

Humanitarian evidence and discourse summary No.29

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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

Publication date	Title/URL	Publication type (evidence, discourse or policy/guidance)	Summary	HoP Top reads
July 2022	Humanitarian access overview	ACAPS Evidence 	Updated report on humanitarian access trends, with measurement of different constraints across various countries.	
July 2022	Figures at a Glance 2022	Abby Stoddard, Monica Czwarno, Meriah-Jo Breckenridge; Aid Worker Security Database (AWSD), Humanitarian Outcomes Evidence 	Updated figures on aid worker security.	
July 2022	Ukraine conflict environmental briefing: nuclear sites and radiation risks	CEOBS and Zoi Environment Network Evidence 	Report on the risks to nuclear power infrastructure brought by the war in Ukraine. Outlines the incidents and risks at Ukraine's power plants, storage sites, research facilities and other relevant sites.	

6 July 2022	Mis- and disinformation: How to rebuild trust when humanitarian operations are threatened	Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation Evidence 	Video of a panel discussion on dealing with mis- and disinformation. The speakers are from MSF, UNHCR and the ICRC and drawing on a range of country experience including: DRC, Liberia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Ukraine, Yemen etc.	
13 July 2022	The United Nations Security Council and Humanitarian Operations in Syria: A Legal Analysis	Diakonia International Humanitarian Law Centre Evidence 	Focusing on cross-border aid operations, the report outlines the relevant IHL for humanitarian relief to Syria, the role of the UNSC in helping to allow access; and rules governing unauthorised access.	
28 June 2022	A Shrinking Humanitarian Space: Peacekeeping Stabilization Projects and Violence in Mali	Melanie Sauter; International Peacekeeping Evidence 	Analysis of data on peacekeeping missions and aid projects, to determine the effect of humanitarian-political integration on humanitarian access. Compares Military-driven peacekeeping stabilisation projects and humanitarian aid projects. It finds that although attacks against aid workers decrease in stabilisation projects, this is because of decreased access. Attacks against civilians increase during stabilisation projects.	
July 2022	Global Protection Update, Beyond Trucks, Access that Protects	Global Protection Cluster Evidence 	Global update of protection risks, showing a 36% increase. It highlights different types of risk and gives eight recommendations for improvement.	
July 2022	Co-Coordination Agreements: GPC Template and Guidance	Global Protection Cluster Policy/guidance 	The Global Protection Cluster's recommended template and guidance for field co-ordination agreements between the cluster lead agency and co-coordinating organisations.	
July 2022	International NGOs and the long humanitarian century: legacy, legitimacy, and leading into the future	Andrew Thompson and Mike Aaronson; Nuffield College Oxford Evidence 	Based on interviews with CEOs of international NGOs, the research identifies the challenges facing NGOs in terms of a changing ecosystem, legitimacy, localisation, financing, governance, and the effect of particular disruptors. The study finds a focus on the internal dynamics of NGOs rather than external challenges.	

July 2022	Joint Evaluation of the Protection of the Rights of Refugees During the COVID-19 Pandemic	Glynn Taylor et al.; UNHCR Evidence 	Evaluation of protection of refugee rights including asylum, access to healthcare, child protection and gender-based violence.	
July 2022	How the 2022 Russian Invasion of Ukraine is influencing COVID-19 Misinformation in Ten Humanitarian Contexts	Rooted in Trust (RiT) Evidence 	Analysis of how the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022 is affecting Covid-19 rumours. Identifies new information, linked to the invasion, including that covid-19 is a hoax, and complaints about Ukraine as a diversion. Discusses implications for healthcare delivery.	
6 July 2022	Doing no (digital) harm by design in humanitarian technology interventions	Cassie Seo; Centre for Humanitarian Action Discourse 	Discussion of risks involved when using technology in humanitarian settings.	

Prioritise

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29 June 2022	Secondary impacts of the conflict in Ukraine: Case Studies in the Middle East	Mercy Corps Evidence 	Report on the effects of the war in Ukraine on food security, agriculture, transport and energy in Yemen, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Jordan, and Iraq.	
July 2022	Inclusion and exclusion in humanitarian action: findings from a three-year study	Oliver Lough, Veronique Barbelet and Sarah Njeri; Overseas Development Institute Evidence 	Findings from three years of study, with case studies of case studies in north-east Nigeria; the Rohingya refugee response in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh; the urban refugee response in Jordan; and the complex mix of post-conflict recovery and natural-hazard-related disasters in Mindanao, the Philippines. Discusses humanitarians' policies on inclusion, and their implementation and makes recommendations.	
11 July 2022	Global Humanitarian Assistance Report 2022	Angus Urquhart, Fran Girling, Suzanna Nelson-Pollard, Erica Mason; Development Initiatives Evidence 	An overview of humanitarian needs (71% in protracted crises) and funding (finding that financing did not increase in line with needs). Analysis covers donor sources, recipient countries, cash/ voucher funding, and direct funding to local actors.	

12 July 2022	Rethinking Humanitarianism: Weapons as aid?	The New Humanitarian Discourse 	Podcast hosted by Heba Aly, with Ukrainian MP Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukrainian first-aider Fedir Serdiuk, and Robert Mardini from the ICRC. Questions whether humanitarian neutrality should be reconsidered, and whether weapons can be considered humanitarian aid, with a focus on Ukraine.	
July 2022	The UK's humanitarian response to COVID-19 A review	Independent Commission for Aid Evidence 	Analysis of the UK's humanitarian response to Covid-19. It finds that the response overall was 'relevant, coherent and effective' and awards a green-amber score. Includes case studies of Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Jordan, Kenya, Nepal and Yemen.	
14 July 2022	Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation (IAHE) of the Yemen Crisis	Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation Steering Group and Institute of Development Studies Evidence 	Evaluation of the humanitarian response in Yemen, including outcomes in food, health and protection. Includes some system level findings and recommendations relevant to other protracted crises where a reliance on humanitarian financing and actors to sustain basic services and social assistance.	
July 2022	Pathways Home - Guidance for Supporting Shelter Self-Recovery	Cecilia Schmölder et al.; Global Shelter Cluster Policy/guidance 	Guidance on shelter self-recovery, covering the theoretical underpinnings of the concept, and practical guidance on implementation.	
4 July 2022	Re-Defining Shelter: Humanitarian Sheltering	Jennifer Ward George, Peter Guthrie, John J. Orr; Disasters Evidence 	Discussion of the concept of shelter, seeking to clarify ambiguities, such as ideas of dignity and privacy, and include recent developments such as the impacts of shelter. It proposes a new definition including five key reflections: the concept of process over object; inclusion of communities as well as individuals; the commonality of long-term sheltering; the wider impacts of shelter; the impact on host communities and environment.	
30 June 2022	The evidence grows, but does better humanitarian response follow?	James Smith; ELHRA Discourse 	Reflecting on the 2021 Humanitarian Health Evidence Review, the blog discusses biases and gaps in the evidence, the need to include research from the global south and practitioners, to translate findings effectively; and the need to foster support and solidarity for people in need.	
July 2022	IASC Learning Package on Protection from Sexual Misconduct for UN partner organizations	Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Policy/guidance 	One-day in-person training so that humanitarian staff can define, detect and respond to sexual misconduct. Includes case studies, testimonies, group discussions, team and role-play activities, videos and questions.	
July 2022	Women leading local	Sarah Njeri and Megan Daigle; ODI	Research on women's rights organisations providing humanitarian aid in South Sudan and Kenya,	

	humanitarian response during the Covid-19 pandemic: case studies from South Sudan and Kenya	Evidence 	showing how they scaled up their work during Covid-19 without additional funding. Includes recommendations on how the international system can better fund and support these organisations.	
July 2022	Local Knowledge and Perceptions on the Causes of Malnutrition among the Dasanech in Kenya	John Burns et al.; Feinstein International Centre Evidence 	The results of a rapid community-level analysis of the causes of acute malnutrition in Illeret ward in Marsabit County in Kenya. Information was gathered on livelihood shocks and trends over the past twenty years, and a severe decline in livelihoods and food security since 2010 was identified.	
July 2022	Practitioner Note 4: Inclusive social protection for forcibly displaced populations	Lucas Sato; International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) Policy/guidance 	Guidance for governments and humanitarian actors on making social protection shock-responsive and inclusive in the middle East.	
July 2022	How can vulnerable internally displaced persons be transitioned from humanitarian assistance to social protection?	Chinedu Temple Obi et al.; World Bank working papers Evidence 	Given the lack of evidence on aligning humanitarian assistance systems with national social protection, the paper uses two models to test the eligibility of current humanitarian beneficiaries in Iraq. It finds that many are eligible, but although accuracy is high, some households are likely to be missed.	
5 July 2022	Learning for Ukraine: Challenges and Opportunities for Change	ALNAP and Humanitarian Outcomes Evidence 	Webinar on humanitarian issues raised by the war in Ukraine. The panellists were Abby Stoddard, Esteban Sacco, Louisa Medhurst and Varvara Pakhomenko.	
July 2022	Cash transfers in pandemic times: evidence, practices and implications from the largest scale up in history	Ugo Gentilini; World Bank Evidence 	Report on the use of cash transfers in response to Covid-19 and their implications. Includes some discussion on the linkages between humanitarian assistance and domestic social protection.	

Prevent

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4 July 2022	Do humanitarian agencies help refugees become independent? Evidence from history	Evan Easton-Calabria; The Conversation Discourse 	Blog summarising the findings from a book on the history of the concept and practice of self-reliance for refugees, with examples from Greece in the 1920s, East Africa in the 1970s, and emphasising the importance of understanding the socio-economic context rather than just focusing on refugee skills.	

July 2022	Journal of Refugee Studies, Volume 35 issue 2	Journal of Refugee Studies Evidence 	14 articles on subjects including the reception of Rohingya in Bangladesh; refugee community-based organisations; and global refugee governance, among others.	
July 2022	Forced Displacement Literature Review	Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement Evidence 	10 recent articles on a variety of aspects of forced displacement, including effects on food prices, crime and investment; global trends; factors affecting the decision to flee or stay; and others.	
13 July 2022	Global Displacement Forecast 2022 – July Update	Danish Refugee Council Evidence 	Updated forecasts for 2022-23, using the DRC/IBM modelling tools. It suggests that displacement could increase by 20 million over 2022-23.	
July 2022	State of the Humanitarian Energy Sector: Challenges, Progress and Issues in 2022	Dr Sarah Rosenberg-Jansen and Dr Hajar Al-Kaddo; United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) Evidence 	Provides analysis of energy provision in displacement contexts; and relevant governance and policy, funding, climate implications, and recommendations. Shows that most displaced persons do not have access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern sources of energy	
July 2022	Advancing Nexus in the MENA Region – Breaking the Silos	Rafaat Ludin; ICVA Evidence 	Based on data from Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Iraq, Syria, Yemen and Libya, the report discusses the progress of the nexus. It finds that despite progress in some countries, 'humanitarian actors across MENA face issues related to ambiguity on HDP Nexus definition, the lack of integration and institutionalization of Nexus, unsystematic or rare collaboration with government actors and other key humanitarian and development actors, and an insufficient amount of quality and flexible funding.'	
July 2022	2022 global refugee work rights report	Thomas Ginn et al.; Center for Global Development (CGD) Evidence 	Review of de jure and de facto right to work for refugees across the world, with analysis of the barriers and their implications.	

July 2022	Report on the use of flexible funding in 2021	UNCHR Evidence 	Data on UNHCR's funding in 2021, showing that 15% was unearmarked and 21% softly earmarked, an increase on previous years. Shows the sources of flexible funding, its uses, and provides examples of its value.	
July 2022	Socio-economic evidence in practice In forcibly displaced settings	Theresa Beltramo, Jedidiah Fix, and Rebecca Ong; UNCHR Evidence 	Brief examples of research on forced displacement, including on refugee inclusion in Kenya, impact evaluations, and the role of national statistics.	
20 July 2022	World report on the health of refugees and migrants	World Health Organisation Evidence 	Large report on the health challenges facing refugees, and the policies and practices addressing them.	
5 July 2022	Information and evidence in Yemen: a case for using predictive analytics and cross-sector collaboration for anticipatory action	Rachel Lew; Anticipation Hub Evidence 	Outlines some of the data collection and analysis tools that can be used in Yemen and other emergency situations, and emphasises the need for collaboration between sectors.	
July 2022	Urban Refugees and IDPs in Secondary Cities: Case Studies of Crisis Migration, Urbanisation, and Governance	Evan Easton-Calabria, Delina Abadi, Gezahegn Gebremedhin, Jennifer Wood; Cities Alliance Evidence 	Report on refugees and IDPs in East African secondary cities. It shows the challenges to local government and civil society. It calls for more data and assistance on displaced people in secondary cities.	
July 2022	Words into action guidelines: using traditional knowledges for disaster risk reduction	UNDDR Policy/guidance 	Guidance on using traditional knowledge in DDR with discussion of concepts, benefits, barriers and challenges, and case studies of use.	
30 June 2022	What prospects for aid in 2022 (and beyond)?	Annalisa Prizzon; ODI Discourse 	Discussion of recent trends in aid, including falls in funding, with some exceptions; potentially greater focus on some regions; and more focus on humanitarian assistance, investment in low-carbon transition and perhaps debt relief.	

Resource Hubs

Title/URL	Author/Organisation	Summary
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.

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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