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

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### **[Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly - #WHA79](#)**

The Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly is being held in Geneva, Switzerland, on **18–23 May 2026**. Proceedings will be **webcast live from [this web page](#)**. Simultaneous interpretation will be available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish

### ***Documents and related information***

*Key documents*

[All WHA79 documents](#)

[A79/1](#) (*Interactive contents*) Provisional agenda

#### **Preliminary Journal 14 May 2026**

#### **Monday, 18 May 2026 1430**

First meeting of Committee A — Auditorium, Building B, SS3, WHO Headquarters

*[Post Address by WHO DGH-Upon commencement of the General discussion]*

Item 13 (Protect health)

Public health emergencies: preparedness and response

:: Item 13.3

#### **Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the WHO Pandemic Agreement Document [A79/8](#) [PABS Annex]**

*[If time permits: Agenda item 11 and sub-item 12.3 will be taken together]*

:: Item 11 (Provide health)

Recommitting to accelerate progress towards malaria elimination

Document [A79/4](#)

:: Item 12 (Provide health)

Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

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Communicable diseases

#### **- Immunization Agenda 2030 - Document [A79/5](#)**

- Road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030 - Document [A79/5](#)

- End TB Strategy - Documents [A79/5](#) and EB158/2026/REC/1, EB158(3)

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## **Featured Journal Content**

## **The Lancet**

May 09, 2026 Volume 407 Number 10541 p1757-1890

<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/current>

*Comment*

### **Vaccine impact in Gavi-supported countries: balancing evidence with policy needs**

Isaac Osei, Baleng Mahama Wutor

Vaccines remain one of the most impactful and cost-effective public health interventions. Decades of evidence from randomised controlled trials and epidemiological studies have shown the impact of vaccines on population health following the introduction and scale-up of immunisation programmes.<sup>1</sup> As the incidence of previously debilitating vaccine-preventable childhood diseases diminishes due to vaccination efforts, the perceived importance of immunisation could become less evident to the public. Amid rising vaccine hesitancy and the spread of misinformation, it is increasingly important to continue demonstrating the tangible impact of vaccines globally.<sup>2</sup>

*Articles*

### **Quantifying relative health impact across Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance's portfolio in 117 countries at the subregional level: a modelling study**

Katy A M Gaythorpe, et al.

Open Access

#### ***Summary***

##### *Background*

Estimates of vaccine impact have typically been used to quantify the effects of, and inform, immunisation strategies. Given the growing resource constraints on health systems worldwide, robust estimates of vaccine impact that allow comparison across different vaccines are now more crucial for decision making than ever. Building on previous modelling studies, we aimed to estimate vaccine impact ratios for an expanded portfolio of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance-supported vaccination programmes against 14 vaccine-preventable diseases across 117 low-income and middle-income countries using multiple models.

##### *Methods*

In this modelling study, we have presented Vaccine Impact Modelling Consortium estimates of vaccine impact ratios, defined as deaths or disability-adjusted life-years averted per 1000 vaccinations, for the Gavi portfolio of vaccines. Modelling groups used standardised inputs for demographic data and vaccination coverage assumptions, including a no-vaccination counterfactual, and accounted for structural, parameter, and stochastic uncertainty to produce burden estimates. These estimates were then compared to calculate vaccine impact ratios, disaggregated by immunisation activity type and geographical subregions for vaccinations given between 2000 and 2030 (or 2000 and 2040 for cholera).

##### *Findings*

Overall, we observed human papillomavirus (11·24 [95% uncertainty interval 10·88–11·64]) and measles (6·09 [4·90–7·07]) vaccines averting a higher number of deaths per 1000 vaccinations than others. For other vaccines, the impact ratios varied across subregions and activity types. Due to parameter, structural, and stochastic uncertainty, the ranges of these ratios often overlap.

##### *Interpretation*

Decisions around which vaccines to use are increasingly important in the context of Gavi's country vaccine budgets. Robust metrics that allow comparison between vaccines are thus essential to inform discussions. The vaccine impact ratios presented in this study can be used to complement other evidence to support effective planning and prioritisation in national immunisation programmes.

##### *Funding*

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, Gates Foundation, and Wellcome Trust.

***...Added value of this study***

To our knowledge, this study is the first comprehensive modelling analysis to date that uses impact ratios to characterise the morbidity and mortality averted per course of vaccination, covering diseases in 117 LMICs. This analysis builds on the previous work by the Vaccine Impact Modelling Consortium by incorporating updated coverage data after catch-up efforts post-COVID-19, improving upon previous modelling efforts by the Vaccine Impact Modelling Consortium, and by modelling additional vaccines, including for malaria and COVID-19. We have contributed to the existing literature on global vaccination impact modelling by adding a subregional focus, in which the impact of different vaccines can be compared at a more granular scale. These estimates can be used by stakeholders such as Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, alongside other considerations, such as cost, to evaluate and optimise vaccination strategy.

### ***Implications of all the available evidence***

Vaccination continues to be one of the most effective public health interventions worldwide. However, impact varies across vaccines. We have estimated that the highest vaccine impact ratios are from the human papillomavirus vaccine and measles-containing vaccines. For other vaccines, the relative impact ratio varies by WHO subregion, with uncertainty distributions often overlapping. There are also differences in vaccine impact by dose and by immunisation activity type (ie, routine versus campaign). These findings highlight the complexity of prioritising vaccination efforts across a broad portfolio and provides one metric to consider within a suite of factors.

### ***Discussion [excerpts]***

We have presented vaccine impact ratios to quantify the health impacts of 14 vaccine programmes in the Gavi portfolio across 117 countries, implemented between 2000 and 2030 (or 2040 for cholera). We found that across immunisation activities and subregions, HPV and measles programmes had the highest impact ratios for deaths and DALYs. Although there is some clear ordering among other vaccines, we note that the ranges of the impact ratios often overlap due to parameter and structural uncertainty in addition to true heterogeneity in the impact ratio between locations and targeting strategies. It is therefore important to contextualise the vaccine impact ratios and consider other elements of vaccine value, such as cost-effectiveness or use in outbreak response, further to commitments to control, eliminate, or eradicate these vaccine-preventable diseases. Under the Gavi 6·0 framework (2025–30), the introduction of country vaccine budgets shifts more control to national governments. Although this control increases country-level ownership of immunisation strategy, it requires rigorous prioritisation because current funding levels are insufficient to cover every discretionary vaccine available. In this context, having a standardised and consistent measure of the health impact of a range of vaccines by country could be very useful...

...Stakeholder engagement has played a key role in defining and estimating these impact ratios. The coverage assumptions were developed with input from disease focal points and representatives of WHO and Gavi to ensure they align with current guidance and future planning considerations. The estimates were used as inputs for global target setting and evaluation.<sup>8</sup> Previous estimates of deaths and DALYs averted from the Vaccine Impact Modelling Consortium have informed the WHO Immunisation Agenda 2030 estimates of vaccine impact.<sup>1,16</sup> The impact ratios are a component of calculating the impact by year of vaccination, attributing health impact back to the year in which the immunisation occurred, which is a methodology that underpins not only previous Vaccine Impact Modelling Consortium estimates but also WHO Immunisation Agenda 2030 target tracking.<sup>11,12,16</sup> Further, impact by year of vaccination was used to determine health impact targets for Gavi's 5·0 and 6·0 investment opportunities<sup>25</sup> and by the Gates Foundation for internal strategy development and reporting. As more vaccines become available, and funding envelopes remain static or reduce in size, rigorous and comparable metrics, such as impact ratios, will increasingly be used to ensure vaccine strategy is optimised.

Health impact informs major decisions around vaccine investment and prioritisation, but it is one among a suite of considerations ([appendix p 1](#)). Cost-effectiveness, equity, market challenges, and

economic returns on investment of immunisation all contribute to decision making.<sup>25</sup> Other studies focusing on LMICs found the highest cost of illness averted for measles, Hib, and HepB,<sup>26</sup> and the highest medical impoverishment cases averted for HepB, measles, and MenA.<sup>27</sup> Yet, both estimates were sensitive to the assumed underlying health burden. Further, the epidemic potential of a disease, and whether that could be exacerbated by climate change, can also affect decisions around how vaccines are prioritised.<sup>28</sup>

Given the reality of scarce resources for vaccinations, prioritisation must be rooted in robust evidence. The Vaccine Impact Modelling Consortium impact ratios offer a standardised, reproducible, and transparent framework for comparing the health impacts of a range of vaccines in the Gavi portfolio. By combining these ratios with cost-effectiveness data and broader contextual evidence, stakeholders can ensure that vaccine investments are both evidence-based and optimised for public health impact.

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## World Health Statistics

### [Global health gains face threat of reversal](#)

***Urgent action for stronger health systems backed by improved data is needed to protect progress***

13 May 2026 *News release* Geneva

The world is falling short on health targets, with progress uneven, slowing, and in some areas reversing, according to the *World Health Statistics 2026* report, published today by the World Health Organization (WHO).

While there have been meaningful improvements in global health over the past decade, with millions benefiting from better prevention, **treatment and access to essential services, persistent and emerging challenges mean that the world remains off track to achieve any of the health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.**

#### **The notable progress outlined in the report includes:**

- :: new HIV infections fell by 40% between 2010 and 2024;
- :: both tobacco use and alcohol consumption have declined since 2010; and
- :: the number of people needing interventions for neglected tropical diseases has dropped by 36% between 2010 and 2024.

#### **Access to services that shape health outcomes expanded rapidly between 2015 and 2024.**

During this period, 961 million people gained access to safely managed drinking water, 1.2 billion to sanitation, 1.6 billion to basic hygiene, and 1.4 billion to clean cooking solutions.

Encouragingly, the WHO African Region has achieved faster-than-global reductions in HIV (-70%) and tuberculosis (-28%), and the South-East Asia Region is on track to meet its 2025 milestone for malaria reduction.

However, **challenges remain. For example, malaria incidence increased by 8.5% since 2015, moving the world further away from global targets while overall progress remains highly uneven across regions.**

Preventable risks continue to undermine health, slowing progress. Anaemia affects 30.7% of women of reproductive age, with no improvement over the past decade. The prevalence of overweight among children under five reached 5.5% in 2024. Violence against women remains widespread, with intimate partner violence affecting 1 in 4 women globally. These persistent risks highlight the urgent need for stronger prevention and social protection policies.

**“These data tell a story of both progress and persistent inequality, with many people – especially women, children and those in underserved communities – still denied the basic conditions for a healthy life,”** said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General.

“Investing in stronger, more equitable health systems, including resilient health data systems is essential to target action, close gaps and ensure accountability.”...

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### **[World health statistics 2026: monitoring health for the SDGs, sustainable development goals](https://iris.who.int/server/api/core/bitstreams/45189137-2f10-48e1-ae43-91b0d8ddd120/content)**

WHO – 13 May 2026 :: 67 pages PDF: <https://iris.who.int/server/api/core/bitstreams/45189137-2f10-48e1-ae43-91b0d8ddd120/content>

#### *Overview*

The World health statistics report is the annual compilation of health and health-related indicators, which has been published by the World Health Organization since 2005.

The 2026 edition consolidates data for health-related indicators from the Sustainable Development Goals. It assesses progress towards the globally agreed targets, describes key challenges for the years ahead and includes reviews on global health topics such as healthy life expectancy and premature mortality, the Triple Billion targets, and inequalities in immunization.

*[Excerpt p.16-17]*

....**Routine immunization coverage** for core childhood vaccines (SDG indicator 3.b.1), including vaccines against diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis, measles, pneumococcal disease caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and human papillomavirus, has largely stalled and remains lower than the Immunization Agenda 2030 global target of 90% (31,32). Progress across most of these indicators is too slow to close immunity gaps. As immunization coverage increases, sustaining these gains becomes increasingly challenging, as closing the last remaining gaps requires disproportionately more effort, resources and tailored strategies to reach children who are consistently missed.

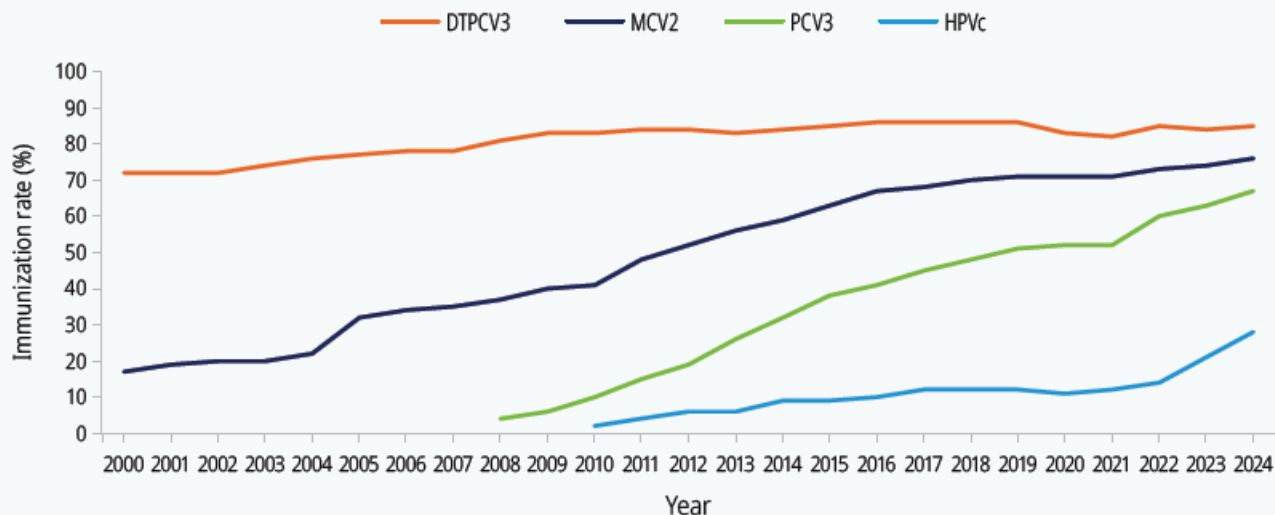
#### **Coverage with the third dose of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis-containing vaccines**

**(DTPCV3) has plateaued at around 85%.** Meanwhile, the second dose of measles-containing vaccines (MCV2) lagged behind at 76% in 2024, far below the levels needed to prevent outbreaks. As immunity gaps persist, several regions are reporting rising measles transmission (32).

#### **Coverage with the third dose of pneumococcal conjugate vaccines (PCV3) has steadily**

**increased** to 67% in 2024, reflecting its introduction in more countries. **Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination has shown the fastest growth** – primarily driven by recent introduction in some countries – with global coverage increasing from 12% in 2021 to 28% in 2024. However, this rapid progress starts from a very low baseline (Fig. 1.8) (32).

**Fig. 1.8.** Global immunization rates against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, measles, pneumococcal infections, and human papillomavirus, 2000–2024



DTaP3: third dose of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis-containing vaccine; HPVc: final dose of human papillomavirus vaccine; MCV2: second dose of measles-containing vaccine; PCV3: third dose of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine.  
 Source: World Health Organization; 2025 (32).

**Between 2015 and 2024, immunization progress varied markedly across WHO regions, with trends linked to countries’ baseline coverage levels and timing of vaccine introduction.**

**Regions that started with lower coverage** – notably the African Region and South-East Asia Region – made the largest gains as new vaccines were rolled out and uptake improved. In contrast, regions that historically maintained high coverage experienced stagnation or even declines. The Region of the Americas now reports lower coverage for three of the four core vaccines compared with 2015, while the Western Pacific Region has seen declines in one of the four vaccines. These setbacks highlight that sustaining high coverage is increasingly difficult, particularly in the context of health system disruptions. Importantly, these two regions – and the world as a whole – have not yet fully recovered from the declines associated with the COVID-19 pandemic (32)...

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**Animal Health – One Health**

**[Animal health receives as little as 0.6 percent of global health spending despite mounting disease crises, new report warns](#)**

OIE Published on 13 May 2026

*As defence budgets soar to US\$ 2.9 trillion, report warns aid cuts leave the world dangerously exposed to transboundary diseases, food insecurity and the next pandemic.*

MAY 13, PARIS — **The world is failing to invest in animal health despite mounting evidence that the cost of inaction far exceeds the cost of prevention**, according to the annual State of the World’s Animal Health report.

The report, published by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) on the margins of its 93rd General Session, is the only annual global assessment of animal health trends, risks and challenges.

It highlights that **animal diseases destroy more than 20 percent of global animal production each year. These impacts are felt most acutely in low- and middle-income countries, where animal health plays a critical role in sustaining livelihoods, food security and economic resilience.** At the same time, insufficiently resourced systems struggle to detect and respond to diseases early, while also facing challenges in maintaining animal welfare standards.

Recent reductions in international aid budgets are compounding the pressure. **Development assistance for health has declined to approximately US\$ 39.1 billion in 2025, with animal health accounting for less than 2.5 percent of that total.** Over the same period, global defence spending reached a record of US\$ 2.9 trillion.

In this context, **strengthening animal health systems – the shared infrastructure that guards against naturally emerging diseases, accidental releases and deliberate biological threats alike – remains underfunded,** despite their essential role in managing cross-border risks, including emerging diseases and biological threats.

**The report highlights that bringing Veterinary Services in every country up to international standards would cost approximately US\$ 2.3 billion per year,** less than 0.05 percent of the US\$ 3.6 trillion in economic losses attributed to COVID-19 in 2020, a disease that most likely emerged from an animal source, while the precise origin and transmission route to humans has not been definitively established.

“Animal health systems sit at the very centre of food security, economic stability, welfare and human health, and yet are chronically underfunded,” said Dr Emmanuelle Soubeyran, Director General of WOAH. “The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of stronger investment in prevention and the One Health approach. One Health will remain an aspiration until animal health is genuinely built into how we plan and invest — long before the next crisis arrives.”

**More than 2,000 outbreaks of high pathogenicity avian influenza were reported by 64 countries and territories between 2025 and 2026, resulting in the culling or loss of more than 140 million poultry.** Foot and mouth disease has caused unprecedented outbreaks in Southern Africa and re-emerged in Europe. African swine fever continues to spread, including through notable long-distance jumps. And the New World screwworm — a flesh-eating parasitic fly — is also raising serious concern, with tens of thousands of cases reported across Central America and a northward spread that poses a threat to animal health beyond the countries currently affected.

**Seventy-five per cent of emerging infectious diseases in humans originate in animals, making animal health systems the world’s first line of defence against outbreaks, including a potential next pandemic.** However, the report indicates that these systems are under strain, with 18 percent of countries recently assessed showing declining veterinary capacity, and 22 percent showing declining paraprofessional capacity.

“What we are observing goes beyond the spread of disease and also reflects increasing pressure on surveillance networks and emergency response capacities, particularly in regions most exposed to animal health risks,” said Dr Paolo Tizzani, Senior Veterinary Epidemiologist at WOAH. “When Veterinary Services are under-resourced, diseases are detected late, spread more widely, and cost more to contain – regardless how they started. Strengthening these systems is therefore an important and effective way for governments and partners to reduce risks and improve preparedness.”...

**The report calls on governments to increase funding for animal health systems** and integrate it into broader health, economic and security strategies; on development partners to align funding with long-term prevention rather than crisis response; and on financial institutions as well as the private sector to recognise animal health as a high-impact investment.

**“Animal health systems are a global public good, and the world is not funding them like one,” concluded Dr Susana Pombo, WOA’s President of the World Assembly of Delegates,** “At a moment when governments are increasing defence budgets it is worth asking what animal health actually means in this context. Disease does not recognise borders. A gap in animal health surveillance in one country is a vulnerability for every country, hence a shift of how we think about solidarity and investment in animal health systems is critical.”...

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### **[The State of the World’s Animal Health – A global overview of animal health in a changing world](https://www.woah.org/app/uploads/2026/05/sowah26-english-digital.pdf)**

World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE] 13/05/2026 :: 192 pages

PDF: <https://www.woah.org/app/uploads/2026/05/sowah26-english-digital.pdf>

...The State of the World’s Animal Health provides a clear, evidence-based overview of the global animal health landscape. Drawing on WOA’s robust data systems and the collective expertise of its Members and scientific network, the report delivers timely, objective analysis to inform action and guide progress toward a healthier, more resilient future for animals and people alike.

#### *Foreword [excerpt]*

...The proposition that this report advances is simple but consequential: **animal health is not an optional expenditure. It is a strategic investment in economic stability, in food security, in health resilience, in sustainable development, and in national and global security** that depends on knowing what is circulating in animals before it reaches people. Protecting animal health means protecting livelihoods, securing food systems, safeguarding public health and sustaining economic stability. **In a world of accelerating biological risk and tightening budgets, making that investment is not optional. It is the responsible choice.**

No single actor can make it alone. Governments, development partners, financial institutions, the private sector and international organisations all have a role. **Animal health must be financed as a global public good because the benefits it generates cross every border, and the risks of underinvestment are shared by all.**

Maintaining animal health is often invisible when it works. This report aims, through evidence, to make it visible and to make the robust case for investing in animal health now...

#### ***[Vaccines and access – p.78-87]***

...In May 2025, WOA Members adopted Resolution No. 29 – Veterinary Vaccines and Vaccination: From science to action – reflections for change, committing to strengthen global collaboration, harmonise standards, and improve access to veterinary vaccines to enhance disease prevention and control. They also agreed to advance responsible vaccination strategies, reduce antimicrobial use, and reinforce monitoring, trade transparency, and international cooperation within a One Health framework...

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## Hantavirus

*WHO Disease Outbreak News: (DONs)*

### [13 May 2026 | Hantavirus cluster linked to cruise ship travel, Multi-country](#)

*Situation at a glance*

This is the third Disease Outbreak News report on the hantavirus cluster, following the notification to the World Health Organization (WHO) on 2 May 2026 of severe respiratory illness cases aboard MV Hondius, a cruise ship. Since the last DON was published on 8 May, two additional confirmed cases were reported from France and Spain. In addition, there is one inconclusive result for a case in the United States of America. All were passengers on the ship. As of 13 May, a total of 11 cases, including three deaths, have been reported (case fatality ratio 27%). Eight cases were laboratory-confirmed for Andes virus (ANDV) infection, two are probable, and one case remains inconclusive and undergoing further testing. Through the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) channels, National IHR Focal Points (NFPs) have all been informed and are supporting international contact tracing efforts. **WHO has assessed the risk posed by this event to the global population as low and will continue to monitor the epidemiological situation and update the risk assessment as needed.**

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### [Management of contacts of Andes virus \(ANDV\) cases from the MV Hondius cruise ship](#)

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### [WHO Technical note for the disembarkation and onward management of passengers and crew in the context of an Andes virus-associated cluster MV Hondius cruise ship](#)

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## AI

### [Making AI work for more people](#)

*A new partnership with Anthropic to build AI tools in global health, education and agriculture*

*Gates Foundation Press Release*

May 14, 2026

Artificial intelligence is advancing quickly, but for billions of people, access remains out of reach. Many of the most powerful tools remain concentrated among those with the most resources, while those working at the frontlines of some of the toughest health, education, and agricultural challenges often lack tools designed for their contexts and needs...

### ***A new, multi-year partnership between the Gates Foundation and Anthropic aims to apply this approach in practice***

The partnership brings together each organization's resources and expertise toward shared goals, and **includes commitments of \$200 million over four years in grant funding, API credits, and technical support to develop AI tools and shared public goods — freely available resources — across health, education, and agriculture.**

At its core, the collaboration aims to make AI tools more accessible and more useful in the places they're needed most. By bringing together Anthropic's AI expertise and the Gates Foundation's

programmatic experience of working with scientists, governments healthcare and underserved communities, **the partnership supports country-led efforts to integrate AI into existing systems—so these tools reach more people and work in ways that reflect their needs.**

By investing in shared public goods, including datasets, benchmarks, and infrastructure, the partnership aims to help ensure progress in one country or community can inform and accelerate progress in others.

### ***Starting where AI can make the biggest difference***

The work will begin with a set of global applications across health, education, and agriculture—areas that shape daily life for billions of people.

**In health, the partnership will focus on applying AI to accelerate the development of vaccines and other critical innovations**, while making large, complex datasets more accessible, interactive, and actionable for researchers and decision-makers. Initial efforts will center on systems that help scientists analyze data, generate insights, and move more quickly toward new breakthroughs. **Early applications include life-saving childhood vaccines, as well as new prevention and treatment approaches for cervical cancer and preeclampsia.**

**In parallel, the partnership will modernize the data systems that track disease and health trends**, connecting information across sources so public health leaders have sharper insights at their fingertips. This includes work with the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) on the [Global Burden of Disease study](#) well as partnerships with governments to help public health leaders make more informed decisions...

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## **Polio – PHEIC**

[Polio this week](#) [13 May 2026]

*Headlines [Selected]*

### ***Closing the final gaps: WHA discussions to highlight the path to a polio-free world***

At this year's World Health Assembly, to be held next week in Geneva, Switzerland Member States and partners will focus not only on progress made, but on what remains to be done: closing the final gaps in access, vaccination coverage and resources to achieve a polio-free world...To facilitate discussions, both on the eradication effort and on the new [Sustaining a Polio-free World strategy](#), the Secretariat has prepared a comprehensive report on the effort, available [here](#).

### ***Summary of new polioviruses this week:***

- :: Pakistan: nine WPV1-positive environmental samples
- :: DR Congo: three cVDPV2 cases
- :: Ethiopia: four cVDPV1 cases
- :: Nigeria: six cVDPV2 cases
- :: Sudan: one cVDPV2 case

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**WHO Vaccines and Immunization [IVB]**

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### **WHO Region of the Americas PAHO**

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#### **[PAHO and WHO designate Brazil's Fiocruz as regional biomanufacturing training center](#)**

Washington, D.C., May 13, 2026 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) announced the designation of the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz), one of Brazil's leading public health and science institutions, as a Regional Biomanufacturing Training Center for the Americas, as part of a workforce...

:: 12 May 2026

#### **[PAHO signs agreement to reserve pandemic influenza vaccine supply for Latin America and the Caribbean](#)**

Washington, D.C., May 12, 2026 — The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) today announced a historic agreement with CSL Seqirus aimed at securing a reserved share of pandemic influenza vaccines production for countries in Latin America and the Caribbean in the case of a future influenza pandemic. The agreement establishes a mechanism that...

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#### **[PAHO urges countries to expand the role of nursing to strengthen health systems in the Americas](#)**

Washington, D.C., May 11, 2026 (PAHO) — For International Nurses Day (May 12), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is calling on countries in the Americas to take decisive action to strengthen and expand the area of advanced practice nursing, which is a key strategy to improve access to health services and build stronger, more people-...

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#### **[PAHO held Q&A session on hantavirus after outbreak on cruise ship](#)**

Washington, D.C., May 11, 2026 (PAHO) — In response to growing public interest generated by the hantavirus pulmonary syndrome outbreak associated with the MV Hondius cruise ship, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) held a live question-and-answer session last Friday, May 8, with three of its experts. The broadcast sought to clarify...

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **WHO European Region EURO**

:: 15 May 2026 *News release*

#### **[How a little-known virus on a cruise ship put the world's health security framework to the test](#)**

:: 14 May 2026 *News release*

#### **[Follow-up message by the WHO Director-General to the people of Tenerife regarding the hantavirus response](#)**

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

:: **[Tunisia validated by WHO as having eliminated trachoma as a public health problem](#)**

14 May 2026

:: **[Pakistan, WHO launch Prime Minister's Hepatitis C Programme to reach 1.6 million people in Islamabad Capital Territory](#)**

14 May 2026

### **WHO Western Pacific Region**

*No new digest content identified.*

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## **WHO - Emergency situation reports**

*Latest WHO official reports for emergency situations. Latest WHO official reports for emergency situations.*

10 May 2026

### **Management of contacts of Andes virus (ANDV) cases from the MV Hondius cruise ship**

10 May 2026

### **WHO Technical note for the disembarkation and onward management of passengers and crew in the context of an Andes virus-associated cluster MV Hondius cruise ship**

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

*Latest WHO Disease Outbreak News (DONs), providing information on confirmed acute public health*

### **13 May 2026 | Hantavirus cluster linked to cruise ship travel, Multi-country**

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## **Weekly Epidemiological Record**

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

vol. 101, 17 [full issue] 15 May 2026

<https://iris.who.int/server/api/core/bitstreams/8aa14c5f-62f7-4e29-9088-57a60638c44f/content>

:: Eradication of *Dracunculus medinensis*: global surveillance summary, 2025

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## **New WHO Publications**

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

*Selected*

15 May 2026

### **Laboratory testing of Andes virus (Orthohantavirus andesense) infection: interim guidance, 15 May 2026**

13 May 2026

### **World health statistics 2026: monitoring health for the SDGs, sustainable development goals**

11 May 2026

### **Formative evaluation of the Global Health Cluster: Report**

11 May 2026

### **Emergency ready primary health care framework**

8 May 2026

### **Target product profiles for treatments for dengue**

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**Africa**

**Africa CDC** [16 May 2026]

<https://africacdc.org/>

*Press Releases, Statements [Selected]*

### **[Africa CDC Calls for Urgent Regional Coordination Following Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak in Ituri Province, DRC, and Imported Ebola Bundibugyo Case Reported by Uganda](#)**

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia / Kinshasa, DRC / Kampala, Uganda, 15 May 2026 — The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) is closely monitoring the confirmed Ebola Virus Disease outbreak in Ituri Province, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), and the imported Ebola Bundibugyo case reported by the Uganda Ministry of Health. Africa CDC is working with national authorities and partners to support a rapid, coordinated regional response aimed at interrupting transmission, protecting communities and reducing the risk of cross-border spread...

To respond in a more coherent and holistic way to this regional outbreak, Africa CDC took the following immediate actions:

1. *Activate the Incident management Support Team (IMST)* including all partners as the regional coordinating mechanism for the 3 countries and approve a 72-hour Incident Action Plan covering DRC and Uganda responses and South Sudan preparedness.
2. *Deploy multidisciplinary surge teams* to support DRC and Uganda where the disease is cleared, with parallel readiness support for neighboring countries.
3. *Establish a medical countermeasures workstream* to assess diagnostics, PPE, therapeutics, vaccines and cold chain needs, pending final sequencing.
4. *Mandate the Science, Innovation and R&D team*, to coordinate sequencing follow-up, evidence review, product options, research protocols and partner engagement.
5. *Convene the regional partner coordination meeting on 16 May at 3pm Geneva time with DRC, Uganda, South Sudan, WHO, AMA and key technical and financing partners*,
6. *Hold an evening press briefing on 16 May at 6pm Geneva time* to brief the media on this outbreak
7. *Escalate political engagement* through President Ramaphosa as the AU PPPR Champion, the AU Commission Chairperson and AU Bureau to secure high-level support for access and coordination...

### **[Africa CDC Announces Results of African Pooled Procurement Mechanism \(APPM\) Tender for Essential RMNCH Medicines](#)**

12 May 2026

The (Africa CDC) is pleased to announce the successful conclusion of its first African Pooled Procurement Mechanism (APPM) tender for essential medicines for Reproductive, Maternal, and Newborn Health (RMNCH), covering 10 priority products across 10 African Union Member States.

This milestone marks a significant step in transforming access to life-saving maternal and newborn health commodities, while advancing Africa's broader agenda of health security, affordability, and market shaping...

*Press Releases*

### **[Africa CDC and Aspen advance Long-term Vaccine Supply Partnership for Africa](#)**

Nairobi, Kenya | 12 May 2026 – Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and Aspen Pharmacare are in advanced discussions on a long-term demand and supply alignment framework aimed at strengthening sustainable vaccine manufacturing in Africa.

Announced on the margins of the Africa Forward Summit, the engagement reflects a shared commitment to building viable and sustainable markets for African-made vaccines and advancing Africa's Health Security and Sovereignty Agenda...

The discussions will initially focus on:

- :: Priority vaccine antigens;
- :: A progressive scale-up of supply, with the potential to reach tens to hundreds of millions of doses annually over time; and
- :: Competitive and sustainable pricing approaches aligned with market benchmarks...

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## China – CDC+

### **National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China** [16 May 2026]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **National Medical Products Administration – PRC** [16 May 2026]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

## China CDC

### **CCDC Weekly Reports: Current Volume (8)**

<https://weekly.chinacdc.cn/en/zcustom/currentVolume/1>

*No new digest content identified.*

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## Europe

### **European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control**

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

*News/Updates/Reports/Publications [Selected]*

### **[ECDC monitoring Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)**

15 May 2026

### **[Europe advances genomic surveillance of CCRE with landmark multi-country study](#)**

13 May 2026

### **[Andes hantavirus outbreak: ECDC continues working on the frontline to support EU Member States](#)**

11 May 2026

*Assessment*

### **[Rapid scientific advice on infection, prevention and control measures for patients in healthcare settings with Andes virus \(ANDV\) disease](#)**

15 May 2026

*Public health guidance*

### **[Rapid scientific advice on laboratory testing of Andes virus \(ANDV\) for high-risk contacts under the MV Hondius outbreak](#)**

14 May 2026

*Surveillance and monitoring*

### **[Communicable disease threats report, 9-13 May 2026, Week 20](#)**

13 May 2026

## **European Medicines Agency [EMA]**

<https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news>

*News & Press Releases*

### **EMA actively monitoring cruise ship Hantavirus outbreak**

Risk for the general population currently considered very low by ECDC  
12 May 2026

### **EMA welcomes political agreement on Critical Medicines Act**

Act to improve availability, production and supply of critical medicines in the European Union  
12 May 2026

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## **India**

### **National Centre for Disease Control**

*Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare*

*Announcements*

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## **U.S. Immunization and Public Health Governance/Policy/Funding**

*Given the continuing extraordinary situation in the U.S., we have established a separate section of the digest to capture and organize key content. Please note that we will selectively include external analysis and comment, either boxing or indenting this content under the relevant organization/action. We recognize that despite the volume of content in this section, this summary is indicative and not exhaustive*

## **Executive Branch - White House, State, HHS, FDA, CDC+**

### **White House**

*Presidential Actions – Executive Orders; Memoranda; Proclamations*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Department of State**

*Press Releases - Selected*

*Press Statement, Media Notes+*

*Media Note*

### **United States Pledges Additional \$1.8 Billion in Life-Saving Humanitarian Funding to OCHA's Humanitarian Reset & Shares Powerful Results from the Trump Administration's UN Humanitarian Reform Agreement**

May 14, 2026

[Download Historic Memorandum of Understanding with UN OCHA to Advance UN Humanitarian Reforms \[762 KB\]](#)

Today, building on the tremendous success of the Trump Administration's landmark December 2025 "Humanitarian Reset" framework agreement between the United States and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the United States announced an additional \$1.8 billion in humanitarian funding for OCHA's country-based pooled funds and hyper-prioritized life-saving

humanitarian assistance activities. This new contribution brings total U.S. support for OCHA's reform, consolidation, and life-saving assistance programs to \$3.8 billion across 21 key countries...

*Media Note*

### **[U.S. Department of State Announces Initiative with SC Johnson and the Global Fund to Deploy Innovative American Malaria Prevention Tool](#)**

May 13, 2026

Today, the U.S. Department of State announced a new initiative with SC Johnson and the Global Fund to deploy the Guardian, a first-of-its-kind American innovation designed to save lives by reducing the burden of malaria. The Department will utilize the Global Fund to support the procurement and distribution of approximately 30 million Guardian spatial repellents to protect more than 60 million people over the next three years...

*Media Note*

### **[The United States Rejects International Migration Review Forum](#)**

May 11, 2026

The United States did not participate in the International Migration Review Forum and will not support the May 8 "progress" declaration. The United States has persistently objected to the United Nations' efforts to advocate and facilitate replacement immigration in the United States and across the broader West...

## **HHS**

*[Press Room](#) - Selected*

*No new digest content identified.*

**NIH** [to 16 May 2026]

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

*News Releases*

### **[Researchers identify first suite of human antibodies against measles virus](#)**

May 14, 2026 — NIH-funded study lays foundation for antibody-based measles treatment.

## **FDA**

*[Press Announcements](#)*

### **[May 11, 2026 - FDA Advances Drug Repurposing to Address Unmet Medical Needs](#)**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today announced it is soliciting input on efforts with respect to drug repurposing to help address unmet medical needs across a range of diseases and conditions.

Identifying potential new uses—such as a new indication or a new population—for FDA-approved drugs can help accelerate the availability of treatments by using existing knowledge about the drugs, including a drug's safety profile. This request for public input is part of a broader FDA initiative to update the labeling of FDA-approved drugs, when supported by sufficient evidence, to ensure that information in the labeling is clinically meaningful for health care providers and patients and scientifically up to date...

## **FDA CBER**

*[What's New for Biologics](#)*

[May 14, 2026 Approval Letter - PEDIARIX](#)

[May 14, 2026 Approval Letter - TWINRIX](#)

[May 14, 2026 Approval Letter - INFANRIX](#)

[May 14, 2026 Approval Letter - KINRIX](#)

[May 14, 2026 Approval Letter - BOOSTRIX](#)

[May 14, 2026 Approval Letter - HAVRIX](#)

## **FDA VRBPAC [Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee]**

*Advisory Committee Calendar*

**[Notice of Meeting; Establishment of a Public Docket; Request for Comments](#)** -United States (U.S.) 2026-2027 Formula for COVID-19 Vaccine Composition - **May 28, 2026**, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time. A Notice by the Food and Drug Administration on 04/27/2026

## **FDA Pediatric Advisory Committee Meeting**

*Advisory Committee Calendar*

***No future meetings posted.***

## **CDC**

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

*Latest News - Selected*

[Transcript - Update on CDC's Hantavirus Response 5/15/2026](#)

[Transcript - Update on CDC's Hantavirus Response 5/14/2026](#)

[Transcript - Update on CDC's Hantavirus Response 5/13/2026](#)

## **CDC – Immunization Safety Office (ISO)**

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccine-safety-systems/about/cdc-monitoring-program.html>

*No new digest content identified [last updated August 7, 2024]*

## **ACIP**

### **2026 Meetings Schedule**

- ~~February 25-27~~ *[Cancelled without notice; no agenda content posted]*
- ~~March 18-19~~ *[Cancelled without notice; no agenda content posted]*
- June 24-25
- October 21-22

## **National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC)**

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

*Upcoming Meetings/Latest Updates*

***No 2025-26 meeting dates posted.***

## **Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV)**

<https://www.hrsa.gov/advisory-committees/vaccines/meetings>

***Next ACCV meetings – TBD***

## **MMWR Weekly**

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/index2026.html>

**May 14, 2026 / No. 18**

[PDF of this issue](#)

:: [Increase in Travel-Associated and Locally Acquired Dengue Cases — United States, 2024](#)

:: [Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices Regarding Avian Influenza Among Owners of Backyard Flocks — United States, July–December 2025](#)

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## **NSF**

*News*

**[NSF announces \\$1.5B NSF X-Labs initiative to pursue generational breakthrough science efforts](#)**

May 14, 2026

Today, the U.S. National Science Foundation announced \$1.5 billion over the next decade toward the NSF X-Labs initiative to tackle pressing scientific challenges through novel and innovative research partnerships. This substantial long-term investment underscores NSF's commitment to new models of research outside of traditional institutions, reflecting the truly interdisciplinary nature of today's modern science ecosystem...

The first round of NSF X-Labs funding opportunities invites proposals on two topics:

:: Scientific Instrumentation for Sensing and Imaging — NSF is seeking X-Labs to build the next generation of scientific instruments, drawing on quantum sensing, artificial intelligence-driven computational imaging and entirely new chemical modalities.

:: Quantum Systems: Interconnects and Integrated Photonics — NSF is seeking X-Labs to develop novel components to transfer quantum information and integrate heterogeneous quantum systems — key enablers of the computing frontier beyond classical systems...

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### **U.S. Congress House**

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Senate**

*No new digest content identified.*

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### **Supreme Court, Federal & Appellate Courts**

#### **O'Neill Institute – Health Care Litigation Tracker [Georgetown University]**

<https://litigationtracker.law.georgetown.edu/>

*No new digest content identified.*

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### **U.S. Medical, Scientific, Professional Societies; Health Organizations**

*This inventory is evolving and may not capture all instances of relevant comment and analysis.*

#### **American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)**

<https://www.aafp.org/news/media-center.html>

(Accessed 16 May 2026)

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)**

<https://www.aap.org/en/news-room/news-releases-from-the-aap/>

(Accessed 16 May 2026)

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **American College of Physicians (ACP)**

<https://www.acponline.org/more-acp-news>

(Accessed 16 May 2026)

*ACP News*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)**

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

(Accessed 16 May 2026)

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **American Geriatrics Society (AGS)**

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

(Accessed 16 May 2026)

*Recent Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **American Medical Association (AMA)**

<https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center>

(Accessed 16 May 2026)

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **American Osteopathic Association (AOA)**

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

(Accessed 16 May 2026)

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **American Public Health Association (APHA)**

<https://www.apha.org/news-and-media/news-releases?sortFieldName=ItemDate&sortDisplayName=Newest&sortMode=desc>

(Accessed 16 May 2026)

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA)**

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

(Accessed 16 May 2026)

*Top News*

#### **[Measles Summit Convenes to Help Healthcare Professionals Address Ongoing Outbreaks](#)**

*Last Updated May 12, 2026*

Bethesda, MD (May 12, 2026)—**The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID)—in partnership with the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA)—convened 15 leading medical and professional societies for a Measles Summit, held May 7–8 in San Diego.**

**The summit brought together frontline clinicians and public health professionals to examine the escalating measles outbreak, analyze emerging clinical and epidemiological**

**patterns, and develop new resources** to help healthcare professionals nationwide respond to the growing public health challenge of measles occurring in their communities.

**As of May 7, 2026, 1,842 confirmed measles cases have been reported in the United States this year**, including cases in 37 states and the District of Columbia. This is the highest number of measles cases in the US in 35 years. Ninety-two percent of reported cases occurred among individuals who were unvaccinated or whose vaccination status was unknown...

**The summit identified priority needs, including:**

**:: Updated clinical guidance and education** incorporating emerging research on the clinical impact and long-term complications of measles infection, and considerations for pregnancy, neonatal, and pediatric care;

**:: Readily accessible, actionable resources and decision-support tools** for healthcare professionals across settings responding to measles cases, from schools and urgent care centers to clinics and hospitals;

**:: Updated healthcare system preparedness and infection control approaches** informed by lessons learned from recent outbreaks and applicable across healthcare settings;

**:: State and local public health resources for outbreak response and case management** tailored to the needs and realities of affected communities;

**:: Protocols for following measles cases** and understanding the long-term complications;

**:: Communication approaches that incorporate community voices** so that healthcare and public health professionals can work together to address local questions and concerns, educate about the impact of measles and underscore the importance of immunization in protecting children and families from measles

The summit aims to help healthcare professionals, hospitals and health systems, and public health departments respond to outbreaks, including preventing and managing measles in vulnerable populations such as pregnant women and infants who are too young to be vaccinated.

“Even one case of measles raises an alarm because the disease is so contagious and potentially serious,” said Patricia (Patsy) A. Stinchfield, RN, MS, CPNP, NFID immediate past-president...

*Participating organizations include:*

- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Committee on Infectious Diseases and AAP Section on Infectious Diseases
- American Clinical Laboratory Association
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
- Association of Public Health Laboratories
- American Society of Health-System Pharmacists
- American Society for Microbiology
- Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
- Infectious Diseases Society of America
- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
- National Association of School Nurses
- National Foundation for Infectious Diseases
- Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society
- Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America

**National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID)**

<https://www.nfid.org/news-updates/>

(Accessed 16 May 2026)

*News and Updates*

May 12, 2026

**[Measles Summit Convenes to Help Healthcare Professionals Address Ongoing Outbreaks](#)**

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases convened 15 leading medical and professional societies to help healthcare professionals nationwide respond to the growing public health challenge of measles

**National Medical Association (NMA)**

<https://nmanet.org/blog/>

(Accessed 16 May 2026)

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)**

<https://pids.org/news-announcements/>

(Accessed 16 May 2026)

*News & Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA)**

<https://shea-online.org/news/>

(Accessed 16 May 2026)

*No new digest content identified.*

**Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM)**

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

(Accessed 16 May 2026)

*News*

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**Civil Society – Individuals, Organizations, Institutions *[Selected]***

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**Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF** [16 May 2026]

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

**[Federal Vaccine Injury Compensation Programs: Overview and Current Issues](#)**

May 15, 2026 *Issue Brief*

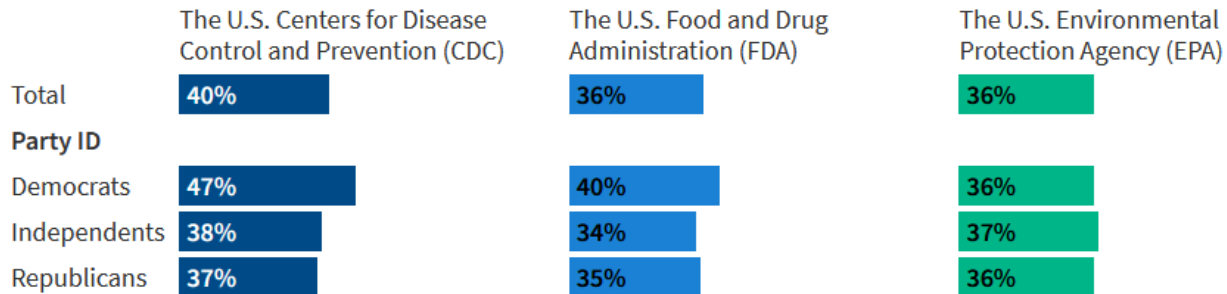
This brief summarizes the history, rationale, and policy issues related to the federal government's key vaccine injury compensation programs, known as the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) and Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP).

## [KFF Poll Finds That Most Adults Lack Confidence in Key Health Agencies to Act Independently — The Monitor](#)

May 14, 2026 *Feature*

### Fewer Than Half of the Public Are Confident in CDC, FDA, or EPA to Act Independently

Percent who say they have a **lot** or **some** confidence in each of the following to act independently without interference from outside interests:



Note: See topline for full question wording.

Source: KFF Health Tracking Poll (April 14-19, 2026) • [Get the data](#) • [Download PNG](#)

**KFF**

KFF's latest Health Tracking Poll finds that confidence in the independence of key government health agencies overseeing food and drug safety and public health is low among the public and across partisans. Most of the public also share a distrust of agriculture, food, and pharmaceutical companies to act in the public's best interest, compared with doctors and health care providers who are much more trusted among the public...

### [The Hantavirus Outbreak Is a Test Case for the U.S. Public Health Response](#)

May 12, 2026 *Quick Take*

The outbreak is also a kind of test case for how well the U.S. is positioned to respond to global disease threats under the Trump administration. Since early last year, the administration has pulled back U.S. engagement on global health, which has included completing a withdrawal from membership in the World Health Organization (WHO)...

### [KFF Health Tracking Poll: Public Views on Foreign Aid and Global Health Spending](#)

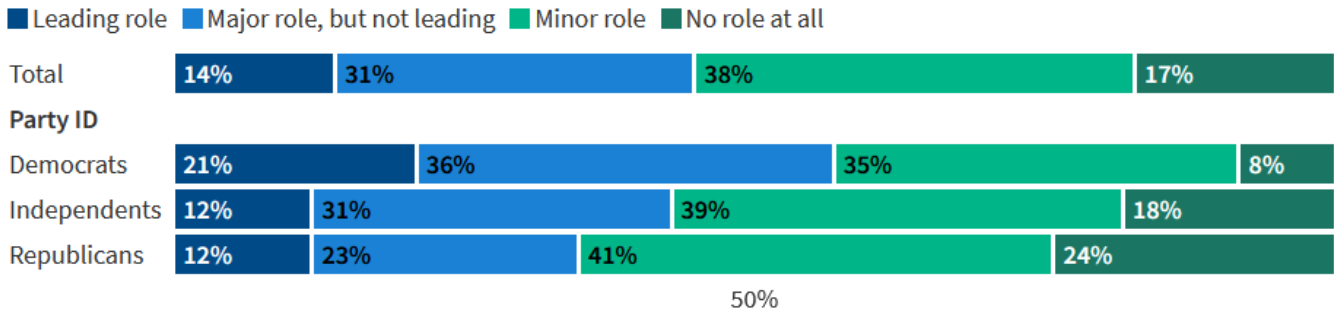
May 11, 2026 *Poll Finding*

This poll finds that less than half of the public now wants the U.S. to play at least a major role in improving the health of people in developing countries. When asked about the administration's changes to foreign aid and global health, more people perceive a negative impact than a positive one.

Figure 4

### Four in Ten Say the U.S. Should Take a Leading or Major Role in Improving Health for People in Developing Countries, Including Six in Ten Democrats

Do you think the U.S. should take the leading role in improving health for people in developing countries, take a major role but not the leading role, take a minor role, or take no role at all?



Note: See topline for full question wording.

Source: KFF Health Tracking Poll (April 14-19, 2026) • [Get the data](#) • [Download PNG](#)

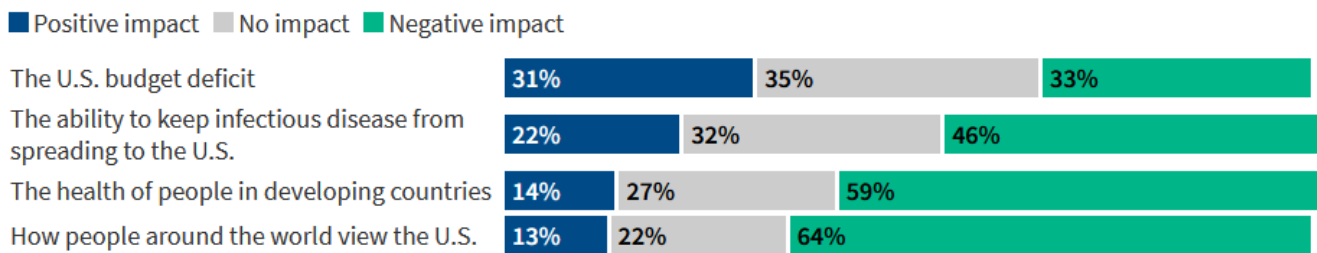
**KFF**

Figure 2

### Six in Ten Say Changes Made to the U.S. Approach to Foreign Aid and Global Health Have Had a Negative Impact on How People Around the World View the U.S.

As you may know, the Trump administration has made several changes to the U.S. approach to foreign aid and global health, including decreasing spending and eliminating the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Do you think these changes have had a positive impact, a negative impact, or no impact on each of the following:



Note: See topline for full question wording.

Source: KFF Health Tracking Poll (April 14-19, 2026) • [Get the data](#) • [Download PNG](#)

**KFF**



#### Vaccine Integrity Project – CIDRAP [to 16 May 2026]

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/vaccine-integrity-project>

*Announcements, Viewpoints*

#### [New Evidence Review Affirms Tdap Vaccine Protects Infants During Highest-Risk Period for Whooping Cough](#)

*Maternal vaccination not associated with increased risk of serious adverse events or negative pregnancy outcomes.*

May 13, 2026 MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The Vaccine Integrity Project’s comprehensive review of peer-reviewed evidence on tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccination during pregnancy finds that the vaccine provides critical protection to infants during the first months of life when they are most vulnerable to whooping cough. The data did not indicate that receiving Tdap during pregnancy increased the risk of serious adverse events or a host of negative pregnancy outcomes that were evaluated by researchers.

The systematic review and meta-analysis screened more than 14,000 papers and evaluated 91 studies, including 29 studies included in previous systematic reviews and 62 new studies published through March 2026. The analysis incorporated evidence from randomized controlled trials and large observational studies. The most recent ACIP publication reviewing Tdap vaccine evidence was the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report “Use of Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid, and Acellular Pertussis Vaccines,” published in January 2020, which summarizes available evidence (including safety outcomes) and policy for Tdap use. The report reflected evidence considered through late 2019. The recommendation to give Tdap during every pregnancy was last formally reviewed and voted on by ACIP in October 2012.

The findings from the Vaccine Integrity Project, an initiative of the University of Minnesota’s Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, working with the nonprofit Evidence Foundation, reinforce longstanding evidence that maternal Tdap vaccination helps prevent pertussis infection and serious complications in young infants...

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**Center for Vaccine Ethics & Policy - GE2P2 Global Foundation** [to 16 May 2026]

<https://centerforvaccineethicsandpolicy.net/>

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**Paul Offit, MD – *Beyond the Noise***

Substack: <https://pauloffit.substack.com/>

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***Organization Announcements***

**Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group** [16 May 2026]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Gates Foundation** [16 May 2026]

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

*Press Releases & Statements*

*Press release May 14, 2026*

**[Making AI work for more people](#)**

*A new partnership with Anthropic to build AI tools in global health, education and agriculture*

**CARB-X** [16 May 2026]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Chan Zuckerberg Initiative** [16 May 2026]

<https://chanzuckerberg.com/newsroom/>

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CEPI – Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations** [16 May 2026]

<http://cepi.net/>

*CEPI News, Blog*

*Blog*

**[What the Hantavirus outbreak tells us about preparing for Disease X](#)**

The outbreak underscores why pandemic preparedness needs to start long before a public health emergency is declared.

11 May 2026

**CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES** [to 16 May 2026]

<https://cioms.ch/>

*News; Publications; Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.]** [16 May 2026]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**DNDI – Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative** [16 May 2026]

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

*Press Releases*

**[DNDi welcomes GHIT support for global evaluation and registration of fosravuconazole for eumycetoma, in collaboration with Eisai](#)**

Tokyo/Geneva — 12 May 2026

...The objective of this project is to generate additional evidence to support the WHO recommendation and potential regulatory registration of fosravuconazole for eumycetoma across diverse endemic regions through confirmation of its efficacy, safety, and pharmacokinetics. This

includes generating evidence against causative organisms beyond *Madurella mycetomatis*, a major causative pathogen of eumycetoma...

**Duke Global Health Innovation Center** [16 May 2026]

<https://dukeghic.org/>

News

*No new digest content identified.*

**EDCTP** [16 May 2026]

<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** [16 May 2026]

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

Vaccine Center News

*No new digest content identified.*

**European Vaccine Initiative** [16 May 2026]

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

News

*No new digest content identified.*

**Fondation Merieux** [16 May 2026]

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

Actualités

*No new digest content identified.*

**Gates Medical Research Institute** [16 May 2026]

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

*The Gates Medical Research Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to the discovery, development and effective use of novel biomedical interventions addressing substantial global health concerns, for which investment incentives are limited.*

News: Articles and Publications

*No new digest content identified.*

**Gavi** [to 16 May 2026]

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

News Releases

15 May 2026

[Gavi to propose new incentives aimed at advancing vaccine manufacturing in Africa](#)

:: Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance today announced that it will seek Board approval to deploy US\$ 189 million to support the rapid development of Africa's vaccine manufacturing ecosystem  
:: Funding is intended to super-charge Gavi's African Vaccine Manufacturing Accelerator (AVMA) by tackling bottlenecks and procuring up to 70 million vaccine doses from start-up manufacturers  
:: Gavi CEO Dr Sania Nishtar: "With AVMA expected to begin disbursing cash to manufacturers in the second half of this year, we believe these additional funds will provide powerful impetus towards catalysing a successful and sustainable vaccine manufacturing sector in Africa."

**GE2P2 Global Foundation** [16 May 2026]

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

*News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements/Digests*

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

:: [Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment – 01 May 2026](#)

**GHIT Fund** [16 May 2026]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Global Fund** [to 16 May 2026]

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

*News Releases*

13 May 2026

[The Global Fund and the United States Partner to Accelerate Rollout of Innovative Malaria Prevention Tool](#)

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund), in partnership with the United States government and SC Johnson, today announced a new initiative to accelerate the introduction and scale-up of innovative spatial repellent t...

**Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness [GloPID-R]** [16 May 2026]

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

*News & Events*

[Pandemic PACT launches dedicated Hantavirus research funding page amid Atlantic cruise ship outbreak](#)

13/05/2026

**Hilleman Laboratories** [16 May 2026]

<http://www.hilleman-labs.org/>

*News & Insights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [16 May 2026]

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

*Press Room*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Human Immunome Project** [nee Human Vaccines Project] [16 May 2026]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IAVI** [16 May 2026]

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

*Press Releases, Features*

*No new digest content identified.*

**INSERM** [16 May 2026]

<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 16 May 2026]

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

*News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]*

11 May 2026

**[ICH M11 Expert Working Group issues final overview presentation](#)**

The ICH M11 Expert Working Group has issued a final overview presentation (at Step 4 of the ICH harmonisation process) for ICH M11: The Clinical electronic Structured Harmonised Protocol (CeSHarP), a guideline adopted in November 2025.

**ICRC** [to 16 May 2026]

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

*Latest press releases and statements*

**[Searching for people missing in connection with the 1992-1993 armed conflict continues](#)**

*News release 14-05-2026*

**[Yemen: ICRC to start preparations for release, transfer and repatriation of detainees following agreement in Amman](#)**

*News release 14-05-2026*

**[ICRC RED aircraft to operate from Jeddah to strengthen humanitarian access to Sudan](#)**

*News release 14-05-2026*

**IFFIm** [16 May 2026]

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

*Press Releases/Announcements*

**[In Nigeria, lessons from polio campaigns are helping protect children against other diseases](#)**

15 May 2026

From micro-planners to tally sheets and trackers, tools used during the years-long polio eradication efforts are boosting routine immunisation coverage.

**IFRC** [to 16 May 2026]

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

*Press releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IPPS - International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat** [16 May 2026]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Institut Pasteur** [16 May 2026]

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

*Press Documents*

*No new digest content identified.*

**InterAcademy Partnership (IAP)**

<https://www.interacademies.org>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ISC / International Science Council** [to 16 May 2026]

<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.*

*blog*

**[Call for collaboration: Shaping ISC action on freedom and responsibility in science | deadline: 12 June 2026](#)**

*ISC Members and Fellows are invited to collaborate on some of the most frequently requested topics for ISC action, including free movement of scientists, research integrity in the age of AI, and protection of science in times of crisis and conflict, among others.*

The ISC's Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science (CFRS) is exploring five new initiatives, in response to issues and concerns raised by the scientific community:

- Free movement of scientists and visa restrictions affecting scientific exchange:
- Protecting science, scientists, and scientific infrastructure in times of crisis and armed conflict:
- Research integrity issues associated with the uptake of AI/LLMs:
- Responsible science advocacy action:
- Scientific responsibility and its relationship with scientific freedom

## **International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS)**

<https://iuis.org/>

*News, Resources*

*No new digest content identified.*

## **IVAC** [16 May 2026]

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

*Updates; Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

## **IVI** [16 May 2026]

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

*IVI News & Announcements*

### **[IVI and Government of Kenya sign Host Country Agreement to establish country office](#)**

NAIROBI, Kenya, 14 May 2026 – The International Vaccine Institute (IVI) and the Government of the Republic of Kenya signed a Host Country Agreement at State House, Nairobi, establishing the IVI Kenya Country and AVEC Africa Project Office. The agreement was signed by Dr. Jerome H. Kim, Director General of IVI, and H.E. Dr. Musalia Mudavadi, Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, presided by H.E. Dr. William S. Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya.

The agreement formalizes IVI's presence in Kenya and reinforces a shared commitment to advancing vaccine research and development, translational and field research, product innovation, and capacity-building through workforce development and technology transfer. The Advancing Vaccine End-to-End Capabilities in Africa (AVEC Africa) project focuses on strengthening the African vaccine ecosystem by linking and enhancing existing institutions and expertise across the vaccine value chain...

## **Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security** [16 May 2026]

<https://centerforhealthsecurity.org/newsroom>

*Center News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

## **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 16 May 2026]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

*No new digest content identified.*

## **MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 16 May 2026]

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

*Latest [Selected Announcements]*

*Haemorrhagic fevers*

### **[DRC: MSF preparing large-scale response to Ebola outbreak in Ituri province](#)**

Press Release 16 May 2026

*Lebanon*

### **[Healthcare under attack in Lebanon: MSF condemns the killing of paramedics by Israeli forces](#)**

Press Release 14 May 2026

*Conflict in Sudan*

**Crisis in Darfur: "This is a war against civilians"**

Interview 13 May 2026

*Haiti*

**Haiti: MSF forced to evacuate hospital and temporarily suspend activities in Cité Soleil**

Press Release 11 May 2026

*War and conflict*

**MSF's response to war in the Middle East**

Project Update 11 May 2026

**National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM]- USA [to 16 May 2026]**

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

*News*

**Workshop to Explore Disruptive Innovation**

*Announcement*

Disruptive innovations have the potential to significantly impact health, quality of life, and economic and national security. They can create new markets, improve and increase the accessibility of products and services, and change entire industries. Join the National Academies on May 20 for a workshop to examine this transformative type of innovation and ways it can accelerate scientific and technological progress.

May 15, 2026

**NAM Selects 10 Emerging Leaders in Health and Medicine**

*Announcement*

The National Academy of Medicine has chosen the 2026 class of Emerging Leaders in Health and Medicine Scholars, early- to mid-career professionals from a wide range of disciplines who will work with NAM to advance science, address persistent challenges in health and medicine, and spark transformative change to improve health for all.

May 13, 2026

**National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 16 May 2026]**

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

*News, Stories, Insights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**PATH [16 May 2026]**

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

*Newsroom [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Sabin Vaccine Institute [16 May 2026]**

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

*Latest News & Press Releases*

*Press Releases*

**[Noted Vaccine Researchers Uğur Şahin and Özlem Türeci Awarded Sabin Vaccine Institute's Albert B. Sabin Gold Medal; Genomic Scientist Senjuti Saha of Bangladesh Receives Rising Star Award](#)**

May 13, 2026

WASHINGTON – The 2026 Sabin Awards were presented yesterday at the National Academy of Sciences building in Washington, D.C., with Professor Uğur Şahin, MD, and Professor Özlem Türeci, MD, receiving the Sabin Vaccine Institute's Albert B. Sabin Gold Medal for their role in turning the tide of the COVID-19 pandemic and their efforts to support access to novel medicines globally. Dr. Senjuti Saha of Bangladesh was awarded the 2026 Rising Star Award for using genomics to inform the rollout of the world's largest typhoid vaccine program, protecting millions of children...

**UNAIDS** [16 May 2026]

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

*News, Stories, Updates*

*Feature Story*

**[UNAIDS at the 79th World Health Assembly](#)**

15 May 2026

*Press Release*

**[Communities and partners provide solutions to the United Nations to sustain the gains in the HIV response](#)**

NEW YORK/GENEVA, 15 May 2026—More than 200 civil society representatives, people living with HIV and partners gathered in person and online at the United Nations in New York to urge renewed political leadership, sustainable financing and stronger support for communities at a one-day Multi-Stakeholder Hearing on HIV. This hearing comes amid growing concern that funding cuts and attacks on human rights are beginning to derail years of progress in the global HIV response.

The hearing was held as part of preparations for the [2026 United Nations High-Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS](#) (22-23 June 2026), where Member States will negotiate a new Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS to guide the global HIV response over the next five years...

**UNICEF** [to 16 May 2026]

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

*Latest press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]*

*Press release* 15 May 2026

**[Risk of Famine persists as nearly 19.5 million people face acute food insecurity in Sudan](#)**

NEW YORK/PORT SUDAN, 15 May 2026 -, The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and UNICEF warned today that nearly 19.5 million people – two out of every five people in Sudan - are currently facing crisis levels of acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or above) across Sudan, accordin...

*Press release* 11 May 2026

**[Economic inequality harming children's wellbeing in world's wealthiest countries - UNICEF](#)**

FLORENCE/NEW YORK, 12 May 2026, – Economic inequality in wealthy countries is linked to worse physical health and poorer academic outcomes among children, according to an analysis published today by UNICEF Office of Strategy and Evidence – Innocenti. Report Card 20: Unequal Chances – Children and economic inequ...

**Unitaid** [16 May 2026]

<https://unitaid.org/>

*News releases*

*News releases*

**[New Unitaid report underscores structural barriers keeping TB innovations from reaching those most at risk](#)**

14 May 2026

... A new Unitaid report finds that the reason so many people remain undiagnosed and untreated for TB is not a lack of tools, but how health systems are designed. While advanced diagnostics and treatments exist, they often fail to reach the people who need them most. In many countries, TB programs rely on facility-based approaches that don't reflect how and where the most vulnerable people seek care.

The report shows that some of the biggest gaps in TB care occur before people are even diagnosed. In many high-transmission settings, people with TB symptoms first turn to pharmacies or private clinics, where access to appropriate diagnostics and links to national TB programs are often limited...

*News releases*

**[Spatial emanators move to scale in malaria-endemic countries](#)**

14 May 2026

...Today's announcement marks a considerable step forward in accelerating access to spatial emanators across malaria-endemic countries, and builds on evidence generated through Unitaid-funded trials and other enabling investments," said Dr. Philippe Duneton, Executive Director at Unitaid, "This commitment will further Unitaid's ongoing and future efforts to support country programs and scale-up partners in expanding access to this tool, reaching communities affected by malaria as quickly as possible."...

**Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative]** [16 May 2026]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified. [Last update Jun 30, 2023]*

**Vaccine Confidence Project** [16 May 2026]

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

*News, Research and Reports*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Vaccine Education Center – Children's Hospital of Philadelphia** [16 May 2026]

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

*News*

**[Vaccine Update Newsletter April 2026](#)**

**Wellcome Trust** [16 May 2026]

<https://wellcome.org/>

*News. Opinion, Reports*

*No new digest announcements identified.*

**The Wistar Institute** [to 16 May 2026]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest announcements identified.*

**World Bank** [to 16 May 2026]

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

*News [Selected]*

**[Leaders in Western and Central Africa and Partners Call for Stronger Action on Nutrition and Early Childhood Development](#)**

LOME, May 15, 2026 - Ministers and senior government representatives from across Western and Central Africa joined development partners and civil society leaders in Lome this week to advance stronger...

Date: May 13, 2026 Type: Press Release

**WFPHA: World Federation of Public Health Associations** [16 May 2026]

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

*Blog, Events*

*No new digest announcements identified.*

**World Medical Association [WMA]** [to 06 Sep 025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest announcements identified.*

**World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE]** [16 May 2026]

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

*Press Releases, Statements*

*Press Release*

**[Animal health receives as little as 0.6 percent of global health spending despite mounting disease crises, new report warns](#)**

Published on 13 May 2026

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**ARM [Alliance for Regenerative Medicine]** [16 May 2026]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

*No new digest announcements identified.*

**BIO** [16 May 2026]

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

*Press Releases*

**[BIO Statement on Resignation of FDA Commissioner Marty Makary](#)**

May 12, 2026

WASHINGTON, D.C. – John F. Crowley, President and CEO of the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO), released the following statement on the resignation of FDA Commissioner Marty Makary.

“Dr. Makary inherited an FDA in crisis after the DOGE changes, which included the firing of thousands of employees. These staffing and morale challenges were compounded by constant leadership changes over the past year and questions around shifting FDA standards for drug approvals. What we need now is strong, stable and science-driven leadership at the FDA. We are losing the biotech race with China. FDA must be strengthened immediately to ensure that patients continue to benefit from medical miracles and that the United States leads the world in biomedical innovation, which is crucial for the public health, economic growth and our national security.” “

**DCVMN – Developing Country Vaccine Manufacturers Network** [16 May 2026]

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

*News; Upcoming events*

*No new digest announcements identified.*

**EFPIA – European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations**

<https://www.efpia.eu/news-events/>

*News & Events*

*No new digest announcements identified.*

**ICBA – International Council of Biotechnology Associations** [16 May 2026]

<https://internationalbiotech.org/>

*News*

*No new digest announcements identified.*

**IFPMA** [16 May 2026]

<https://ifpma.org/>

*News & Resources*

*Statement* 14 May 2026

**[Multi-Stakeholder Hearing for the 2026 UN High-Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS](#)**

On 14 May 2026 in New York City, IFPMA delivered a statement at the Multi-Stakeholder Hearing ahead of the UN High-Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS. The 2026 High-Level Meeting comes at a sensitive but important moment for the global HIV response. Meaningful progress has been made, but it remains fragile, uneven, and vulnerable to reversal if political attention, funding, and implementation momentum weakens.

New infections, late diagnosis, persistent inequities, uneven prevention uptake, and health system gaps continue to slow progress. At the same time, the epidemiology of HIV is evolving, with growing numbers of older people and women living with HIV, bringing new long-term care and prevention considerations that health systems must be prepared to address. The political declaration should therefore recognize HIV requires urgent and sustained political leadership, community agency, and financing to drive implementation, outcomes, and accountability for impact...

**International Alliance of Patients’ Organizations – IAPO** [16 May 2026]

<https://www.iapo.org.uk/news>

*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** [16 May 2026]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest announcements identified.*

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***Vaccines/Therapeutics/Medicines – Selected Developer/Manufacturer Announcements***

*We recognize that this listing is indicative but certainly not exhaustive. We invite nomination of other vaccine developers for potential addition to those monitored below.*

**AstraZeneca**

*Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.*

**Bavarian Nordic**

*Latest News*

May 11, 2026

**[Bavarian Nordic Awarded Contract Options from the U.S. Government for Production and Supply of Freeze-dried Smallpox Vaccines](#)**

:: Exercised options total USD 97 million, covering manufacturing of bulk vaccine and supply of freeze-dried vaccines.

**BioCubaFarma – Cuba**

*Últimas Noticias - No new digest announcements identified.*

**Biological E**

*News - No new digest announcements identified.*

**BioNTech**

*Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.*

**Boehringer**

*Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.*

**CanSinoBIO**

*News - Website not responding at inquiry.*

**CIGB**

*Latest News*

**[Jusvinza represents a very important hope for the health of the Cuban people](#)**

*Interview with the General Director of CIGB, Dr. Marta Ayala Ávila*

14 May 2026

We have seen that the results of Jusvinza on the sequelae of Chikungunya virus infection have been very favorable.

**CinnaGen – Iran**

CinnaGen News

## **CinnaGen Enters the EU Market**

*[Undated]*

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) has adopted a positive opinion recommending the approval of Zandoriah® (teriparatide), a biosimilar to Forsteo® (teriparatide). This recommendation represents CinnaGen's first regulatory milestone within the European Union and marks a significant step in the company's strategic expansion into highly regulated global markets.

## **Clover Biopharmaceuticals – China**

News - *No new digest announcements identified.*

## **CSL Sequirus**

News Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

## **Curevac**

News - *Website now directs to BioNTech site*

## **Dailchi Sankyo**

Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

## **Gamaleya National Center/Sputnik**

Latest News and Events - *No new digest announcements identified [Last: 09 Nov 2020]*

<https://sputnikvaccine.com/> - *No new digest announcements identified [Last: 31 Aug 2022]*

## **GSK**

Press releases for media - *No new digest announcements identified.*

## **EuBiologics, S Korea**

News - *No new digest announcements identified.*

## **HIPRA**

Press releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

## **JNJ Innovative Medicine [Janssen]**

Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

## **Merck**

News releases - *No new digest announcements identified April 17, 2026*

## **Moderna**

News and Blog Posts

May 12, 2026

**Moderna Recognized by TIME as One of the World's Most Impactful Companies**

## **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]

**Samsung Biologics**

[Latest News](#) - No new digest announcements identified.

**Sanofi Pasteur**

[Press Releases](#) - No new digest announcements identified

**Serum Institute**

[News & Announcements](#) - No new digest announcements identified

**Sinopharm/WIBPBIBP**

[News](#) - No new digest announcements identified.

**Sinovac**

[Press Releases](#) - No new digest announcements identified.

**SK Biosciences**

[Press Releases](#) - No new digest announcements identified.

**Takeda**

[Newsroom](#) - No new digest announcements identified.

**Valneva**

[Press Releases](#) - No new digest announcements identified.

**WestVac Biopharma**

[Media](#) - No new digest announcements identified.

**Zhifei Longcom, China**

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

[Website](#) [No News/Announcements page identified]

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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](mailto:david.r.curry@centerforvaccineethicsandpolicy.org)

### **AJOB Empirical Bioethics**

Volume 17 2026 Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **AMA Journal of Ethics**

Volume 27, Number 12: E823-875 December 2025

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/aging-bad-you>

#### ***Aging Is Bad for You?***

At some point along life's trajectory, growing becomes aging. Gerotherapeutics—biologically-based approaches to health that target processes of aging—seem poised to respond. This theme issue investigates ethical valences of what gerotherapeutics suggest about our socially, culturally, and historically entrenched patterns of pathologizing and medicalizing aging. Advancement in our understanding of physiological mechanisms of aging has prompted some to reconceive lifespans as health spans. Geroscience also suggests the need to critically evaluate whether and to what extent we should think of anti-aging ventures as legitimate enterprises of health care. Normative roles played by aging in our personal and relational narratives, in our expectations about how duration and quality of life confer value to life, and in how life extension promotes or undermines our notions of wisdom and a good life are all at stake.

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

May 07, 2026 Volume 113 Issue 5 p889-1124

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

#### ***This month in The Journal***

Paul W. Hook, Alyson B. Barnes

Population cohorts have enabled the discovery of genetic variants associated with a multitude of human phenotypes. While the focus is usually on SNPs, other types of variants have been shown to be impactful, including tandem repeats (TRs). Typically, investigations including TRs employ genotyping tools that rely on TR reference catalogs. However, existing catalogs differ substantially in both the number and definitions of TRs, as well as compatible data types and genotyping tools. This lack of standardization makes it difficult to unify results across studies and limits discovery.

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

May 2026 Volume 54 Issue 5 p473-592

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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

May 2026 Volume 70 Issue 5  
<https://www.ajpmonline.org/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

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

May 2026 116(5)  
<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

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

Volume 114 (2026): Issue 5 (May 2026)  
<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/114/4/tpmd.114.issue-5.xml>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Annals of Internal Medicine**

April 2026 Volume 179, Issue 4  
<https://www.acpjournals.org/toc/aim/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

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

Volume 354 May 2026  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/354/suppl/C>  
[Reviewed earlier]

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

<http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/>  
(Accessed 16 May 2026)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Health Services Research**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmchealthservres/content>  
(Accessed 16 May 2026)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Infectious Diseases**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content>  
(Accessed 16 May 2026)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Medical Ethics**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmedethics/content>  
(Accessed 16 May 2026)

[Activities of national bioethics committees during the COVID-19 pandemic: publication trends and future challenges](#)

Hiroto Takagi, Yusuke Inoue  
*Research* Open access 13 May 2026

### **BMC Medicine**

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

(Accessed 16 May 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

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

(Accessed 16 May 2026)

[\*\*Maternal influenza vaccination during the first trimester of pregnancy and risk for birth defects: an updated systematic review and meta-analysis\*\*](#)

Yue Wu, Chuchu Liu, Yiquan Xiong

Research Open access 12 May 2026

### **BMC Public Health**

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

(Accessed 16 May 2026)

*Articles*

[\*\*Effectiveness of a digital communication and active recall strategy to improve pediatric influenza vaccination in primary care: a prospective observational study\*\*](#)

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Isaac Osei, Baleng Mahama Wutor

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## **Public Health Ethics**

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### **Risk Analysis**

Volume 46, Issue 5 May 2026

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### **Risk Management and Healthcare Policy**

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### **Royal Society Open Science**

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### **Science**

Volume 392| Issue 6799| 14 May 2026  
<https://www.science.org/toc/science/current>

*Research Articles*

#### **[Implantable living materials autonomously deliver therapeutics using contained engineered bacteria](#)**

BY Tetsuhiro Harimoto, et al.

14 May 2026: 729-734

*Abstract*

Microbes are increasingly used as living therapeutics, yet their uncontrolled dissemination in the body has remained a clinical roadblock. Physical containment remains largely unattainable owing to eventual bacteria escape. In this work, we present an ...

### **Science and Engineering Ethics**

Volume 32, Issue 2 April 2026

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### **Science Translational Medicine**

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### **Systematic Reviews**

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Volume 47, Issue 2 April 2026

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## **Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases**

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## **Tropical Medicine & International Health**

Volume 31, Issue 5 Pages: 589-656 May 2026

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## **Vaccine**

Volume 82 22 May 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/vaccine/vol/82/suppl/C>

*Discussion*

### **[Understanding adjuvant supply chains for new TB and malaria vaccines](#)**

Dzintars Gotham, Mike Frick, Mark Harrington

Article 128609

*Review article Open access*

### **[The role of misinformation in COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in low- & middle-income countries](#)**

Aryan Yogesh Sarnaik, Ziyad Uddin Khan, Thenugaa Rajeswaran, Aditi Majoe, ... Zahid Ahmad Butt

Article 128595

*Review article Open access*

### **[Improving primary care vaccination rates in underserved and medically high-risk populations: A rapid review of strategies used in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand](#)**

Georgia Fisher, Bree Wright, Tina Vickery, Nadia A. Charania, ... Jeffrey Braithwaite

Article 128624

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### **[State minor consent laws and human papilloma virus vaccine uptake: An analysis of the 2023 National Immunization Survey-Teen Data](#)**

Eiley Kuhlmeier, Tanvi Polavarapu, Jason Semprini, Rachel A. Reimer

Article 128598

*Research article Open access*

### **[Parental inquiry behavior and use of web-based information for childhood vaccination in Japan: Implications for communication quality and vaccination schedule adherence](#)**

Aya Saitoh, Akihiko Saitoh, Hajime Kamiya, Takashi Nakano, Toshio Murayama

Article 128623

*Research article Abstract only*

### **[An evaluation of a multifaceted training program to build National Immunization Technical Advisory Group \(NITAG\) capacity for making evidence-based immunization policy](#)**

Rena Fukunaga, Lisandro Torre, Abigail M. Shefer, Kathleen F. Cavallaro, ... Stephen C. Hadler

Article 128600

## **Vaccines**

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

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*Article*

### **[Measles in the Post-COVID Era: Incidence Trends, Vaccination Coverage, Demographic and Subnational Distribution in Saudi Arabia, 2015–2024](#)**

Lama Alzamil

Vaccines 2026, 14(5), 445; <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines14050445> (registering DOI)

15 May 2026

Background/Objectives: The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted routine immunisation globally. Saudi Arabia presents a unique epidemiological context for measles, combining high vaccination coverage with mass pilgrimages and a large expatriate workforce. T

*Article*

### **[Barriers to Childhood Immunisation in Selected Zero-Dose Communities in Gauteng Province: A Qualitative Study](#)**

Thobelani Nompilo Majola, et al.

Vaccines 2026, 14(5), 439; <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines14050439>

13 May 2026

Background/objective: The Immunisation Agenda 2030, led by the World Health Organization, aims to ensure that people of all ages benefit from vaccination. South Africa remains committed to these goals, strengthening childhood immunisation largely th

## **Value in Health**

April 2026 Volume 29 Issue 4 p535-710

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

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## **World Medical Journal – Official Journal of The World Medical Association**

Nr. 4, December 2025, vol. 71

<https://www.wma.net/publications/world-medical-journal/>

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## **World Development**

Volume 200 April 2026

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[arXiv:2605.12510](https://arxiv.org/abs/2605.12510) (cross-list from cs.SI) [[pdf](#), [html](#), [other](#)]

#### **[WhatsApp Vaccine Discourse \(WhaVax\): An Expert-Annotated Dataset and Benchmark for Health Misinformation Detection](#)**

[Jônatas H. dos Santos](#), [Julio C. S. Reis](#), [Philippe Melo](#), [João F. H. Olivetti](#), [Thales H. Silva](#), [Matheus Gontijo Guimaraes](#), [Glaucio de Souza](#), [Marcos A. Gonçalves](#), [Fabricio Benevenuto](#), [Filipe B. B. Zanovello](#), [Marco A. G. Rodrigues](#), [Cristiano X. Lima](#)

Comments: 10 pages. This is a preprint version of a paper accepted for the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM'26). Please cite the conference version rather than this preprint

We introduce WhaVax, a new expert-annotated dataset of vaccine-related WhatsApp messages collected from large Brazilian public groups spanning multiple pandemic years. The dataset was constructed through a rigorous, carefully designed pipeline that integrates keyword-based data collection, semantic deduplication to remove near-duplicate content, and a multi-stage annotation protocol conducted by medical specialists. This process produced a high-quality gold-standard corpus, characterized by substantial inter-annotator agreement and strong reliability for downstream analysis. Additionally, we provide a detailed characterization of WhatsApp misinformation, revealing distinctive linguistic, structural, lexical, temporal, and group-level patterns, as well as a meaningful layer of ambiguous cases that reflect the complexity of health discourse in private messaging. We also benchmark classical models, fine-tuned Small Language Models, and zero- or few-shot Large Language Models under realistic data-scarcity constraints, demonstrating that strong embeddings and LLM approaches perform competitively, while domain alignment and data availability remain critical factors. This study provides a rare, high-quality resource to support misinformation research and computational modeling in encrypted communication environments.

[arXiv:2605.08198](https://arxiv.org/abs/2605.08198) (cross-list from cs.LG) [[pdf](#), [html](#), [other](#)]

#### **[FairHealth: An Open-Source Python Library for Trustworthy Healthcare AI in Low-Resource Settings](#)**

[Farjana Yesmin](#)

Comments: 8 pages, open-source Python library

### **Gates Open Research**

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

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#### **[A Culturally Grounded Method for Dialogue Between Indigenous Peoples and Researchers on Emerging Technologies: Lessons from the Gene Drive Context](#)**

[Neida Delia Andi Arimuya](#), [Federica Bernardini](#), [Pedro Jose Cabrera Andi](#), [Gladman Chibememe](#), [Florina Lopez Miro](#), [Lucy Mullenkei](#), [Aisatou Musa](#), [Faith Nataya](#), [Fabio Niespolo](#), [Tony Nolan](#), [Samantha O'Loughlin](#), [Kamal Kumar Rai](#), [Ndiaga Sall](#), [Brian Tarimo](#), [Jose Rafael Teran Maigua](#), [María Yolanda Teran Maigua](#), [Delphine Thizy](#), [Carolina Torres](#)

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*Method Article* metrics

**[Qualification of a quantitative stability indicating potency assay for mRNA-LNP vaccine candidates](#)**

ANAN BZAMI, Marcus Estrada, Tim Schofield, Jessica A. White

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**[Building Resilient and Inclusive Primary Health Care Systems to Improve Access and Vaccine Uptake During a Pandemic: A Systems Thinking Analysis Using Group Model Building for Persons with Disabilities](#)**

Allan Mayaba Mwiinde, Isaac Fwemba, Patrick Kaonga, Joseph Mumba Zulu

medRxiv 2026.05.11.26352873; doi: <https://doi.org/10.64898/2026.05.11.26352873>

**[HOW TO INTRODUCE A NEW TB VACCINE IN ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS: Insights from Key Stakeholders in Mozambique, Southern Africa](#)**

Agostinho Viana Lima, Doyoon Kim, Sozinho Acácio, Quinhas Fernandes, Benedita José, Benjamin Lopman, Alberto L. García-Basteiro, Kristin N. Nelson

medRxiv 2026.05.10.26352803; doi: <https://doi.org/10.64898/2026.05.10.26352803>

**[Targeted Tuberculosis \(TB\) Vaccination Strategies in the United States: A Modeling Study](#)**

Jessica Rothman, Kenneth G. Castro, Ben Lopman, Neel R. Gandhi, Kristin Nelson

medRxiv 2026.05.11.26352914; doi: <https://doi.org/10.64898/2026.05.11.26352914>

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**[The TBVaxRepository: A living database of projects supporting the preparedness for adult and adolescent TB vaccine rollout](#)**

Joeri Sumina Buis, Andrew D. Kerkhoff, Christiaan Mulder, Degu Jerene

medRxiv 2026.05.06.26352615; doi: <https://doi.org/10.64898/2026.05.06.26352615>

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## Wellcome Open Research

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### **REVISED- Understanding what citizens think about Antimicrobial Resistance: Deliberative Polling® in six middle-income countries**

[version 2; peer review: 2 approved, 3 approved with reservations]

Marc Mendelson, et al.

The pandemic of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) will only be mitigated by policy action and innovation and importantly, supported by local and community action. With the United Nations General Assembly high level meeting on AMR taking place in September 2024, we decided to ascertain citizens' understanding of the issues and prioritisation for action.

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## **Think Tanks**

**Brookings** [to 16 May 2026]

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

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### **From agenda setting to policy adoption: Why some ideas succeed while others fail**

Landry Signé

May 11, 2026 [Download the report.](#)

... By exploring the evolution of the agenda-setting literature, this analysis provides policymakers with a practical framework for strategic agenda management, highlighting drivers of agenda setting and potential strategies to actively increase the likelihood that policies are adopted (UNDP 2024; OECD 2023). It in turn sets out four strategies available to policymakers to increase the likelihood of success in the agenda-setting and policy adoption phases of the policymaking lifecycle, dependent on the problem, policy, and political context at play. Policy adoption is successful when a policy idea, among competing alternatives during agenda setting, is selected and formally adopted as public policy.

**Center for Global Development** [16 May 2026]

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

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*WORKING PAPER*

### **Iron and Calcium Supplementation for Reducing Blood Lead Levels: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis**

Lee Crawford and Theo Mitchell

May 14, 2026

Approximately half of children in low- and middle-income countries have elevated blood lead levels. The WHO recommends calcium and iron supplementation for lead-exposed individuals with nutritional deficiencies, but acknowledges this is based on "very low-certainty evidence." We conducted a systemat...

**Chatham House** [to 16 May 2026]

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*Short reads* May 15, 2026

**[A majority of Americans say the country's best years are behind us](#)**

Americans are also much more pessimistic (44%) than optimistic (28%) when asked to think about what things will be like in the U.S. 50 years from now.

*Report* May 14, 2026

**[How Americans Feel About Religion's Influence in Government and Public Life](#)**

A growing share of U.S. adults say religion is gaining influence, but most still want churches to stay out of politics, a 2026 survey finds.

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#### **WMA - Declaration of Taipei Revision Launched [Ongoing]**

...The Declaration of Taipei tries to achieve a balance between the rights of individuals giving their tissue or data for research and other purposes based on confidentiality and privacy rules while at the same time recognising that health data has become a very powerful tool for increasing knowledge.

In analysing the scenarios that already exist for the use (and misuse) of health data and biobanks, we came to the conclusion that the major risk scenarios may not result from science, but from the commercial, administrative or political use of such data. Limiting our guidelines to research only would have left us blind to the imminent risk of abuse from outside the field of medicine: commercialization, cost-cutting and potential political abuse.

Therefore, in contrast to the Declaration of Helsinki, this policy aims to address any use of health databases and biobanks excluding individual treatment and is not restricted to research. As physicians are the primary custodians of confidential health information, they feel an obligation towards their patients and other persons who entrust them with their data and specimens...

In April 2025, the WMA appointed a workgroup to initiate the revision process of this document. To encourage as much global participation in the revision process as possible, the WMA is collaborating with its members to host a series of regional meetings...

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