of introducing single-dose or two-dose human papillomavirus vaccination in India (6 November, 2023)
Tiago M de Carvalho, Irene Man, Damien Georges, Lopamudra Ray Saraswati, Prince Bhandari, Ishu Kataria, Mariam Siddiqui, Richard Muwonge, Eric Lucas, Rengaswamy Sankaranarayanan, Partha Basu, Johannes Berkhof, Johannes A Bogaards, Iacopo Baussano
Resilience in childhood vaccination: analysing delivery system responses to shocks in Lebanon (6 November, 2023)
Sharif A Ismail, Andrada Tomoaia-Cotisel, Aya Noubani, Fouad M Fouad, Sadie Bell, Josephine Borghi, Karl Blanchet

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November 2023
https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2023-11/
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Volume 101(11); 2023 Nov 1
https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/issues/448753/
Policy & Practice
A global research agenda on public health and social measures during emergencies
doi: 10.2471/BLT.23.289959
PMCID: PMC10630736

Target product profiles: tests for tuberculosis treatment monitoring and optimization
Ankur Gupta-Wright, Saskia den Boon, Emily L MacLean, Daniela Cirillo, Frank Cobelens, Stephen H Gillespie, Mikashmi Kohli, Morten Ruhwald, Rada Savic, Grania Gidado, Delia Goletti, Debra Hanna, Rumina Hasan, Cathy Hewison, Kobto G Koura, Christian Lienhardt, Patrick Lungu, Timothy D McHugh, Lindsay McKenna, Cherise Scott, Thomas Scriba, Christine Sekagya-Wiltshire, Tereza Kasaeva, Matteo Zignol, Claudia M Denkinger, Dennis Falzon
doi: 10.2471/BLT.23.290901
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Volume 49, Issue 6 Pages: 941-1111 November 2023
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Volume 23, Issue 3  Pages: 197-292  September 2023
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Development in Practice
Volume 33, Issue 8, 2023
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Development Policy Review
Volume 41, Issue 6  November 2023
https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current
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Volume 16 - Issue 6 - December 2022
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Volume 47, Issue 3  Pages: 543-846  July 2023
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Volume 24  Issue 11  6 November 2023
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Volume 44  September 2023
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[Reviewed earlier]
Passing demands in autism research :: Women missing in phase I trials

**Articles**

**Exclusion of Women from Phase I Trials: Perspectives from Investigators and Research Oversight Officials**
Margaret Waltz, Anne Drapkin Lyerly, Jill A. Fisher
Pages: 19-30
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**Navigating Informed Consent Requirements and Expectations in Cluster Randomized Trials: Research Ethics Board Members’ and Researchers’ Views**
Anita Ho, Soodabeh Joolaee, Michael McDonald, Don Grant, Michel M. White, Holly Longstaff, Eirikur Palsson
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**Foreign Affairs**
September/October 2023  Volume 102, Number 5
Massive underrepresentation of Arabs in genomic studies of common disease

Arabs represent 5% of the world population and have a high prevalence of common disease, yet remain greatly underrepresented in genome-wide association studies, where only 1 in 600 individuals are Arab. We hig...

Authors: Romit Bhattacharya, NingNing Chen, Injeong Shim, Hiroyuki Kuwahara, Xin Gao, Fowzan S. Alkuraya and Akl C. Fahed

Citation: Genome Medicine 2023 15:99

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Globalization and Health
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Health and Human Rights
Volume 25, Issue 1, June 2023,
https://www.hhrjournal.org/special-section-global-voices-for-global-equity-expanding-right-to-health-frameworks/
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...

Health Economics, Policy and Law
Volume 18 - Special Issue 4 - October 2023
https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue
SPECIAL ISSUE: On the roof top of health policy change
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Social protection as a right of people affected by tuberculosis: a scoping review and conceptual framework

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Tuberculosis is an infectious disease strongly influenced by social determinants closely associated with cycles of poverty and social exclusion. Within this context, providing social protection for people affected by the disease constitutes a powerful instrument for reducing inequalities and enhancing inclusion and social justice. This study aimed to identify and synthesize strategies and measures aimed at ensuring social protection as a right of people affected by tuberculosis.
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Emma Gillette, et al.

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Nepal’s worst dengue outbreak is a wake-up call for action
Sanjeev M Bijukchhe and others
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Nepal had its worst dengue outbreak in 2022. Climate change, urbanization and increased transportation networks have favoured dengue mosquito vectors. As the monsoon season approaches, dengue outbreak seems inevitable. Strengthening the national dengue preventive strategy, healthcare planning and resource allocation is essential to avoid future outbreaks.

Editor’s Choice
A new dengue vaccine (TAK-003) now WHO recommended in endemic areas; what about travellers?
David O Freedman
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Qdenga (Takeda) is now WHO recommended for residents of highly endemic areas. Travellers from dengue non-endemic countries with previous travel-related dengue (any serotype) will benefit from TAK-003 vaccination to prevent a secondary dengue infection during future dengue risk travel. Dengue-naïve travellers have less potential benefit and use will remain discretionary for now.
**Therapeutics**

**CAR T-cell therapy in autoimmune diseases**
Georg Schett, Andreas Mackensen, Dimitrios Mougiakakos

**Summary**
Despite the tremendous progress in the clinical management of autoimmune diseases, many patients do not respond to the currently used treatments. Autoreactive B cells play a key role in the pathogenesis of autoimmune diseases, such as systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis, and multiple sclerosis. B-cell-depleting monoclonal antibodies, such as rituximab, have poor therapeutic efficacy in autoimmune diseases, mainly due to the persistence of autoreactive B cells in lymphatic organs and inflamed tissues. The adoptive transfer of T cells engineered to target tumour cells via chimeric antigen receptors (CARs) has emerged as an effective treatment modality in B-cell malignancies. In the last 2 years treatment with autologous CAR T cells directed against the CD19 antigen has been introduced in therapy of autoimmune disease. CD19 CAR T cells induced a rapid and sustained depletion of circulating B cells, as well as in a complete clinical and serological remission of refractory systemic lupus erythematosus and dermatomyositis. In this paper, we discuss the evolving strategies for targeting autoreactive B cells via CAR T cells, which might be used for targeted therapy in autoimmune diseases.

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Living in a brave new AI era
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Striving for equitable partnerships in health research
A year ago, we adopted an ethics framework to help with the assessment of and to increase transparency and accountability for research practices in studies involving partnerships between researchers in high- and low-income settings. We now reflect on our progress, what we learned and the way forward to champion ethical, inclusive and equitable partnerships in the content we publish.

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A systematic review, combined with a stakeholder survey, presents an overview of current practices and recommendations for dataset curation in health, with specific focuses on data diversity and artificial intelligence-based applications.
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**Community-Engaged Research — Essential to Addressing Health Inequities**
C.H. Wilkins, S.T. Miller, A.N. Richmond, and O. Carrasquillo

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Sexual and reproductive health (SRH) needs for forcibly displaced adolescent girls and young women (10–24 years old) in humanitarian settings: a mixed-methods systematic review

Globally, there are 42 million women and girls estimated to be forcibly displaced. Adolescent girls and young women in humanitarian settings have their sexual and reproductive health (SRH) neglected. This syst...

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Wilmot G. James, Lawrence R. Stanberry, Phillip S. LaRussa, Marc D. Grodman
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Conference report: WHO meeting summary on mRNA-based tuberculosis vaccine development
Monika M. Looney, Mark Hatherill, Munyaradzi Musvosvi, JoAnne Flynn, ... Brigitte Giersing
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The inclusion of pregnant women in vaccine clinical trials: An overview of late-stage clinical trials’ records between 2018 and 2023
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Age, gender and socioeconomic disparities in human papillomavirus (HPV) awareness and knowledge among Japanese adults after a 7-year suspension of proactive recommendation for the HPV vaccine: A nationally representative cross-sectional survey
Marina Terada, Taichi Shimazu, Junko Saito, Miyuki Odawara, ... Gary L. Kreps
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A Systematic Review of Vaccination Guidance for Humanitarian Responses
by Lauren E. Allison
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Abstract
Delivering vaccines in humanitarian response requires rigorous and continuous analysis of evidence. This systematic review mapped the normative landscape of vaccination guidance on vaccine-preventable diseases in crisis-affected settings. Guidance published between 2000 and 2022 was searched for, in English and French, on websites of humanitarian actors, Google, and Bing. Peer-reviewed database searches were performed in Global Health and Embase. Reference lists of all included documents were screened. We disseminated an online survey to professionals working in vaccination delivery in humanitarian contexts. There was a total of 48 eligible guidance documents, including technical guidance (n = 17), descriptive guidance (n = 16), operational guidance (n = 11), evidence reviews (n = 3), and ethical guidance (n = 1). Most were World Health Organization documents (n = 21) targeting children under 5 years of age. Critical appraisal revealed insufficient inclusion of affected populations and limited rigour in guideline development. We found limited information on vaccines including, yellow fever, cholera, meningococcal, hepatitis A, and varicella, as well as human papilloma virus (HPV). There is a plethora of vaccination guidance for vaccine-preventable diseases in humanitarian contexts. However, gaps remain in the critical and systematic inclusion of evidence, inclusion of the concept of “zero-dose” children and affected populations, ethical guidance, and specific recommendations for HPV and non-universally recommended vaccines, which must be addressed.

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**Abstract**

Public health and social measures (PHSM), such as adaptations to the operation of schools, businesses and workplaces, international travel measures and restrictions on gatherings and people’s movements, as well as individual preventive measures such as physical distancing, have been a vital set of tools utilized by many countries to mitigate the spread of SARS-CoV-2 virus throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. In January 2020, the WHO Regional Office for Europe started to systematically monitor, collect and categorize data on response measures taken by its Member States. In order to visualize and analyse the collected data, WHO developed a methodology for quantifying the response measures into an index, capturing the severity of these policy measures in terms of six key indicators. The aim of this article is to describe the methodology underlying the index, including data collection, categorization and calculation, in order to provide researchers and policy-makers with a better understanding of its application. Furthermore, it provides an overview and examples of possible applications of the index, as well as serve as a reference for subsequent research on the effectiveness of PHSM, including empirical studies and models that can help to guide health policies, their timing and severity.
We observe increasing levels of "posting pollution" by individuals, sometimes posting 10+ items of no value. We will resume selective monitoring beginning in September.
Eight Commonsense Actions on Biosafety and Biosecurity

The CSIS Bipartisan Alliance for Global Health Security’s Working Group on R&D Innovation advocates eight commonsense actions to strengthen U.S. and global biosafety and biosecurity and promote a safer, more secure, and more innovative global bioeconomy.

Brief by J. Stephen Morrison and Michaela Simoneau — November 21, 2023
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Research Report  
Opt-In Disclosure Protection: Empowering Survey Respondents to Improve Data Quality  
November 20, 2023  
Data stewards intentionally add errors to published microdata and statistics to protect confidentiality. These errors have a disproportionate impact on the accuracy of information about small groups, including racial and ethnic minorities, and rural communities.  
This study presents an opt-in privacy framework, ethical and legal considerations for an opt-in privacy framework, and early evidence of the impact of such a framework.

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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.
Concept paper on the development of an addendum to the Guideline on clinical development of vaccines on clinical trials for vaccines for immunocompromised individuals (PDF/185.17 KB)

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Problem statement
The Guideline on clinical evaluation of vaccines EMEA/CHMP/VWP/164653/05 Rev. 1 (3) does not provide detailed guidance on the design of clinical trials to assess the safety, immunogenicity and efficacy of vaccines in immunocompromised individuals. There is a need to provide some guidance on potentially suitable sub-populations of immunocompromised individuals for trials to improve the extrapolation of the findings to other sub-populations. Moreover, to consider designing studies in immunocompromised individuals that not only document whether immune responses are lower than in the immunocompetent population but also give some indication of alternative doses and/or regimens that could provide adequate levels of protection against infectious diseases.

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Concept paper on the revision of the Non-clinical and Clinical Module of the influenza vaccines guideline (PDF/177.49 KB)

EMA
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Summary/Problem statement [Excerpt]
The proposed guideline will replace Guideline on influenza vaccines, non-clinical and clinical modules (EMA/CHMP/VWP/457259/2014).

...The current guideline text addresses collection of vaccine effectiveness data for approved vaccines by season. The collection of reliable data, especially brand-specific data, has proven difficult even within countries with high quality influenza disease surveillance. There is a need to rediscuss the feasibility of the current recommendations, while still acknowledging the utility of such data to detect unexpected effectiveness signals.

Overall, there is some degree of urgency to revise the guideline on non-clinical and clinical development of influenza vaccines. In particular, to add sections relevant to the development of mRNA-based influenza vaccines and to reflect on how lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic could be relevant to the development of influenza vaccines, including those intended only for pandemic usage.

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