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Monthly Humanitarian Evidence and Discourse Summaries aim to signpost FCDO and other UK government departments to the latest relevant evidence and discourse on humanitarian action. It is structured around three themes:






- **Protect:** Protect civilians, IDPs, refugees, marginalised groups including women and girls, and humanitarian access.
- **Prioritise:** Prioritise effective humanitarian assistance to people in greatest need
- **Prevent:** Prevent and anticipate future shocks and rebuild resilience in protracted and recurring crises

Further detail on methodology, scope and resource hubs at the end. Click on the following hyperlinks to bring you down to the relevant literature.



Protect











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5 April 2022	Setting up humanitarian corridors in zones of hostility: five essential lessons	Frontline Negotiations: Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation; policy bulletin Policy/guidance 	Outlines 5 lessons and issues to consider and steps to take: the need to involve all relevant conflict actors; military and logistic procedures are involved; they are hazardous; entry and exit points generate protection risks; corridors can be instrumentalised.	
April 2022	Results-based protection for everyone	InterAction; website Policy/guidance 	A website explaining the results-based protection approach to various actors in the humanitarian sector.	
April 2022	Influencing states' policy and practice on the protection of civilians	Victoria Metcalfe-Hough; ODI Evidence 	Outlines humanitarian actors' current practice in influencing states on protection of civilians. Finds that they have had limited influence, partly due to fragmented, ill-informed and inconsistent approaches. It argues that a more long-term strategy is therefore needed.	








14 April 2022	Protection of civilians: learning from ICRC's Roots of Restraint in War study	Gemma Davies and Sorcha O'Callaghan; ODI Evidence 	Based on the Roots of Restraint in War project, the briefing note outlines key findings on the ICRC's approach, including the need to complement IHL with arguments based on social norms, values, community traditions and religion; how armed actors are organised influences their response to laws of war; the importance of a nuanced understanding of armed group-community interactions; the importance of easily applied frameworks.
April 2022	Humanitarian assistance and social protection responses to the forcibly displaced in Greece	Angelo Tramountanis et al.; ODI Evidence 	Findings on research during 2020-21 on humanitarian assistance and social protection, including that they have met immediate needs, but also barriers to receiving assistance and the negative effects of the way they are implemented due to a lack of alignment.
14 April 2022	Beyond access: three considerations for food security and famine prevention during armed conflict	Ariana Lopes Morey, Matt Pollard and Menty Kebede; ICRC Law & Policy blog Discourse 	Discusses the ICRC's approach to food insecurity, and the multiple, intersecting causes of food insecurity, the role of IHL, anticipatory analysis and inclusive responses.
21 April 2022	Lifting the cloak of invisibility: civilians with disabilities in armed conflict	Helen Durham and Gerard Quinn; ICRC Law & Policy blog Discourse 	Noting that people with disability are not included in the implementation of IHL, the blog outlines what disability-inclusive IHL would look like, and how complementarity between IHL and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities can help improve the situation.
28 April 2022	How do IHL and Islamic law protect and ensure humanitarian assistance in Afghanistan?	Ioanna Voudouri, Ezat Gul and Yar Mohammad Yari; ICRC Law & Policy blog Discourse 	Blog discusses the similarities between IHL and Islamic law with respect to Afghanistan.
11 April 2022	Looking for answers: accounting for the separated, missing and dead in international armed conflicts	Helen Obregón Gieseken and Ximena Londoño; ICRC Law & Policy blog Discourse 	Discusses IHL obligations on tracing the separated, dead and missing in conflict.
25 April 2022	Temporary Protection: The Ukrainian Field Trial	Julian Lehmann and Angeliki Dimitriadi; GPPI Discourse 	Discusses lessons from the EU's temporary protection directive for Ukrainian refugees and issues including integration, housing, free choice for refugees and fairness between member states.

21 April 2022	Ukraine: A Turning Point for Attacks on Health	Leonard S. Rubenstein, Eric A. Friedman, Lawrence O. Gostin; Think Global Health Discourse 	Discussing increased attacks against healthcare in Syria, Yemen, Ethiopia, Gaza, Myanmar, Ukraine and elsewhere, argues that the international system to prevent such attacks, including the UNSC and the WHO's Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care, is 'not fit for purpose'. Discusses ways that 'a sufficiently committed broad coalition of states' could take action using existing tools.	
April 2022	Navigating humanitarian dilemmas in the Ukraine crisis	Patrick Saez, Overseas Development Institute Discourse 	Identifies dilemmas (although not binary choices) linked to issues of whether providing aid or solidarity; neutrality; independence; and impartiality. Author argues that in navigating these dilemmas, five determinants likely are to play a key role including: public narratives, donorship, architecture, operating models and technology	
April 2022	Non-state armed groups' perspectives of IHL: the FARC-EP case	Ezequiel Heffes; Lieber Institute, West Point Evidence 	Summary of research on the Colombian armed group FARC-EP's perspective on IHL, as part of the https://words2deeds.org/ research project.	
March/April2022	GLOBAL RISK ANALYSIS and Severity Index	ACAPS Evidence 	Quarterly global analysis of risks, identifying Mali, Sudan, Colombia/Venezuela, the DRC, North Korea, Ethiopia, Mali, the Philippines, Yemen, Kenya, Pakistan and Tonga as at risk. Severity index flagging Afghanistan, DRC, Ethiopia, Haiti, Myanmar, Nigeria, Syria, South Sudan, Ukraine and Yemen	
6 April 2022	Data sharing between humanitarian organisations and donors: towards understanding and articulating responsible practice	Larissa Fast; Norwegian Centre for Humanitarian Studies Evidence 	Discusses the issues surrounding data sharing between humanitarian actors and donors. Discusses existing formal and informal frameworks and how they are perceived in the sector. Findings include a lack of consistent definitions of data, and varying standards and expectations.	

Prioritise









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4 April 2022	Embracing grey areas: improving social assistance in protracted crises	Becky Carter and Rachel Sabates-Wheeler; blog Discourse 	Blog summarising a roundtable of 76 participants. Some of the key findings included prioritising context and embracing grey areas and working with existing systems. It highlights knowledge gaps and policy challenges. Includes a video recording of the roundtable.	


12 April 2022	Rising role of impact evaluations in evidence-based programming for forcibly displaced persons and host communities	Paola Elice; UNHCR Discourse 	The blog briefly outlines the findings of recent impact evaluations of programmes for the forcibly displaced.	
April 2022	Advancing child mental health and protection in humanitarian settings: evidence of effectiveness of the child friendly spaces toolkit	World Vision Evidence 	The results of a 3-year study on two psychosocial approaches (toolkit and standard) to child-friendly spaces in the West Nile refugee response. It found that the 'toolkit' approach, using guided sessions, was more effective, than the standard approach based on open, non-prescriptive suggestions.	
April 2022	Perceptions of aid in Haiti A reality check on post-quake accountability to affected people	Ground Truth Solutions Evidence 	The research finds negative perceptions of a number of facets of aid, including addressing priorities in the long-term, participation and transparency.	
2022	Inter-agency toolkit on localisation in humanitarian coordination	Protection, education, nutrition and WASH clusters. Policy/guidance 	Toolkit on increasing localisation in humanitarian coordination.	
7 April 2022	War in Ukraine Is adding to humanitarian needs elsewhere. Diverting aid to Ukraine will make that worse	Mark Lowcock, Ian Mitchell, Sam Hughes, and Samuel Pleeck; CGD blogs Discourse 	Outlines the additional needs created by the Ukraine war due to rises in food and fuel prices and diversion of aid to Ukraine, that may make it a global humanitarian crisis.	
13 April 2022	Alarm bells but little action as Horn of Africa faces unprecedented drought	Obi Anyadike; the New Humanitarian Discourse 	Outlines the dangers of severe hunger facing more than 20 million people in the Horn of Africa, brought on by La Nina, food price rises and conflict; and the lack of donor funding.	
30 March 2022	Are we there yet? Localisation as the journey towards locally led practice	Arbie Baguios, Maia King, Alex Martins and Rose Pinnington; ODI Evidence 	The policy brief discusses the different models of localisation, with reference to existing programmes. It highlights barriers to more localisation.	
April 2022	Why (and how) should humanitarian actors consider looking at existing social protection systems from the 'first-wave' of an emergency response? A take on the Ukraine crisis	Carla Lacerda; Humanitarian Outcomes Evidence 	Using Ukraine as a case study, the brief considers humanitarian use of existing SP systems, and provides recommendations on making links between humanitarian and national systems.	

3 May 2022	IOM Cash-based Interventions - Annual Report and Case Studies 2021	IOM Evidence 	Evidence on IOM's cash-based interventions in 2021, including multi-purpose cash, livelihoods assistance, shelter assistance, return and reintegration and CBI assistance.	
7 April 2022	Aid to Ukraine: good practices and coordination issues	Francois Grünewald; Groupe URD Evidence 	Briefly outlines the humanitarian implications of urban and siege warfare in Ukraine and the need for coordination with Ukrainian organisations.	
April 2022	Issue 67	Field Exchange; issue Emergency Nutrition Network (ENN) Evidence 	Including articles on nutrition services in Rohingya camps in Bangladesh; data for nutrition accountability; nutrition hotspot analysis; causal factors of wasting in Africa; and a special section on wasting and stunting.	
May 2022	Multipurpose Outcome Indicators and Guidance	CaLP Policy/guidance 	Provides a core set of indicators to help those using cash provide consistent and comparable monitoring.	
May 2022	Lessons learned from humanitarian interventions in Ukraine (2014-2021)	Anna Louise Strachan; K4D Evidence 	Discussion of lessons from humanitarian programmes in Ukraine from 2014-2021.	
April 2022	Humanitarianism and Covid-19: Structural Dilemmas, Fault Lines, and New Perspectives	Jeremy Allouche and Dolf J.H. Lintelo, eds., IDS Bulletin issue. Evidence 	The issues discusses the negative effects of Covid-19 on the humanitarian sector, namely funding cuts and travel restrictions and increased structural inequalities, as well as opportunities such as everyday forms of humanitarianism. Articles look at urban migrants, the forcibly displaced, people with disabilities, contraceptive services, anti-migrant populism, alternative governance and refugee-led organisations.	
2-20 May 2022	Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks	UNOCHA and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC); conference Discourse 	Conference with both online and in-person sessions.	

Prevent

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29 March 2022	Pre-agreed disaster risk finance: the agenda women's advocates should be influencing	Mairi Dupar; Centre for Disaster Protection; blog Discourse 	Argues that pre-agreed disaster risk finance needs to consider gender, and that women's groups should therefore engage with it to ensure it does. Outlines the gendered nature of disaster risk, and the benefits of women's participation in disaster risk finance.	
19 April 2022	Estimating displacement risk in a changing climate	Maria Teresa Miranda Espinosa and Sylvain Ponserre; HABITABLE project Discourse 	Outlines the methodologies of the HABITABLE project to assess displacement risk	
April 2022	The war in Tigray is undermining its environmental recovery	Conflict and Environment Observatory (CEOBS) Evidence 	Research based on satellite observations showing the land restoration work in Tigray is being undermined by the conflict as the blockade forces people to cut down vegetation for fuel. This is likely to threaten food security and climate resilience in the longer term.	
April 2022	Refugee emergencies and attitudes towards refugees: some insights from the academic literature	UNHCR/World Bank Joint Data Centre Evidence 	Review of recent publications on responses to refugees and policy measures to promote tolerance. Finds that there is less hostility towards 'those groups that are perceived to be in need of humanitarian help, are culturally closer to host communities, and more likely to contribute to the economies of the host country' and that policies promoting host-refugee contact, integration, and providing factual information, are effective.	
April 2022	Predicting refugee flows from Ukraine with an approach to Big (Crisis) Data: a new opportunity for refugee and humanitarian studies	Tado Jurić Evidence 	Uses the Google Trends analytics tool to predict numbers of refugees from Ukraine. Finds a correlation between migration-related search queries and refugee numbers.	
April 2022	Social protection: an operational tool for the humanitarian, development and peace nexus	Dafuleya Gift, Neetu Mahil and Marius Olivier; IOM Evidence 	Explores the links between cash based interventions and social protection, with a focus on MENA case studies.	
4 April 2022	The Humanitarian Sector Needs Clear Job Profiles for Climate Science Translators Now More than Ever	Markus Enenkel and Andrew Kruckiewicz; Journal of the American Meteorological Society Evidence 	Argues that humanitarian programmes that seek to anticipate the effects of climate change require specialist skills in climate science, forecasting and data. It therefore recommends a new career path of climate science translators (CST) and outlines the skills needed.	

April 2022	Realising the cross-cutting potential of sport in situations of forced displacement	Olympic Refuge Foundation Think Tank; BMJ Global Health Discourse 	Argues that sport can help deliver a range of health and psychosocial interventions in situations of forced displacement and discusses lessons on the effective use of sport from expert interviews.	
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Resource Hubs

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COVID-19 Armed Non-State Actors' Response Monitor	Geneva Call	Resource tracking Covid-19 responses by armed non-state actors globally.
From Words to Deeds	The Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, in collaboration with Geneva Call, the American University in Cairo and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)	Research on armed non-stated actors' adherence to IHL.
Global Database of Humanitarian Organisations	Humanitarian Outcomes	Database of humanitarian providers and resources.
Evidence database	Anticipation Hub	Database of evidence on the effectiveness of early actions.
Covid-19: tracking local humanitarian action and complementary partnerships	Overseas Development Institute, Humanitarian Policy Group	Map of complementary partnerships and local humanitarian action across the globe.
Social protection responses to compounding risks: Lessons from Covid-19 and climate-related disasters	Red Cross and Red Crescent Climate Centre	A data dashboard of social protection responses to covid-19, at the national and international level.
COVID-19 Data Explorer: Global Humanitarian Operations	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.).
Covid-19 and Humanitarian Crises	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.
Covid-19 Mobility Impact Reports	UN IOM	Frequently updated reports on migration restrictions.

IDMC Internal Displacement Updates	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.

International Review of the Red Cross	International Review of the Red Cross	Journal focusing on international humanitarian law, policy and action in situations of conflict.
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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. Resources are selected based on their relevance to the themes of protect, prioritise and prevent. Entries are categorised as **evidence** (academic peer-reviewed articles or reports that have gone through a quality assurance process); **discourse** (opinion and discussion of key issues in the humanitarian sector); and **policies and guidelines** (newly published policies and guidelines on humanitarian response). 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. 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. 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

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