



# Humanitarian evidence summary

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*This is the 19th monthly Humanitarian Evidence Summary (HUMES) to signpost FCDO and other UK government departments to the latest relevant evidence and discourse on humanitarian action to inform and support their response. It is the result of 1 day of work per month and is not intended to be a comprehensive summary of available evidence on humanitarian action but aims to make original documents easily accessible to decision-makers that, if relevant to them, they could refer to before making decisions.*

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## Enhancing protection and humanitarian

Publication date	Title/URL	Author(s)/Journal/ Publication type	Summary	HoP Top reads
3 September 2021	IHL and the humanitarian impact of counterterrorism measures and sanctions Unintended ill effects of well-intended measures	Emanuela-Chiara Gillard; Chatham House; research paper	Discusses the effects of counterterrorism (CT) measures on humanitarian action, including the relationship between IHL and CT law; criminal measures and sanctions and humanitarian action; donor requirements arising from CT law; and engagement with designated groups and persons.	
5 September 2021	Forced evictions and their social and health impacts in Southern Somalia: a qualitative study in Mogadishu Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps	Mohamed Jelle et al.; Global Health Action; journal article	Uses interviews to find the causes and impacts of forced evictions among IDPs in southern Somalia. It finds inadequate tenancy laws fail to protect tenants. In addition, IDP camps can raise the value of land, increasing landlords' incentives to sell. Eviction increased risks of exposure to violence, loss of assets, sexual assault, disruption of livelihoods, loss of social networks, and family separation. Health issues were also reported.	
September 2021	Measuring gender-based violence risk mitigation in humanitarian settings: results from a comprehensive	Jocelyn TD Kelly et al; BMJ Open; systematic review	Shows that there are many resources on GBV for humanitarian actors, but they lack information on how to monitor GBV and integrate into M&E. More evidence on	

	desk review and systematic mapping		the effectiveness of GBV risk approaches is required.	
20 September 2021	Why the UN Needs a Comprehensive "Agenda for Protection"	Damian Lily; Just Security; blog	In the light of persistent atrocities and a lack of effective response from the UN, Lily argues that a comprehensive agenda for protection is required. Outlines reviews of protection approaches being undertaken within the UN system, and argues they should be brought together as part of the UN Secretary General's Secretary-General launched a Call to Action on Human Rights 'Agenda for Protection'. Includes 6 recommendations.	
September 2021	Symposium: Promoting Restraint in War	International Interactions; journal issue, various authors	Articles on: the effect of rank on socialising norms of restraint in Philippines and Australian armed forces; differing norms of violence and restraint between Jihadi groups in Mali; ethnographic research on armed groups in South Sudan; the ICRC's role supporting community based protection in Colombia; and analysis of rebel groups' adherence to international law between 1974 and 2010.	
July 2021	Bringing IHL Home: Guidelines on the National Implementation of International Humanitarian Law	ICRC; guidelines	Discusses measures to implement IHL, including treaty participation, domestic legislation, implementation measures, criminal action against violations of IHL, integration of IHL into militaries, and dissemination.	

2 September 2021	Biometrics in humanitarian action: a delicate balance	Vincent Graf Narbel and Justinas Sukaitis; ICRC Law & Policy blog.	Discusses the ways that biometric identification systems can be made less of a data protection risk in humanitarian settings. More technical research is required.	
August 2021	Reimagining protection: Dignity, wellbeing and safety	Andrew Cunningham; The Humanitarian Leader; article	A discussion of the term protection in the context of WASH. Argues that 'dignity, wellbeing and safety' might be useful concepts to use when thinking about how to embed protection while focusing on community needs.	
September 2021	Signaling legal protection in a digitalizing world: a new era for the distinctive emblems?  Identifying protected missions in the digital domain  Signaling legal protection during cyber warfare: an authenticated digital emblem	Tilman Rodenhauer et al; ICRC Law & Policy blog	Blogs on marking the digital assets of protected entities during conflict, and outlining the ICRC's research into the technical feasibility and potentially efficacy of 'digital emblems'.	
23 August 2021	Risks Associated With Humanitarian Data Sharing With Donors	Florian Westphal and Claudia Meier; GPPI; report	Analyses data sharing risks in Bangladesh (response to the Rohingya refugee crisis), Nigeria, and Syria. Outlines data flows and interviews practitioners on potential risks. Emphasises the need to avoid complacency.	
14 September 2021	Why are you a Refugee? Afghans and the US Identity Database	Elsbeth Guild and Didier Bigo; Protect; blog	Discusses the risk of Taliban forces using US biometric and personal data on Afghans to identify their enemies.	

## Needs assessment and analysis

Publication date	Title/URL	Author(s)/Journal/ Publication type	Summary	HoP Top reads
30 September 2021	<a href="#">Disability Data Collection in a Complex Humanitarian Organisation: Lessons from a Realist Evaluation</a>	Clare F. O'Reilly et al., International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health; journal article.	Studies the 'A9' indicator to designed to measure the number of persons with disabilities assisted annually by the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP). The paper analyses the motives for implementing A9, how it was used, and the effects on WFP programmes. It finds that the data was collected differently across WFP programmes; and that A9 was not well connected to increased disability inclusion.	
2021	<a href="#">The only way is up: monitoring and encouraging diverse SOGIESC Inclusion in the humanitarian and DRR sectors</a>	Edge Effect; report	Report on humanitarian and DRR organisations' inclusion of people with diverse 'Sexual Orientations, Gender Identities and Expressions, and Sex Characteristics' (SOGIESC). Surveys humanitarian guidance, practices and data collection, national laws, and analyses case studies, as well as outlining potential tools.	
September 2021	<a href="#">Independent Review of the IPC South Sudan</a>	Margie Buchanan-Smith, Jane Cocking and Sam Sharp; ODI HPG, report	Analyses the break down of the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis process in South Sudan in 2020.	


## Accountability to affected populations

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27 September 2021	<a href="#">Operational Framework on Accountability to Affected People (AAP) - Nutrition</a>	Global Nutrition Cluster; operational framework	Discussion of how to implement AAP into different parts of the programming cycle, including suggested indicators.	
27 September 2021	<a href="#">Accountability Handbook- WASH Cluster</a>	WASH Cluster; handbook	Resources on accountability in WASH, including participation, transparency, feedback, monitoring and evaluation, staff skills, and tools.	
27 September 2021	<a href="#">Shelter Accountability Resources: A guide to maintaining accountability to affected populations whilst implementing humanitarian shelter programmes</a>	ECB Project;	Discusses types of accountability, as well as providing a checklist and a framework.	
27 September 2021	<a href="#">Strengthening Disability Inclusion on HRPs</a>	United Nations; guidance	Guidance on improving inclusion of disability in humanitarian response plans (HRPs).	
17 September 2021	<a href="#">Localisation in the Context of UK Government Engagement With the Humanitarian Reform Agenda</a>	Ellen Goodwin and Alastair Ager; Frontiers in Political Science; journal article	Analyses the UK's role in localisation by looking at DFID policies and programmes. It finds limited progress, due to: logistical concerns; conceptual ambiguities over localisation and humanitarian principles; and a lack of political incentives to cede power to local actors.	

## Cash programming

Publication date	Title/URL	Author(s)/Journal/ Publication type	Summary	HoP Top reads
15 September 2021	<a href="#">Cash Coordination Call for Action: A Meeting for Humanitarian Leaders</a>	USAID and CaLP; Meeting report	Summary of a meeting of 76 humanitarian organisations on cash coordination.	
September 2021	<a href="#">Assessment of financial service providers – CVA in Yemen</a>	CaLP; report	Assessment of CVA mechanisms in Yemen through interviews with humanitarian organisations, financial service providers and communities. Discusses access to CVA, mobile coverage, data protection, ID documents and know-your-customer requirements, security issues, forms of delivery.	
2021	<a href="#">"We don't do a lot for them specifically": A scoping report on gaps and opportunities for improving diverse SOGIESC inclusion in cash transfer and social protection programs, during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond</a>	Edge Effect; report	Traces the inclusion of people with diverse 'Sexual Orientations, Gender Identities and Expressions, and Sex Characteristics' (SOGIESC) in Covid-19 social protection responses. It finds that SOGIESC are not considered in many humanitarian programmes, despite facing distinct barriers such as difficulties accessing support, avoiding aid provision because of safety fears, increased discrimination during disasters, and exclusion from informal support networks. Outlines relevant policy frameworks, with case studies of Bangladesh, Fiji and Indonesia.	


## Managing risk better, preparedness and anticipation

Publication date	Title/URL	Author(s)/Journal/ Publication type	Summary	HoP Top reads
September 2021	<a href="#">Interconnected Disaster Risks</a>	United Nations University; report	Analyses 10 interconnected disasters that took place in 2020/2021, including wildfires, heat waves and extinction. It discusses shared causes, impacts and emerging risks.	
5 September 2021	<a href="#">The relationship between wasting and stunting in young children: A systematic review</a>	Susan Thurstans et al.; Maternal & Child Nutrition; journal article	A systematic review of studies on wasting and stunting in under-5s in low- and middle-income countries. It finds, among other things, that the two are related; that children who experience both are at a higher risk of death; a significant portion of wasting and stunting are present at birth; and identifies a combination of weight-for-age Z score and mid-upper-arm circumference as an effective way to identify those at risk of mortality.	
17 September 2021	<a href="#">Participatory AI for humanitarian innovation: a briefing paper</a>	Aleks Berditchevskaia, Eirini Malliaraki & Kathy Peach; NESTA; briefing paper	Drawing on the below <a href="#">landscape analysis</a> Outlines how participatory design of AI can be used to design collective crisis intelligence (CCI) solutions. Includes definitions, different types of participatory design, case studies, research questions, and critiques.	
September 2021	<a href="#">Collective crisis intelligence for frontline humanitarian response</a>	Kathy Peach et al; NESTA; report	Landscape analysis of how 'collective crisis intelligence' (CCI), is being used to improve anticipation, management and response in the humanitarian sector. Outlines existing and potential uses for CCI. Based on a review of 28 CCI case studies,	




			and 33 predictive analytics case studies. See also emerging conceptual framework for <a href="#">Participatory AI for humanitarian innovation</a>	
2021	<a href="#">Addressing internal displacement in the context of climate change</a>	IDMC; report	Outlines IDMC's typology of displacement events in the context of climate change. Shows the drivers, triggers and impacts of internal displacement in the context of climate change. Discusses different climatic changes and ways to prepare for and mitigate them, as well as responses to displacement.	
14 September 2021	<a href="#">Can we better manage donor institutions for tackling global challenges?</a>	Nilima Gulrajani and Rachael Calleja; ODI; report	Analyses how aid is spent across 'other government departments' OGDs, showing the trends towards pluralism or consolidation across the world. Argues that aid pluralism can have benefits, but governments require strategy to prevent fragmentation.	

## Resilience and protracted crisis

Publication date	Title/URL	Author(s)/Journal/ Publication type	Summary	HoP Top reads
September 2021	<a href="#">Shining a Light on Internal Displacement: A Vision for the Future</a>	United Nations High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement; report	Includes discussion of policy changes needed for durable solutions, such as better use of data, international financing and UN reforms.	
July 2021	<a href="#">Global Displacement Forecast 2021</a>	Danish Refugee Council; report	Predictions on displacement in 2021-22, made using machine learning. Outlines a growth in	

			displacement, likely drivers and country case studies.	
September 2021	Update of Forced Displacement Literature Review	Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement; literature review	Review of recent literature on forced displacement.	
23 September 2021	Responses to Urban IDPs in Adama, Ethiopia: A Case Study	Evan Easton-Calabria, Delina Abadi, Gezahegn Gebremedhin; Refugee Studies Centre; report	Discusses successful humanitarian and development responses to internally displaced people (IDPs) in Adama. Shows how government bureaus, private sector actors, community organisations, local NGOs and others worked to resettle IDPs. Lessons focus on a lottery system used for resettlement, the benefits of a whole-of-society approach, the role of documentation, and the relief-development gap.	

## Other

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September 2021	Rethinking Humanitarian Reform: What Will it Take to Truly Change the System?	Patrick Saez, Jeremy Konyndyk, Rose Worden; Center for Global Development; policy brief (podcast discussion of the report hosted at <a href="#">New Humanitarian</a> also available)	Noting the humanitarian sector's failures to implement transformative changes, such as those outlined in the Grand Bargain, the brief proposes 4 major institutional changes based on CGD research: independent accountability mechanisms; area-based models of frontline coordination; remaking the financial business model to resource the humanitarian system as a public	

			good provider with more pre-arranged and pooled financing; and more effective governance with more multi-stakeholder platforms and representation for affected people.	
September 2021	Rethinking Humanitarianism : NGOs and counter insurgency: The case of Afghanistan	Heba Aly; The New Humanitarian; Podcast	Episodes on NGOs and counter-insurgency in Afghanistan (15/9/21) and aid reform, based on the CGD's report (29/9/21).	
2021	Shelter Projects 8th edition	Global Shelter Cluster; edited collection	Case studies of humanitarian shelter and settlement responses during 2019-20. Contains 27 case studies from across the world, written by practitioners. Each contains figures, project aims, challenges, impacts and lessons learned.	
July 2021	Humanitarian learning under the Covid-19 pandemic; a pathway to localisation?	Pawel Mania; Humanitarian Leadership Academy; report	Research on the uptake of digital learning during Covid, showing an increase. Discusses whether this can contribute to localisation.	
September 2021	The reality of aid report 2020/2021	Reality of Aid network; report	Split into three themes: reflections on fragility, conflict and the triple nexus; responding to a climate emergency; and global aid trends. Includes recommendations on reforming the aid system.	

## Resource Hubs

Title/URL	Author/Organisation	Summary
<a href="#">Covid-19: tracking local humanitarian action and complementary partnerships</a>	Overseas Development Institute, Humanitarian Policy Group	Map of complementary partnerships and local humanitarian action across the globe.
<a href="#">Social protection responses to compounding risks: Lessons from Covid-19 and climate-related disasters</a>	Red Cross and Red Crescent Climate Centre	A data dashboard of social protection responses to covid-19, at the national and international level.
<a href="#">COVID-19 Data Explorer: Global Humanitarian Operations</a>	Humanitarian Data Exchange (HDX)	World map of covid cases and various vulnerability and socio-economic risk factors (including vaccine rollout, food security, school closures, CERF allocations etc.).
<a href="#">Covid-19 and Humanitarian Crises</a>	Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health, Health in Humanitarian Crises Centre, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies and the University of Geneva	Website for the exchange of field-based COVID-19 programme adaptations and innovations.
<a href="#">Covid-19 Mobility Impact Reports</a>	UN IOM	Frequently updated reports on migration restrictions.
<a href="#">IDMC Internal Displacement Updates</a>	Internal displacement monitoring centre	Global data on internal displacement

ACAPS Crisis in Sight	ACAPS	Global overview of crisis, including covid and conflict; as well as access constraints.
CVA and COVID-19: resources, guidance, events and questions	CaLP	Guidance and resources on covid and cash transfers
IASC: COVID-19 Outbreak Readiness and Response guidance	Inter-Agency Standing Committee	IASC principles and protocols adapted to covid-19
OCHA COVID19 Resource Material	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	A wide range of guidance and resources from WHO, IASC, the EU, IFRF and others, as well as country-specific information.
Humanitarian Data Exchange: COVID-19 Pandemic in Locations with a Humanitarian Response	Humanitarian Data Exchange (HDX)	Global data on infections and deaths; a list of data sets on cases and prevention/mitigation measures.
Humanitarian Data Exchange: Government Measures Dataset	Humanitarian Data Exchange (HDX)	Global data on government covid-19 measures under 5 categories: Social distancing; Movement restrictions; Public health measures; Social and economic measures; Lockdowns.
IEG Lesson Library: Evaluative Resources and Evidence to inform the COVID-19 Response	World Bank Independent Evaluation Group	A library of Evaluative Resources and Evidence to inform the COVID-19 Response
Relief Web: regional topic pages for Covid-19 and global topic pages	Relief Web	Regional and global reports and resources on humanitarian needs and response.
IASC Accountability and Inclusion Resources Portal	Inter-Agency Standing Committee	A library of resources on accountability and inclusion.

Attacked and Threatened: Health care targeted in conflict and COVID-19	Insecurity Insight	Map of violence and threats against health care across the world.
Conflict and Health	Conflict and Health	Open-access journal on the health impacts of conflict.
International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction	International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction	An interdisciplinary journal of DRR.
Journal of Refugee Studies	Journal of Refugee Studies	Research on forced migration and responses to it.
Disasters	Disasters	Focuses on disaster management and policy from academic and field perspectives.

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## Methodology

Given the wide range of topics covered, this monthly summary includes guidelines, blogs, news articles, dashboards, data, and editorials, in addition to policy and academic literature. The sources included are found through searches of academic literature, humanitarian think tanks, resource hubs and NGO websites. The searches are restricted to articles published in the previous month, in English. This is complemented by email recommendations from FCDO advisors and leading experts. This is trial and error approach, which will be refined and changed over the coming weeks. If you have literature to include in the weekly summary, please email – [luke.kelly@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:luke.kelly@manchester.ac.uk).

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