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September 2022	From words to deeds a study of armed non-state actors' practice and interpretation of international humanitarian and human rights norms research and policy conclusions	Annyssa Bellal, Pascal Bongar and Ezequiel Heffes; UKRI Evidence	Research on how armed non-state actors (ANSAs) interpret and practice IHL norms, including protection of civilians, humanitarian access, protection of healthcare, and others. Further detail on case studies (e.g. FARC, MNLA, the Taliban, Hezbollah, Al Qaeda, MILF and the Islamic State group) available here	★	
September 2022	Collaborative advocacy on the protection of civilians: children and armed conflict and explosive weapons in populated areas	Gemma Davies and Alexandra Spencer; ODI Evidence	Looking at protection advocacy related to the use of explosive weapons in populated areas, and children and armed conflict, the report analyses current advocacy mechanisms and strategies and lessons. Argues that 'Multilateral approaches involving a broad and diverse set of actors, strategies and tactics are required to develop and maintain protections and norms at the international, regional and national levels.'		
September 2022	Humanitarian resistance Its ethical and operational importance	Hugo Slim; Humanitarian Practice Network Evidence	The paper discusses the practice of humanitarian resistance. Using historical and recent examples, it argues that such activity plays and has played an important role in protection, and that neutrality is not necessary under IHL.		

September 2022	Advocating together to strengthen protection – Collective efforts of international and national organisations:	Gemma Davies and Alexandra Spencer; ODI Evidence 🔬	Briefing note explores of examples of international and national humanitarian actors engaging in collaborative advocacy efforts, highlights good practice and suggests opportunities for change
July 2022	Humanitarian Considerations in Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR)	Luke Kelly, K4D Evidence 🔬	Rapid literature review finds that disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration (DDR) raises a number of humanitarian considerations, centred on the treatment of participants and the unintended consequences of the programmes (including externally)
13 September 2022	Aftermaths of battles and conflicts: from challenges to solutions	Christian Cardon de Lichtbuer, Thomas de Saint Maurice, and Kelisiana Thynne, ICRC Discourse 💬	The end of intense combat during armed conflict does not automatically correlate with an end to human suffering. This blog proposes some concrete recommendations as to what can be done before, during and after conflict to reduce human suffering.
11 September	The Vanishing Point of the Laws of War	Alex de Waal; The New York Review Discourse 💬	In discussing how best to protect victims of war-induced starvation, the article outlines the use of blockades as a war tactic over the last two hundred years, and how their appeal to warring powers as a 'measure short of war' has limited legal and popular recognition of 'starvation crimes'. Since the passing of UNSCR 2417 (2018), stating "that using starvation of civilians as a method of warfare may constitute a war crime," several states have resisted enforcing it, while international organisations have been muted in denouncing the blockade in Tigray. Based on a recently published book.

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September 2022	The Ukraine crisis and diverted aid: What we know so far	Development Initiatives Evidence	Data on proportion of humanitarian requirements met, comparing Ukraine with other contexts. Finds that there is evidence of diversion from other contexts to Ukraine.	
June 20220	Humanitarian Ration Cuts: Impacts on Vulnerable Groups	Huma Haider, K4D Evidence	Explores the evidence regarding the impact of ration cuts – the focus is primarily on refugee populations and sub groups of refugees.	
September 2022	Pooled funds: the new humanitarian silver bullet?	Manisha Thomas; Norwegian Refugee Council Evidence	The study looks at the benefits and challenges of using pooled funds in order to send funds quickly to emergencies. Examines issues of coordination, risk sharing, knowledge sharing and others.	
7 September 2022	Opinion: Are we finally ready to shake up humanitarian financing?	Harpinder Collacott and Pierre Micheletti; DevEx Discourse	Blog discusses the possibility of a common humanitarian fund driven by mandatory contributions.	
August 2022	Beyond borders: satellite applications for humanitarian emergencies	Giulia Costella; Caribou Space Evidence	The report outlines the many satellite applications and actors already involved in humanitarian response. However it finds limited evidence on their effectiveness to guide future use.	★
August 2022	Lesson of lessons: A window into the evolution of the humanitarian system	Jessica Alexander and Emmeline Kerkvliet; ALNAP Evidence	The report analyses 15 lessons papers from the past 25 years to identify themes on the most common lessons and where progress has or has not been made.	★
September 2022	Tracking cash and voucher assistance	Development Initiatives Evidence	Provides data on the use of CVA in humanitarian crises; how CVA use is currently reported (e.g. whether it is disaggregated, whether it	

			shows sectoral objectives, and , and how this can be improved.	
6 Sept 2022	[Guiding Principles on Interoperability of Data Systems in Humanitarian Cash Programming](#)	Donor cash forum Guidance	Details of the ten principles on data interoperability in cash programming are relevant across the spectrum of sector and sub-sector programming along the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus. The DCF's principles will also assist donors in determining funding levels and with performance assessments and evaluations of interoperability initiatives.	★
April 2022	[Cash and In-Kind Transfers in Humanitarian Settings: A Review of Evidence and Knowledge Gaps](#)	Dahyeon Jeong and Iva Trako; World Bank Working Paper Evidence	A literature review of non-contributory humanitarian assistance interventions in low-and-middle income countries.	
September 2022	[Adjusting social protection delivery to support displaced populations](#)	Christy Lowe et al.; ODI Evidence	The report highlights the need to modify social protection systems so that IDPs can access them. Based on research in Cameroon, Colombia and Greece.	
14 September 2022	[Examining ways to promote mobile money use in refugee-hosting areas in Ethiopia](#)	Alan de Brauw and Shalini Roy; IFPRI Evidence	Short blog outlining an ongoing trial to test whether incentives can be used to increase mobile money usage. This is designed to overcome previously identified disparities in mobile money usage.	
1 November 2022	[Expanding Social Protection Coverage with Humanitarian Aid: Lessons on Targeting and Transfer Values from Ethiopia](#)	Rachel Sabates-Wheeler et al.; Journal of Development Studies Evidence	Analysis of the data from the Ethiopian government's social protection and emergency food assistance transfers. Finds that the country's social protection has been able to effectively scale-up during emergencies, and that social protection and humanitarian assistance were complementary	
14 September 2022	[Data sharing and third-party monitoring in humanitarian response](#)	Stephanie Diepeveen et al.; ODI Evidence	The report explores risks and opportunities around third-party monitoring of humanitarian work.	★

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September 2022	Validating humanitarian data analysis through collective intelligence: a pilot study	Robert Trigwell et al.; IOM Evidence 🔬	Advances a new method for affected populations to validate data collected in humanitarian settings. A form of collective intelligence (CI) involving the use of digital technology allows affected populations to validate previously collected data and conclusions, and provide open-ended input to provide both more disaggregated data and more in-depth engagement.	
September 2022	Report of the evaluation of the humanitarian response to the war in Ukraine, 2022	François Grünewald; Groupe URD Evidence 🔬	Updated real time evaluation of the humanitarian response to the war in Ukraine, including national and international responses, and particular challenges and issues such as aid in areas under bombardment, population movements, aid modalities, coordination, and others.	
8 September 2022	Caught between two stools: humanitarian aid in the Sri Lanka crisis response	Paul Harvey and Gayathri Lokuge; Humanitarian Practice Network Discourse 💬	Sri Lanka's economic crisis and high rates of food insecurity but the nature of the crisis means that humanitarian actors have been able to offer relatively little support. Discusses the need for international support for local volunteer action	
8 September 2022	Locked out. What do local leaders say about reforming the humanitarian system?	Duncan Green; From Poverty to Power Discourse 💬	Blog highlighting some ideas from the Global Summit on Local Leadership, which discussed barriers and drivers to localisation.	
8 September 2022	If the humanitarian system is to meet the growing needs of people affected by crises, we need transformation not tinkering	Tanya Wood et al.; Start Network Discourse 💬	Blog recommending six key changes to transform the humanitarian system.	
28 September 2022	Registration, targeting and deduplication: emergency response inside Ukraine thematic paper	CALP network Evidence 🔬	Thematic evaluation of the USD 492 million cash response to the Ukraine crisis, focused on registration, targeting and deduplication.	

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15 September 2022	Humanitarian action in an evolving Russia–Ukraine conflict Virtual roundtable, 15 September 2022	John Bryant, Patrick Saez and Sarah Redd; ODI Discourse	Summary of a recent discussion on prioritising aid in Ukraine, including the different contexts within the country, increased needs in winter, the need for long-term planning, and funding to local actors.	
28 September 2022	Humanitarian Accountability Report 2022: Accountability is Non-negotiable	CHS Alliance Evidence	Report on accountability to affected populations, discussing trends in the sector and issues such as sexual abuse, leadership and climate change.	

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August 2022	Forced Migration Review issue: Knowledge, voice and power	Various; Forced Migration Review Evidence	Articles on knowledge, voice and power, as well as social cohesion.	
September 2022	Refugees welcome? Inter-group interaction and host community attitude formation	Alexander Betts et al.; World Development Evidence	Research showing a 'small positive correlation between refugee-host interactions and host community attitudes towards refugees in Uganda.'	
September 2022	The impact of forced displacement on housing and urban settlement in host communities	Joint Data Centre Quarterly Digest, World Bank/UNHCR Evidence	Literature suggests that the nature of refugee inflows has the potential to affect housing prices and generate substantial changes in housing preferences, neighborhood quality/amenities, mobility patterns of hosts, and host attitudes toward refugees. This may lead to residential segregation, urban poverty, economic inequality, and unsustainable cities. A range of policy lessons are suggested.	

September 2022	Data and displacement assessing the practical and ethical implications of data-driven humanitarianism for IDPs in camp-like settings	Vicki Squire et al.; Warwick University Evidence	The report, based on interviews with data experts and humanitarian workers, and IDPs, finds that data is not always collected in line with international standards. It raises operational concerns related to inconsistent collection practices, and ethical concerns around informed consent and data use.	
September 2022	Towards the "perfect" weather warning bridging disciplinary gaps through partnership and communication	Brian Golding, ed.; Springer Evidence	The book discusses how to make effective weather warnings through interorganisational communication and cooperation.	
September 2022	The state-of-the-art on drought displacement modelling	IDMC Policy/guidance	Report on data methodologies used to forecast the risk of drought displacement episodes. Outlines the models currently used, strengths and weaknesses, and gaps in the data.	
September 2022	Trauma-informed anticipatory action: considerations for refugees and other displaced populations	Evan Easton-Calabria; Feinstein International Center Evidence	Discusses trauma-informed anticipatory action for displaced populations. Considerations of trauma should inform risk communication.	
September 2022	Disaster Risk Financing: An Overview From Lesotho	Relebohile Agnes Mojaki, Evan Easton-Calabria, Erin Coughlan de Perez; Feinstein International Center Evidence	Brief looking at the disaster risk management landscape in Lesotho following the Disaster Risk Management Bill in 2020.	
29 September 2022	Anticipating drought-related food security changes	P. Krishna Krishnamurthy R; Nature Sustainability Evidence	Uses lag-1 autocorrelation diagnostics into remotely sensed observations from the Soil Moisture Active Passive (SMAP) mission and food prices to help forecast drought more accurately (outside of conflict settings).	

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30 September 2022	Adapting to fragility: Lessons from practitioners Evidence 🔬	Ed Laws, Samuel Sharp and Pablo Yanguas; ODI Evidence	The report seeks to characterise different forms of fragility, and lessons on how development programmes can effectively work in such situations. Based on research in Afghanistan, Libya and Lebanon.	
September 2022	Risk management & decision making under uncertainty during the Afghanistan crisis 2021	Araba Cole & Panagiotis Olympiou; GISF Evidence 🔬	The report analyses crisis management practices employed by humanitarian organisations during the Taliban takeover in 2021. Includes an overview of contemporary thinking on risk and uncertainty, and crisis management, and argues that it can help humanitarians worked more effectively in insecure situations. In particular, humanitarian organisations need to engage more with uncertainty.	
September 2022	Lessons for peace: engaging with Afghanistan after four decades of conflict and one year of new Taliban administration	Alastair McKechnie, Mark Bowden and Ed Laws; ODI Evidence 🔬	Lessons on engaging with Afghanistan's political structures to deliver aid.	
30 September 2022	Learning from disruption: Evolution, revolution, or status quo?	A Khan et al.; ALNAP Discourse 💬	Based on discussion from a 2021 ALNAP meeting, the paper analyses the effect of covid-19 and the decolonise aid debate on the aid sector.	
October 2022	The emerging world of humanitarian energy: A conceptual research review	Sarah Rosenberg-Jansen; Energy Research & Social Science Evidence 🔬	A literature review of research on energy in contexts of displacement, finding a significant body of research.	
14 September 2022	The Lancet Commission on lessons for the future from the COVID-19 pandemic	Jeffrey D Sachs et al.; The Lancet Evidence 🔬	Discussion of responses to Covid-19 pandemic in terms of international cooperation on suppression, humanitarian response, economic challenges and rebuilding. Includes recommendations for a strengthened multilateral	

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		system. Based on the input of experts.		
4 October 2022	Scaling sustainable energy services for displaced people and their hosts	Owen Grafham, Glada Lahn and James Haselip; Chatham House Evidence	Evidence on governance and policy structures can enable or inhibit provision of and access to sustainable energy for displaced persons. Uses case studies of Ethiopia, Jordan, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.	

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7 October 2022	Risk Sharing in practice: success stories, enablers, and barriers to risk sharing in the humanitarian sector	ICRC, IASC and the Netherlands government. Evidence	Discusses risk management practices across the humanitarian delivery chain, from donors to implementers. Notes that transferring risk from one organisation to another is potentially problematic, and advocates risk sharing as an alternative strategy. Based on interviews with humanitarians, the report provides lessons from case studies of risk sharing.	
13 October 2022	Safeguarding humanitarian organizations from digital threats	Tilman Rodenhäuser, Massimo Marelli and Balthasar Staehelin; ICRC Discourse	Outlines the digital threats to humanitarian operations and potential ways to address these, including greater adherence to IHL.	

October 2022	[Guidance note on data security in operational data management](#)	UN Centre for Humanitarian Data Guidance	Note outlining recommended actions to improve data security in humanitarian settings.	
October 2022	[Advocating for the better protection of civilians: from stagnation to action](#)	Victoria Metcalfe-Hough; Overseas Development Institute Evidence	Report on humanitarian actors' role as advocates for protection, identifying current practices, barriers and suggestions for more effective advocacy.	⭐
11 October 2022	[Small conflicts with big impact: The Tajik-Kyrgyz war no one talks about](#)	Julia Emtseva; EJIL Talk Discourse	Blog discussing international actors' framing of the Tajik-Kyrgyz conflict, and its implications for potential responses, and evidence on potential IHL violations.	
October 2022	[The economic impact of war](#)	Erhan Artuc Nicolas Gomez-Parra Harun Onder; World Bank working paper Evidence	Proposes a new method to estimate the welfare impact of conflicts. Uses migration data and the case study of Eastern Donetsk from 2014 to 2019.	
October 2022	[A global rights compliance OSINT investigation of starvation crimes in Tigray](#)	Catriona Murdoch,Prachiti Venkatraman and Rebecca Bakos Blumenthal; Global Rights Compliance Evidence	Report on the use of starvation tactics by the Ethiopian government in Tigray. It is based on evidence from investigative reports, food security data, and open source intelligence, among other sources. Finds evidence of attacks on farms, water supplies, markets, infrastructure and humanitarian aid workers, among others.	
October 2022	[Ukraine conflict environmental briefing: 3. Industry](#)	CEOBS and Zoï Environment Network Evidence	Evidence on the contamination created by conflict affecting industrial facilities and its effect on public health. With a case study of Azovstal, Mariupol.	

October 2022	[Global Risk Analysis](#)	ACAPS Evidence	Summary of ACAPS' global risk assessments, with profiles of countries deemed at risk.	

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7 October 2022	[Innovation opportunities in solid waste disposal in humanitarian settings](#)	Elrha, UrbanEmerge, FLUSH and Science Practice Evidence	Explores solid waste disposal in displaced person settlements in Uganda and Somalia. Identifies problems and existing, trialled and emerging solutions.	
October 2022	[Different responses, same old shit: A review of how humanitarian agencies implement emergency sanitation in 11 different humanitarian responses](#)	Andy Bastable and Michelle Farrington; Oxfam Evidence	Findings from a research project on the use of emerging latrines in refugee and IDP camps. Finds that '40% of women and girls are not using the emergency latrines, people feel ashamed and embarrassed by the indignity of it and in some cases the latrines add to the public health risk instead of decreasing it.' Problems include a lack of consultation, insufficient resources, protection issues and a lack of tailored provision.	
October 2022	[Can multisectoral needs assessments be done online?](#)	Research for Health in Humanitarian Crises (R2HC); ELHRA Evidence	Research Snapshot summarising evidence of field testing HESPER-Web, a WHO web-based version of a commonly-used humanitarian tool. The research found high potential for the web-based tool.	
October 2022	[Livestock and Nutrition](#)	Kate Sadler; Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS) Evidence	Technical brief discussing the potential for greater integration between the livestock and nutrition sectors. 68% of resource-poor rural households keep livestock, meaning they should be considered in nutrition interventions.	

October 2022	STAAR Evidence Digest Curated by the STAAR Technical Senior Leadership Team	Social Protection Technical Assistance, Advice, and Resources Facility, STAAR Evidence	Evidence digest on social protection in emergencies. Includes evidence on strengthening links between social protection and humanitarian aid, gender and social inclusion, Ukraine, Covid-19, targeting, displaced persons, digital, climate, conflict, localisation, and value for money.	⭐
October 2022	Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) Decision Making Tools	Paula Gil Baizan and Nathalie Klein; CaLP Guidance	Tool to help practitioners calculate a minimum expenditure basket (MEB).	
October 2022	Eight top tips for the 2023 humanitarian planning season	Lynn Yoshikawa; CaLP Discourse	Eight tips focused on cash transfers.	
October 2022	Measuring results of humanitarian action: adapting public health indicators to different contexts	Chiara Altare et al.; Conflict and Health Evidence	Discussing the difficulty of measuring health outcomes in humanitarian crises, the paper discusses ways to adapt best practice in measurement for use in humanitarian contexts. Discusses the indicators currently used, alternative methods, and how they might adapt to constraints in humanitarian contexts.	
October 2022	COVID-19 epidemiology and changes in health service utilization in Uganda's refugee settlements during the first year of the pandemic	Chiara Altare et al.; BMC Public Health Evidence	Data on Covid-19 rates in Uganda's refugee settlements, finding lower rates of the disease than in the rest of the country, but also lower testing capacity. It also finds limited disruption to health services.	
October 2022	Assessing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic among Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Colombia	Phuong Pham et al.; BMJ Open Evidence	Phone surveys were used to determine adherence to Covid-19 mitigation measures, symptoms, and income loss among Venezuelan migrants in Colombia. Finds 'high compliance with COVID-19 mitigation measures, low testing rates and high pandemic-	

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	using respondent-driven sampling (RDS)		related income loss among Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Colombia'.	
29 September 2022	Shortfalls in data exclude older people from humanitarian responses	Hester Clark; Bond Discourse	Blog outlining the lack of humanitarian provision tailored for the needs of older people, and lack of data collection, including recent evidence and guidance on the issue.	⭐
24 October 2022	Out of the Spotlight Away from the headlines, millions of forcibly displaced people are being pushed to the brink	UNHCR Evidence	Data visualisation the difficulties faced by refugees and IDPs, brought on by food price increases, climate change, conflict and other issues.	
October 2022	Humanitarian aid NGOs' accountability towards large donors: the case of the European Union's DG ECHO	Stijn van Voorst, Sandra L. Resodihardjo & Andrea Schneiker; Journal of International Humanitarian Action Evidence	Analysis of the evaluation mechanisms for humanitarian actors funded by the EU, arguing that the EU has sufficient resources to analyse self-reported findings from implementers; and that it places more emphasis on field visits for evaluation.	

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October 2022	Assessing the severity of displacement situations: data gaps and ways forward	Chloe Sydney and Alesia O'Connor; Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre Evidence	Provides a revised methodology for assessing severity of internal displacement, by developing standardised indicators and including displacement by disasters as well as conflict. Groups 18 questions under the categories of: safety and security; standards of living; basic services; and civic and social rights. Applies the method to displacement situations and highlights data gaps.	

October 2022	[The digital worlds of displacement-affected communities: a cross-context study of how people affected by displacement use mobile phones](#)	Zoe Hamilton et al.; GSMA Mobile for Humanitarian Innovation programme Evidence 🔬	The study is based on research in Lebanon, Papua New Guinea and South Sudan and shows 'complex digital worlds' through which refugees interact with news, friends and family, and navigate their situations. Also discusses risks of digital technology.	
October 2022	[What can existing microdata tell us about transfer receipt among host and displaced populations?](#)	Heiner Salomon and Jessica Hagen-Zanker; Overseas Development Institute Evidence 🔬	Approximates the 'comparative coverage rates for social protection and voucher based humanitarian support (including predominantly cash and food support) in displacement contexts' using UNHCR and World Bank data. Outlines what existing data says, as well as gaps in available data.	
October 2022	[Rethinking self-reliance and economic inclusion of refugees through a distributive lens: A case study from Uganda](#)	Naohiko Omata; African Affairs Evidence 🔬	Analysis of Uganda's refugee protection model of self-reliance and economic exclusion. Argues that 'policymakers largely fail to consider the distribution and availability of local resources in promoting these ideas.' It can therefore be misleading to present Uganda's model as a success, and more emphasis should be put on feasibility in future plans.	⭐
October 2022	[Innovation in governance: Integrating technical and contextual perspectives to address fragility](#)	SPARC Evidence 🔬	Brief on integrating technical and contextual knowledge in fragile context. Uses the Stakeholder Approach to Risk Informed and Evidence Based Decision Making (SHARED) framework in Ethiopia, Kenya, Mali, Niger and Somalia to highlight the need to integrate the two types of knowledge.	
October 2022	[Measuring effects and effectiveness of resilience programming](#)	FSNetwork, USAID and REAL Evidence 🔬	Website displaying evidence on resilience programming in several African countries and Nepal.	

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October 2022	Integrating information education and communication tools to strengthen disaster preparedness and resilience among social assistance beneficiaries: lessons for Indonesia and beyond	Asha Williams et al.; World Bank Group Evidence	Evidence on how social assistance can be used to spread education and information on disaster preparedness among recipients, using data from Indonesia.	
10 October 2022	Extreme heat: Preparing for the heat waves of the future	IFRC, UNOCHA and Red Cross Climate Centre Guidance	Report outlining the threat of heat waves, which is likely to increase. Includes the main impacts of heatwaves, and how to predict, prevent and respond to them.	
October 2022	Embracing discomfort A call to enable finance for climate-change adaptation in conflict settings	Yue Cao et al.; Overseas Development Institute Discourse	Outlines evidence on the obstacles to funding for climate change adaptation in conflict settings and gives recommendations to policymakers on how best to provide such funding.	⭐
October 2022	Give countries in conflict their fair share of climate finance	International Crisis Group Discourse	Argues that countries affected by climate change and conflict receive only a 1/3 of the amount of climate financing per capita compared to countries that suffer from climate, but are free from conflict. Closing the gap requires taking account of the special challenges faced by states mired in conflict	
October 2022	Behaviour change in the face of disaster risk finance	Theodore Ezike; Feinstein International Center Evidence	Brief on how large-scale disaster risk finance (DRF) mechanisms affect behaviour and risk perception based on published studies. Finds that trust and accurate information are needed, and DRF can have beneficial effects.	

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October 2022	Contributions and challenges of disaster risk financing as A response to climate change induced losses and damages	Shakira Mustapha; Overseas Development Institute Evidence 🔬	Paper exploring how disaster risk financing 'are being framed and understood within the panorama of Loss and Damage policy and finance agendas'. Based on evidence from policy documents.	
26 October 2022	Assessing the technical feasibility of conflict prediction for anticipatory action	Seth Caldwell; UN Centre for Humanitarian Data Evidence 🔬	Assesses literature on predicting conflict. Evaluates 3 models: classification, risk prediction, and continuous prediction. It finds that current models are not accurate enough for use in anticipatory humanitarian action because of: poor performance, a lack of clear connection between predicted conflict and humanitarian impact, and that the dominance of ongoing conflict being used as a predictor of more conflict. Includes suggestions for better prediction in future.	

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November 2022	Leadership of protection in the humanitarian sector	Gemma Davies and Mark Bowden; ODI Humanitarian Practice Group Evidence 🔬	Briefing note on the role of humanitarian leaders in reducing protection risks for crisis-affected people. Outlines the current situation and identifies enablers for more effective leadership. Calls for calculated risk-taking and institutional support for efforts to promote protection, as well as more coherent approaches across organisations and with human rights, peace and political actors.	⭐

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November 2022	Beyond compliance: international humanitarian law, humanitarian need and civilian harm in armed conflict	Rebecca Sutton & Emanuela-Chiara Gillard Evidence 🔬	An exploration of how IHL compliance affects civilian need and harm in conflicts. It analyses the effect of IHL on the conduct of hostilities, access to goods and services, displacement, conflict-induced hunger, and sanctions. Argues that although IHL compliance generally leads to better outcomes for civilians, it does not address all problems affecting civilians.	
November 2022	How international humanitarian law develops?	International Review of the Red Cross Evidence 🔬	Journal issue discussing how IHL norms have come to exist and how they are expressed, with case studies from different times and places in history, and discussion of current trajectories.	
3 November 2022	Towards a 'digital emblem'? Five questions on law, tech, and policy	Tilman Rodenhäuser & Mauro Vignati; ICRC Law & Policy blog Discourse 💬	Discussion of whether a digital emblem can help protect digital humanitarian work in the same way as the Red Cross symbol can. Outlines the technical possibilities and the potential risks and benefits.	
1 November 2022	How combatting illicit financial flows can prevent remittances from helping people during humanitarian crises: a closer look at Afghanistan	Mohamed Muse and Rodrigo Mena; bIISS Discourse 💬	Laws against money laundering and terrorist financing are also preventing remittances from reaching populations in crisis. This has hit Afghanistan particularly hard since the return of the Taliban to power. Calls for more research on the role of remittances in crises, the effects of sanctions, and humanitarian strategies to respond to them and anti-laundering and -terrorism laws.	
November 2022	Negotiating humanitarian space with criminal armed groups in urban Latin America	Elena Lucchi & Moritz Schuberth; Disasters Evidence 🔬	Outlines a new typology of humanitarian strategies of engagement with criminal armed groups in South America, with 5 levels of interaction from 'information sharing' to 'direct negotiation'.	
18 November 2022	GISF Compounding Crises Podcast Series	GISF Discourse 💬	Podcast series on humanitarian security risk management.	

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November 2022	Reverberating civilian and environmental harm from explosive weapons use in Gaza	Georgia Edwards, Clive Vella & Eoghan Darbyshire; Conflict and Environment Observatory & Airwars Evidence	Research on the effects of airstrikes on the Gaza Strip during May 2021, including civilian causalities, and on water and wastewater infrastructure.	
24 November 2022	No choice but to flee: starvation and displacement in central Equatoria, South Sudan	Global Rights Compliance Evidence	Investigation into starvation and mass forcible displacement. It is based on open-source intelligence (OSINT) information, and finds 'a clear link between the use of civilian starvation as a method of warfare, targeted attacks on humanitarian aid workers and the mass forcible displacement of civilians'. Discusses the legal framework and accountability options as well as evidence of deliberate starvation, attacks on aid workers, and forced displacement.	
November 2022	Limiting the humanitarian consequences from the use of explosive weapons in populated areas next steps in implementation of the political declaration	Center for Civilians in Conflict Policy/guidance	Guidance on implementing the Political Declaration on Strengthening the Protection of Civilians from the Humanitarian Consequences Arising from the Use of Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas, including interpretation of the declaration and policy guidance for field workers.	
24 November 2022	When hostilities end but suffering remains: the necessary continuation of humanitarian activities in the aftermath	Émilie Charpentier; ICRC Law & Policy blog Discourse	Discussion of the IHL framework for humanitarian operations after armed conflict. Includes the role of international human rights law, regional conventions and the UN.	
November 2022	Persons with disabilities in armed conflicts	International Review of the Red Cross Evidence	Articles on the specific vulnerabilities of persons with disabilities in conflict, protections in international law, and case studies.	

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November 2022	Floods in Pakistan: Rethinking the humanitarian role	Paul Harvey et al.; Humanitarian Outcomes Evidence 🔬	A rapid review of the humanitarian response to Pakistan's floods, based on interviews, analysis of funding and operational data. Findings include that the response was underfunded, leading Pakistan to rely on repurposed World Bank loans; that anticipatory financing models were not used; and that humanitarian actors were not geared to work with government capacity.	⭐
24 November 2022	Report: UK aid to Afghanistan	ICAI Evidence 🔬	Independent report on the UK's £3.5 billion overall aid to Afghanistan from 2001. Specifically on humanitarian elements, it finds the UK appropriately scaled up its humanitarian support in response, In a data-poor environment, it invested in building national capacity for humanitarian needs assessments, and was an active and informed participant in coordination bodies. However, despite the recurrent droughts, the UK remained largely reactive to humanitarian crises, investing relatively little in crisis prevention and resilience-building.	
November 2022	Passing the buck: the economics of localizing international assistance	Courtenay Cabot Venton et al; Share Trust Evidence 🔬	Using ODA data, the study evaluates the relative cost efficiency of shifting from an International Intermediary Model, where ODA funding flows via UN agencies and larger INGOs based in the Global North, to more of a Local Intermediary Model. It finds that using the local intermediary model could be 32% more cost efficient and specifically on humanitarian nearly $1.8bn saving. Also discusses potential costs, benefits, barriers and enablers to such a change.	⭐
31 October 2022	How do the big agencies spend their money?	Mike Pearson; Humanitarian Funding Forecast Evidence 🔬	Brief analysis of the income and spending of WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR, IOM, and ICRC. It finds increased use of cash transfers (from 3% to 26% of WFP expenditure from 2011 to 2021), increased use of temporary staff, and different operating models.	
7 Nov 2022	IASC Guidance on the Provision of Overheads to Local and National Partners	IASC Policy/Guidance 🔺	This guidance provides recommendations for how to improve current policy and practice to ensure that local and national partners can access overhead funding.	
24 November 2022	Breaking the starvation cycle: report findings	Humentum & Funders for Real Cost, Real Change	Report on funding to NGOs, arguing that funders mostly do not provide enough to cover	

		Evidence	administration costs. Based on financial reports and surveys.	
November 2022	Funding to local actors: evidence from the Syrian refugee response in Türkiye	Fran Girling-Morris; Development Initiatives Evidence	Research on how much funding has been provided by international donors to local and national humanitarian actors in Türkiye, its effect on the quality of aid and the nature of funding partnerships. Overall it finds that local and national actors received only 5% of international funding in 2019 and 2020.	
November 2022	Key considerations for RCCE in the 2022 Ebola outbreak response in Greater Kampala, Uganda	David Kaawa-Mafigiri, Megan Schmidt-Sane and Tabitha Hrynick; Social Science in Humanitarian Action Platform (SSHAP) Evidence	Policy brief suggesting how those responding to Ebola in Kampala can use Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE). It is based on observations from the current outbreak as well as earlier research.	⭐
November 2022	Standards for supporting crop-related livelihoods in emergencies	SEADS Policy/guidance	Handbook outlining minimum standards for crop-related crisis responses. Includes assessments, seeds, other equipment and infrastructure, assessment, and other matters.	
November 2022	Enablers and challenges when integrating cash, nutrition and WASH interventions in humanitarian contexts a case study from South Sudan	Francesca Battistin; Save the Children Evidence	Case study on integrating different activities in South Sudan, identifying enablers and challenges across organisations.	
November 2022	Gaps in Humanitarian WASH Response: Perspectives from people affected by crises, WASH practitioners, global responders, and the literature	Travis Yates et al.; Disasters Evidence	Evidence on gaps in WASH responses, from crisis-affected populations, practitioners and researchers.	
November 2022	Field Exchange: issue 68	Field Exchange Evidence	Articles on subjects including food distribution in response to Covid-19; antenatal nutrition services; child wasting programmes in Yemen; digital platforms in Indonesia; MUAC screening in Mali; nutrition information in Ivory Coast; cash assistance in Yemen..	

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2 November 2022	Multi-purpose cash transfers and health among vulnerable Syrian refugees in Jordan: A prospective cohort study	Emily Lyles et al.; PLOS Global Public Health Evidence	A 'prospective cohort study to evaluate the effectiveness of MPC in improving access to healthcare and health expenditures by Syrian refugees in Jordan' from May 2018 to July 2019. MPCs led to increases in seeking care for some illnesses, and some outcomes, but not all, showing some potential as a humanitarian measure if not as a stand-alone health intervention.	
November 2022	New Cash Coordination model All you need to know about the new model	Cash Advisory Group Policy/guidance	Presentation on the cash coordination model developed from the Grand Bargain.	
November 2022	Guidance on Cash and Voucher Assistance for Child-headed Households (CHH) and Unaccompanied Children (UAC) & Designing Cash and Voucher Assistance to Achieve Child Protection Outcomes in Humanitarian Settings	Hannah Thompson, Julia Grasset, Lauren Murray; Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action Policy/guidance	Guidance on helping and protecting children in cash programming.	
November 2022	Datafication of the humanitarian sector: efficacy and ethics	Robert Trigwell, Dr Prithvi Hirani and Dr Grant Tregonning; Warwick University Evidence	Based on interviews, briefly outlines how data use has changed, how it has affected decision-making, and some of the ethical challenges. It includes a diagram of the humanitarian data ecosystem	
10 November 2022	Humanitarian fables: morals, meanings and consequences for humanitarian practice	Mfanwy Jones; Oxford Department of International Development Evidence	Blog summarising research on MSF in the DRC, arguing that humanitarian work is influenced by certain 'fables', particularly on the relationship between foreign and national staff.	
22 November 2022	'A few not too troublesome restrictions': humanitarianism, solidarity, anti-militarism, peace	Marnie Lloyd; Critical Legal Thinking Discourse	Discussion of recent debates on whether humanitarianism seeks to ameliorate some of the effects of war at the expense of opposing war; and a switch from neutrality to solidarity in humanitarian action, which the author argues needs to be better defined.	
November 2022	Trumanitarian podcast	Trumanitarian podcast Discourse	Recent episode on	

			-a discussion with Joel Glasman on the (mis)use of data by humanitarians	

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2 November 2022	Prioritizing climate impact data	centre for humdata Discourse	Blog describing the ongoing expansion of humanitarian data centre grids to include climate impact data (now complete for 7 of 25 countries covered).	
16 November 2022	Changing climate, changing realities: migration in the Sahel	G. Daoust et al.; British Red Cross Evidence	Research on the links between climate change and migration in the Sahel, with case studies of Mali and Sudan. Based on analysis of policy and surveys and interviews.	
November 2022	Climate change, conflict and internal displacement in Afghanistan: 'We are struggling to survive'	Kerrie Holloway et al.; ODI Humanitarian Policy Group Evidence	Study of the humanitarian problems created by conflict and climate change in Afghanistan, focusing on IDPs in Herat City and their survival strategies.	
October 2022	Recent publications from the Karamoja Resilience Unit	Various authors; Karamoja Resilience Unit Evidence	Research on the region of northeastern Uganda including community perspectives on conflict; historical analysis of conflict and cattle raiding; education of girls, among others.	
November 2022	Anticipatory action in motion: recapping the most recent evidence and illuminating a pathway forward	Leah B. Poole et al.; Feinstein International Center Evidence	Summarises published findings on anticipatory action since 2020 and assessing progress on key categories (investment in monitoring, evaluation and learning systems; common analytical frameworks; collaboration and exchange of knowledge; simpler financial and technical assistance)	

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1 November 2022	[Anticipatory action and disaster risk finance: Guiding the setting of humanitarian targets](#)	Lena Weingärtner, Emily Montier, Sarah Klassen; Overseas Development Institute Evidence 🔬	Research on where anticipatory action and finance can be used to improve humanitarian response. Building on previous analysis that over half of crises are somewhat predictable, and looking at existing operational risk information systems, the paper discusses limits and opportunities for more anticipatory action.	⭐
10 November 2022	[Who gets what: how to get climate finance working for the people who need it most](#)	Namita Khatri; ICRC Law & Policy blog Discourse 💬	Discussion of the lack of climate adaptation finance targeted to conflict situations.	
November 2022	[Process learning for disaster risk financing](#)	Emily Gettliffe; Centre for Disaster Protection Policy/guidance	Guidance on how to capture and communicate learning from disaster risk financing initiatives.	
November 2022	[Informing better access to education for IDPs](#)	Christelle Cazabat and Louisa Yasukawa; Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre Evidence 🔬	Report on the evidence – and data gaps – on education for IDPs. Based on studies of Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Ethiopia, Iraq, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.	
November 2022	[Forced displacement literature review](#)	Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement Evidence 🔬	Summaries of recently published articles, including the effects of refugees on infectious disease, crime, labour markets, child labour, inter-group interaction and the psychosocial value of employment in camps, in a number of contexts.	
4 November	[Borders, money and a B&B: the Global Compact on Refugees in Serbia](#)	Julian M. Lehmann; GPPI Evidence 🔬	Analysis the implementation of the Global Compact objectives of responsibility sharing and provision of solutions for refugees in countries hosting refugees, in Serbia. It finds that the Compact has not had a constraining effect on Serbian policy, but the policies of neighbouring states, and domestic considerations, have.	

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December 2022	Privatizing war: the impact of private military companies on the protection of civilians	Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC) Evidence	Discusses the effect of increasing use of private military companies on violations of IHL and human rights law, highlighting obstacles to the protection of civilians. Based on research in CAR, Libya, Mozambique and Iraq.	
December 2022	Civilians are Protected Under GC IV 1949: The Illegality of Russian Filtration Camps under IHL	Natia Kalandarishvili-Mueller; Blog of the European Journal of International Law Discourse	Discussion of Russia's placing of Ukrainian civilians in 'filtration camps', arguing that they are a violation of IHL and a war crime.	
December 2022	Episode #9 (S2E3): A Landmark Declaration on Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas	Hajer Naili, Sahr Muhammedally and Roos Boer; The Civilian Protection Podcast Discourse	Discusses the recent signing of the political declaration on explosive weapons in populated areas (EWIPA).	
December 2022	Humanitarian Access Overview	ACAPS Evidence	Updated data on severity of restrictions to humanitarian access	
December 2022	Adapting Aid and Intervention in Yemen	Jacob Kutzer, Fatima Alo Alasrar and David Gressly; Center for Strategic and International Studies Discourse	Recording/transcript of discussion on the options for humanitarian aid in Yemen following the end of a UN truce in October.	
December 2022	Milestone in the Security Council: what the new humanitarian "carve-out" means for UN sanctions regimes	Naureen Chowdhury Fink and Agathe Safrati; IPI Global Observatory Discourse	Blog discussing UNSC Resolution 2664, providing a humanitarian 'carve out' in all UN sanctions regimes. Outlines the main features of the resolutions and presents a positive picture of its implications. Challenges include the need for national implementation, and	⭐

			remaining tensions with counterterrorism legislation.	
December 2022	Beyond neutrality: alternative forms of humanitarian action	ODI Humanitarian Policy Group Discourse	Recording of discussion on the humanitarian principle of neutrality and calls to support humanitarian action with principles of solidarity, resistance or justice in some contexts.	
November 2022	What works to prevent conflict related sexual violence report	Maureen Murphy et al.; What Works to Prevent Violence: Impact at Scale Evidence	Discusses the available evidence and gaps on preventing conflict-related sexual violence	
8 December 2022	The art of influencing: how to maximize impact in a complex, interconnected world	Nicholas Hawton; ICRC Law & Policy blog Discourse	The ICRC's diplomatic adviser reflects on his experience of humanitarian diplomacy. He highlights lessons for success in influencing in difficult situations, including listening, simplicty, honesty and storytelling.	
20 December	The translator is a traitor: translation in humanitarian response	Rasha Mahmoud Abdel Fattah; ICRC Law & Policy blog Discourse	Blog discussing the challenges of translating into Arabic in humanitarian contexts.	
December 2022	Gender-based violence: what is working in prevention, response and mitigation across Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh?	Silvia Guglielmi et al.; Overseas Development Institute Policy/guidance	Lessons collected from humanitarian organisations, aid recipients and others in Cox's Bazar on the best ways to deal with gender-based violence in refugee camps. Outlines existing programmes and highlights promising practices and recommendations. Accompanied by a longer research report.	
28 November 2022	Not only a problem in exile: risks of statelessness for Syrian children born in internal displacement contexts	Thomas McGee; Researching Internal Displacement Evidence	Outlines the issues of statelessness in internal displacement. Highlights the problems in Syrian law and policy likely to lead to statelessness for children born to Syrian IDPs.	

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December 2022	Global Humanitarian Overview 2023	UN OCHA Evidence	Website outlining humanitarian needs for 2023, with analysis of global trends in health, education, equality; responses plans for different regions; and suggestions for improvements to aid.	
6 December 2022	The Year Ahead 2023: 5 things not in the 'GHO'	Mike Pearson; Humanitarian Funding Forecast Discourse	The blog identifies 5 key issues not noted in the global humanitarian overview, including a higher level of funding needs than estimated by the GHO, a doubling of people in need since 2020, the centrality of large-scale responses, and raises questions about the framing of the GHO.	
9 December 2022	Shrink the needs: a grander bargain is no longer an option but a necessity	Sudhanshu S. Singh; A4EP Discourse	In light of a persistent deficit of funding for humanitarian needs, the report argues for shrinking humanitarian needs by improving efficiency, and addressing the causes of crises more through a focus on nexus approaches, multiyear funding, and more localisation.	
November 2022	Cost of Doing Business Index	Humanitarian Funding Forecast Evidence	Analysis of cost of humanitarian activity in 36 contexts.	
November 2022	IASC guidance on the provision of overheads to local and national partners	IASC Policy/guidance	Guidance for international NGOs and UN agencies partnering with local and national organisations on overhead costs. Also includes a report on overhead cost allocation in the humanitarian sector.	⭐
28 November 2022	Who funds what? humanitarian research and innovation funding flows analysis	Ziad Issa et al., ELHRA Evidence	Provides data on the funders and recipients of humanitarian research, and priorities for funding.	
4 December 2022	People-focused, effective aid: The urgent need to accelerate progress on cash and voucher assistance for people in crisis	Karen Peachey; CaLP Evidence	Summary of recent evidence on how far cash and voucher can be scaled up, what this would mean for the humanitarian system, and how policy commitments have changed cash use.	⭐

4 December 2022	[Where next? the evolving landscape of cash and voucher policies](#)	CaLP Evidence 🔬	Report on cash and voucher policies since 2016, divided into areas by degree of progress. Based on analysis of policies of leading donors, NGOs, UN agencies and the Red Cross and Crescent.	
4 December 2022	[Increasing the use of humanitarian cash and voucher assistance: opportunities, barriers and dilemmas](#)	Corinna Kreidler and Niklas Reigler; CaLP Evidence 🔬	Research on the barriers and enablers for increased CVA, identifying modality restraints, contextual barriers, and potential impact of increased use.	
October 2022	[What is known about capacity and coordination of social assistance programmes in crisis situations?](#)	Rachel Slater, Ella Haruna and Daniela Baur; BASIC Research Evidence 🔬	Reviews the evidence, finding that there is very little systematic assessment of capacity and coordination in crisis situations. Highlights how the lack of capacity and coordination undermines social assistance in crisis, and identifies the barriers to improvement.	
December 2022	[The freedom to choose: Theory and quasi-experimental evidence on cash transfer restrictions](#)	Jade Siu, Oliver Sterck and Cory Rodgers; Journal of Development Economics Evidence 🔬	Uses data from Kalobeyei settlement in Kenya comparing refugees in receipt of cash transfers restricted to food with those in receipt of unrestricted cash. Finds that those receiving restricted cash participated more in resale markets, spent less on non-food items, and reported lower well-being.	
December	[Linking humanitarian assistance and social protection in displacement settings. Guidance to assess the factors and actors that determine an optimal approach: A toolkit](#)	Christina Lowe and Cécile Cherrier; Overseas Development Institute Policy/guidance 🔺	Guidance on linking humanitarian assistance and social protection.	⭐
December 2022	[Linking humanitarian assistance and social protection in response to forced displacement](#)	Christina Lowe, Cécile Cherrier and Rebecca Holmes; Overseas Development Institute Evidence 🔬	Presents an analytical framework to explore ways to link humanitarian assistance and social protection. A revised version of a 2020 framework.	
7 December 2022	[Who paid the price for Uganda's refugee fraud scandal (and who didn't)?](#)	Kristof Titeca; The New Humanitarian Evidence 🔬	Article investigating the response of the Ugandan government and the UN to fraud in refugee aid in 2018. Finds a lack of accountability for high-level officials, partly driven by a desire to support Uganda's status as a model refugee host.	

November 2022	Ground Truth Solutions, Global Analysis, November 2022	Ground Truth Solutions Evidence	Report finding that feedback systems have not shifted decision-making power to crisis-affected people. Respondents to the survey in many countries report dissatisfaction with the level of consultation and participation. The report calls for more thorough changes in consultation and participation. It finds that cash is still underused, and increased use will need changes in the humanitarian system.	
24 December 2022	Trumanitarian podcast: 54. Out of Control	Paula Gil Baizan, Meg Sattler and Lars Peter Nissen; Trumanitarian Podcast Discourse	Takes stock of trends in humanitarian aid, including localisation and decolonisation.	
6 December 2022	Future of the Grand Bargain – Findings of the survey – October 2022	ICVA Evidence	Short summary of findings from a survey of signatories' opinions on the Grand Bargain process, and interest in continuing the process.	
December 2022	Learning to change: The case for systemic learning strategies in the humanitarian sector	B. Ramalingam and J. Mitchell; ALNAP Evidence	Report discussing learning in humanitarian organisations with examples and lessons from recent history and other sectors.	⭐
December 2022	Overlooking local voices: an analysis of global south roles in humanitarian knowledge production	Humanitarian Horizons Evidence	Research on how knowledge is produced in the humanitarian sector, with respect to disparities between the global north and global south and the localisation agenda, and highlighting the practices and barriers that have lead to global north dominance.	
December 2022	The conflict paradox: humanitarian access, localisation and (dis)empowerment in Myanmar, Somalia and Somaliland	Dustin Barber and Gun Mai Sumlut; Disasters Evidence	Argues that incentives to expand aid organisations undermine moves towards localisation. Uses case studies of Myanmar, Somalia and Somaliland to show the effects of conflict-induced access restrictions on local actors. Argues that a more comprehensive form of localisation should be sought.	
December 2022	Special issue: education in pandemics	Journal on Education in Emergencies Evidence	Articles on education conducted during pandemics, featuring research from Rwanda, South Sudan, Nigeria, Syria, the DRC, Honduras, and Lebanon, among others.	

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November 2022	[Connecting disasters and climate change to the humanitarian-development-peace nexus](#)	Rodrigo Mena et al.; Journal of Peacebuilding and Development Discourse	The article 'articulates and conceptualises how climate change perspectives and actions should be integrated into the existing streams of the humanitarian, development, and peace/peacebuilding nexus, rather than being added as a separate stream'	
November 2022	[Legal preparedness for regional and international disaster and pandemic response in South Asia - Regional and comparative analysis](#)	IFRC Evidence	Report on the legal and regulatory approaches to disaster in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka and intergovernmental organisations.	
7/8 December 2022	[High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges: Development Cooperation](#)	UNHCR Discourse	Recordings of dialogue on 'development cooperation across the cycle of displacement with protection as a central and cross-cutting theme.'	
7 December 2022	[UN High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges 2022: Development Cooperation](#)	Frederik Matthys; OECD Discourse	OECD blog on their commitment to provide more suport for the protection of refugees and IDPs across the nexus. This includes producing more data on inclusion of refugees and IDPs in the nexus; and policy analysis on forced displacement and climate change adaptation.	
4 December 2022	[Meaningful refugee participation: an emerging norm in the global refugee regime](#)	James Milner, Mustafa Alio, Rez Gardi; Refugee Survey Quarterly Evidence	Assesses whether refugee participation can be considered a 'norm'. Analyses different approaches to refugee participation by humanitarian bodies and refugee and argues that it is an emerging norm but that different approaches may hinder its establishment.	

19 December 2022	Five things we learnt about displacement in 2022	Caitlin Sturridge et al.; Overseas Development Institute Discourse	Blog highlighting some of the ODI's key findings about displacement, including that it is linked with other socio-economic processes, affects gender relations in many ways, and that restrictive policies do not always reduce migration.	
December 2022	Technologies in humanitarian settings: -engagement and local innovation playbook -balanced, principled and complementary partnerships -engagement and inclusion of women -supporting community-led ICT innovations -community and stakeholder engagement -digital upskilling of humanitarian actors	Harvard Humanitarian Initiative Evidence	Series of publications on using digital technologies in humanitarian settings.	

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December 2022	Present and engaged: how the ICRC responds to armed conflict and violence in cities	ICRC Evidence	Discusses the ICRC's work in urban areas during armed conflicts. Outlines the implications of urban violence for IHL and humanitarian action and lessons from the ICRC's work in Brazil, Colombia, Honduras, Libya the Philippines, and Ukraine.	⭐
January 2023	ICRC engagement with armed groups in 2022	Matthew Bamber-Zryd; ICRC Law & Policy Evidence	Blog summarising the ICRC's yearly assessment of its engagement with armed groups, and highlighting factors leading to successful negotiations.	

January 2023	[Community engagement with armed actors: strengthening protection, prevention and response](#)	Humanitarian Exchange Evidence	A series of articles by researchers and practitioners, with an overview of existing evidence and case studies of various practices and contexts.	
January 2023	[Jan Egeland on the humanitarian imperative today](#)	Humanitarian Fault Lines Discourse	Jan Egeland discusses the present and future of humanitarianism in a challenging political climate.	
January 2023	[Warpod episode 18: Protecting civilians in Iraq](#)	Julia Steets and Zmkan Ali; Saferworld Discourse	Podcast discussing preventative protection methods, with examples from Iraq.	
January 2023	[Three key lessons from efforts to strengthen community protection in Iraq](#)	Julia Steets; GPPI Evidence	Blog summarising findings from research on community protection. Discusses the different approaches taken by protection actors, some of the main problems, and key lessons.	
January 2023	[Oslo commitments on ending sexual and gender-based violence in humanitarian crises](#)	Humanitarian Outcomes Evidence	Progress report on the 2019 Oslo Commitments, with data on financial disbursements and policy commitments. It finds significant progress in implementing policy commitments, with some limitations.	
January 2023	[Where the bombs fell: Measuring compliance with humanitarian treaties](#)	Ori Swed; Social Science Research Evidence	Proposes a geospatial analysis method of measuring conflict parties' compliance with humanitarian treaties, and uses the 2014 Israel-Gaza war as a case study where it finds 'variations in compliance' on the ground and suggests the possibility for a more granular analysis of compliance.	
January 2023	[Underestimating attacks: comparing two sources of publicly-available data about attacks on health care in 2017](#)	Vanessa Parada et al.; Conflict & Health Evidence	Explores the reasons for the lack of overlap between different datasets on attacks on healthcare, based on publically-available data from WHO and Insecurity Insight. Argues that weaknesses in automated and manual data collection are likely a reason, and that greater diversity of	

			sources, languages and better search mechanisms are needed.	
January 2023	Fuelling Conflict: Analyzing the human impact of the war in Yemen	Martin Butcher; Oxfam Evidence	Evidence on harm to civilians in Yemen between January 2021 and February 2022, with data on types of incident, weapons used, categories of harm, numbers dead and injured, and protection implications. The data is used to argue that foreign governments should stop supplying arms to the conflict parties.	
January 2023	Gendered health impacts of civil war in Nepal	Róisín Read & Bertrand Taithe; RIAH Evidence	Summary of research into the impact of attacks on healthcare during conflict in Nepal. It finds specific needs for women that are not being met during conflict or in the post-conflict period.	
January 2023	"Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use" Douma (Syrian Arab Republic) – 7 April 2018	Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons Evidence	Report of the OPCW on the use of chemical weapons in Douma, 7 April 2018, finding reasonable grounds to believe that an aircraft of the Syrian Air Force dropped chemical weapons onto a residential building in the city.	
January 2023	What you should know about recognizing and addressing starvation crimes: Advancements, strategies, and tools	Bridget Conley et al.; Feinstein International Center Discourse	Webinar with panellists exploring 'issues related to law, humanitarian response, protection, gender and sexual-based violence, and documenting and prosecuting starvation crimes'. Uses Yemen and Ethiopia as case studies.	⭐
January 2023	From Srebrenica to a safer tomorrow: Preventing future mass atrocities around the world: Government response to the Committee's Third Report	House of Commons International Development Committee Discourse	The UK government's response to the International Development Committee's Third Report of Session 2022–23 on preventing mass atrocities, outlining its current and planned policies and actions.	

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January 2023	Coding protection: 'cyber humanitarian interventions' for preventing mass atrocities	Rhiannon Neilson; International Affairs

Evidence | Advances the concept of 'cyber humanitarian interventions' as a way to prevent atrocities by disrupting online recruitment and organisation, as well as hate speech. Suggests a toolbox of potential interventions, including freezing revenues, educational campaigns and blocking communications. | |
| January 2023 | Humanitarian neutrality in contemporary armed conflict: a conversation with Nils Melzer | Nils Melzer & Elizabeth Rushing; ICRC Law & Policy

Discourse | Recording and transcript of discussion on the humanitarian principle of neutrality in armed conflict, focused on the ICRC's position. | ⭐ |

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January 2023	Looking Beyond Food: Child survival in the hunger crisis	Rachel Hickman and Hannah Stevenson; Save the Children

Discourse | Discusses the needs of children during a hunger crisis, and offers recommendations for treatment and healthcare options. | ⭐ |
| January 2023 | Assessing the current level of alignment between humanitarian and social protection programmes in Ukraine in November 2022 | Thomas Byrnes; STAAR

Evidence | Assesses the coverage of the Ukrainian government's social protection systems, and alignment with humanitarian programmes, in terms of policy, programme design and administration. | |
| January 2023 | Role of civil society organisations in Ukraine: Emergency Response inside Ukraine Thematic paper | Diana Tonea and Vicente Palacios; CaLP

Evidence | The report finds a limited role for local organisations in the Ukrainian cash and voucher response, partly from difficulties accessing the international aid system. | |
| January 2023 | Linking Humanitarian Cash and Social Protection in Ukraine | Diana Tonea and Vicente Palacios; CaLP

Evidence | Lessons derived from the cash working group in Ukraine | |

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January 2023	Evidence and practice review of the use of cash transfers in contexts of acute food insecurity	Marie Boulinaud and Martin Ossandon; Key Aid Consulting Policy/guidance	Noting the inconsistency of approaches to CVA for food security, shows evidence on CVA in situations of acute food insecurity (in Nigeria, Somalia and Syria). Finding focus on the role of donors, governments, contextual constraints/drivers, perceptions of risk, efficacy, knowledge, and other factors.	
January 2023	Changes to US and UN economic sanctions may simplify CVA implementation	Rory Crew; CaLP Discourse	Brief discussion of the potential implications of UNSCR 2664, providing a humanitarian carve-out in UN sanctions, on cash and voucher assistance.	
December 2022	COVID-19 in Humanitarian and Fragile Contexts: Disease surveillance, program monitoring, social interaction, and policy analysis during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic	Chris Altare et al.; Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health & Action contre la faim Evidence	Study on disease epidemiology, impact and healthcare and population behaviour during covid-19 in North Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Based on data collected from March 2020 to March 2021.	
September 2022	Infectious disease outbreak response coordination: an introductory guide for non-governmental organizations	USAID Policy/guidance	Brief guidance on coordination of infection disease response for the use of NGOs. Covering main types of response, key actors, measuring the outbreak, responding through the cluster system and factors influencing coordination and effectiveness.	

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January 2023	[Socio-economic integration: towards solutions for displaced people and host communities](#)	Forced Migration Review issue 71 Evidence 🔬	Articles on various aspects of socio-economic integration in a number of contexts.	⭐
December 2022	[Needles in a haystack: an analysis of global south roles in humanitarian knowledge production](#)	Humanitarian Advisory Group Evidence 🔬	Analysis of how knowledge is produced and used in the humanitarian sector, through a review of documents used to create 'humanitarian consensus', citation analysis, and interviews. Finds a global north bias, and calls for more localised production and co-production.	
January 2023	[Labor Market Access and Outcomes for Refugees](#)	Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement Evidence 🔬	Summary of recent published evidence on refugees' right to work, including the main barriers, and analysis of the economic impact of refugees working.	
January 2023	[Joint Data Center Seminar on Building Evidence on Forced Displacement](#)	Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement Evidence 🔬	Recording of a seminar outlining Joint Data Center findings since 2016, focusing on labour market effects, followed by discussion.	
January 2023	[South Sudan's Decades of Displacement: Understanding return and questioning reintegration](#)	Research and Evidence Facility (REF) and Samuel Hall Evidence 🔬	Analysis of factors affecting displacement, through exploring the experiences of the displaced. Based on interviews in urban areas and refugee camps in South Sudan, Ethiopia and Uganda. Findings focus on the reasons for movement, barriers to integration, gender and age dimensions, policy and legal hurdles, and contextual factors such as Covid-19, food security and insecurity.	
January 2023	[Rethinking Humanitarian Assistance: Climate and Crisis in the Horn of Africa](#)	Beza Tesfaye et al.; Center for Strategic and International Studies Evidence 🔬	Conceptualisation of the intersections between climate change, conflict and vulnerability in the region. This is used to highlight gaps in challenges in humanitarian aid, and suggest improvements.	

January 2023	Issue brief: transboundary climate risks to African dryland livestock economies	Sarah Opitz-Stapleton; SPARC Evidence	Outlines the risks arising from climate change and other vulnerabilities in African dryland economies.	
January 2023	Dynamism in the drylands: Evidence from South Sudan for supporting pastoral livelihoods during protracted crises	Alex Humphrey et al.; SPARC Evidence	Research on pastoralists' resilience strategies to cope with shocks such as violence and drought, and longer-term evidence on climate change.	
January 2023	These are the biggest risks facing the world	Sophie Heading and Gayle Markoviz; World Economic Forum Discourse	Global risks, as identified and ranked in a survey, for the next 2 and 10 years.	
January 2023	Programming systemic risk management An exploration of tenets and approaches	Katie Peters and Thomas Tanner; ODI Evidence	Presents tenets for harnessing a systematic approach to risk management for humanitarian actors and others. Recommends ways to implement such an approach in the analysis of problems, funding, collaboration and programming.	
January 2023	Exploring systemic risk management as a contribution to the HDP nexus	Katie Peters, Nancy Balfour and Diego Osorio; ODI Evidence	Policy brief providing recommendations on how to integrate systemic risk management within the humanitarian-development-peace nexus.	
January 2023	Everybody Counts Covid-19	IFRC Evidence	Evidence on the effect of Covid-19, including estimates of mortality, national responses, and responses of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies, and lessons.	
January 2023	World Disasters Report 2022: Trust, equity and local action: lessons from the Covid-19 pandemic to avert the next global crisis	Michael Marshall; IFRF Evidence	Data on natural and man-made disasters during 2022 and their direct and indirect effects; analysis of broader trends; drivers of disasters; and factors for risk reduction and mitigation.	

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February 2023	'Back to basics' with a digital twist: humanitarian principles and dilemmas in the digital age	Pierrick Devidal; ICRC Law & Policy blog Discourse	Blog discussing how new digital technologies fit with the humanitarian principles, highlighting opportunities and challenges, such as algorithmic bias.	⭐
February 2023	Global economic warfare needs new rules	Hugo Slim; Geneva Policy Outlook Discourse	Blog arguing that economic warfare - sanctions and scorched earth tactics – needs to be subject to new rules. IHL has a limited definition of civilian populations that means it does not protect against the harms done by economic warfare. Points to the possibility of agreeing regulations, citing the Black Sea Agreement as a promising precedent; as well as IHL and, more immediately, international human rights law.	
February 2023	Principled?	Yuliia Chykolba and Lars Peter Nissen; Trumanitarian Podcast Discourse	Discussion of whether the humanitarian principle of neutrality remains important, particularly with respect to the Ukraine conflict. Featuring Marc Dubois and Fiona Terry.	
February 2023	What to do about the lack of international aid to Syrians after the earthquake and Humanitarians, play your cards right: how to save lives and impartiality in Syria's earthquake-affected north	Julia Steets and Claudi Meier; GPPI Discourse	Two blogs from GPPI on the prospects for international humanitarian access to Syria following the recent earthquake. Steets argues for a stronger and more principled humanitarian negotiating stance with Syria, while Meier considers how best to negotiate with Syria and Turkey through conditionality of assistance.	

February 2023	[Destruction and devastation: one year of Russia's assault on Ukraine's health care system](#)	Christian De Vos et al.; eyeWitness to Atrocities Insecurity Insight, the Media Initiative for Human Rights, Physicians for Human Rights, and the Ukrainian Healthcare Center Evidence 🔬	Report documenting attacks on hospitals, ambulances, health infrastructure and health workers.in Ukraine between February 24 and December 31, 2022. Draws on a range of evidence and seeks to assess the attacks with respect to IHL.	⭐
February 2021	[Ukraine conflict environment briefing: the coastal and marine environment](#)	CEOBS and Zoï Environment Network Evidence 🔬	Evidence on the effects of the war on Ukraine's marine areas.	
February 2023	[Preventing and eradicating the deadly legacy of explosive remnants of war](#)	Eirini Giorgou; ICRC Law & Policy blog Evidence 🔬	Outlines the consequences of the explosive remnants of war, conflict parties' obligations under IHL and Protocol V of the CCW on Explosive Remnants of War (2003), as well as actions taken by the ICRC.	
February 2023	[Moving humanitarian-military relations forward: a new typology](#)	Rob Grace et al.; Journal of International Humanitarian Action Evidence 🔬	Creates a typology to help civilian responders assess how to work with armed actors. Based on evidence from the DRC, Jordan-Syria and the Philippines.	
February 2023	[Five types of humanitarian influence](#)	Hugo Slim; ICRC Law & Policy blog Discourse 💬	Delineates five types of influence available to humanitarians: public prophecy; intimate storytelling; deliberation and problem-solving; the dripping tap (repetition); and the power of example.	⭐
February 2023	[Evolving NGO Security Risk Management (Ep1) Insights from a Security Manager: managing operations in complex environments](#)	GISF podcast Discourse 💬	Podcast with Mila Shutova from Christian Aid on current NGO security management practices.	

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February 2023	Partnerships and protection against sexual exploitation and abuse an analysis of recent case studies	Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response (SCHR) and International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) Evidence	Outlines the framework on PSEA cooperation before looking at instances where cooperation has been used, and responses to reports of SEA.	
February 2023	Grant project lessons and outcomes: community solar hubs	GSMA Evidence	Summary of findings from a project to rent solar technology in northern Uganda, with the aim of becoming commercially sustainable. Outlines the project, quotes from users, and lessons (e.g. distribution challenges).	
February 2023	Slipping away? a review of humanitarian capabilities in cholera response	Abby Stoddard et al.; Humanitarian Outcomes Evidence	Analyses reasons for a recent upsurge in cholera outbreaks and identifying areas for improvement in humanitarian response.	⭐
February 2023	The links between conflict and hunger in Somalia	Insecurity Insight Evidence	Data on conflict and food security in Somalia, collected between January 2017 and September 2022. Shows, among other things, attacks on food infrastructure and humanitarian aid workers.	
February 2023	Beyond hunger: the gendered impacts of the global hunger crisis	Plan International Evidence	Data on gendered access to food from Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, South Sudan, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger and Haiti. It finds gendered effects, including household food distribution, coping strategies, withdrawal of girls from education, reproductive rights, and violence.	
February 2023	Linking anticipatory action to risk financing: compendium of think pieces by members	InsuResilience Sectoral Community Discourse	Discussion of a number of questions relating to risk financing and anticipatory action, with discussants from academic, the UN, NGOs and insurers, among others.	
February 2023	A path towards ecological international aid	Groupe URD Discourse	Short video on the importance of considering environmental challenges in humanitarian aid, and examples of promising practices.	

February 2023	The digital worlds of displacement-affected communities: a cross-context study of how people affected by displacement use mobile phones	GSMA Evidence	Research on mobile phone use in displacement-affected communities in North and Akkar governments in Lebanon; Iowara refugee settlement in Papua New Guinea; and Bor Protection of Civilians site in South Sudan. Data on mobile penetration, uses and risks.	
February 2023	Beyond rights-based social protection for refugees	Tahir Zaman et al.,; Global Social Policy Evidence	Looks at evidence on how displaced Syrians in Lebanon access social assistance, showing that assistance offered through a rights-based approach by national systems is only part of a range of social protection opportunities.	
February 2023	IOM cash-based interventions strategy 2022–2026	International Organization for Migration Policy/guidance	The IOM's strategic objectives for increased use of cash-based interventions.	
February 2023	Strengthening inclusive social protection systems for displaced children and their families	Rebecca Holmes and Christina Lowe; Overseas Development Institute Evidence	Evidence on how national social protection systems can support displaced children and their families, barriers to access, and policy recommendations.	
December 2022	Linking humanitarian cash assistance and national social protection systems	Corinna Kreidler et al.; World Bank Evidence	A study on links between social protection programmes and humanitarian aid in the Sahel countries, undertaken June 2021-January 2022. It finds that 'convergence is more feasible in places where there is political and economic stability and a fairly well-developed social protection system', as well as strong coordination structures and relationships.	
February 2023	Earthquakes in Turkey: reflections from past experience	Disasters Evidence	A collection of past articles reflecting on humanitarian response, reconstruction and other issues from previous earthquakes in Turkey.	
February 2023	Think Change episode 19: Türkiye-Syria earthquakes – lessons learnt and what next?	Sara Pantuliano et al.; Overseas Development Institute Discourse	Podcast discussing the impact of earthquake in Turkey and Syria, the relief efforts so far, and challenges faced.	

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February 2023	Panel on earthquake in Turkiye and Syria	Center for Humanitarian Health Discourse	Panel discussion on the public health dimensions of the recent earthquake.	
February 2023	Solidarity at scale: Local responder perspectives and learning from the first week of the earthquake response in Syria and Türkiye	Alexa Swift et al.; Humanitarian Outcomes Evidence	Evidence gathered from local responders on the emerging challenges.	
February 2023	Julien Harneis on the humanitarian response in Pakistan	Jamie McGoldrick and Julien Harneis; Humanitarian Faultlines Discourse	Conversation on the challenges facing Pakistan and those seeking to provide aid, rooted in climate change and inflation.	
January 2023	How to implement the grand bargain commitments at the country-level?	Grand Bargain Secretariat Policy/guidance	Short guidance document on implementing grand bargain commitments.	
February 2023	Community perceptions of humanitarian assistance in South Sudan: Findings and recommendations	REACH Evidence	Data from household surveys on the effects of conflict, how far humanitarian aid is meeting needs, barriers to assistance, feedback mechanisms in aid. Data was collected in 2021 and 2022 across the whole of South Sudan.	

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February 2023	[Food insecurity in South Sudan Financing to local actors](#)	CAFOD and Development Initiatives Evidence 🔬	Provides evidence on levels of food insecurity across the country, as well as humanitarian funding, its sources (e.g. development, climate), and how much has reached local and national actors. It assesses the barriers and enablers to accessing the funding, and how it might affect the current crisis.	
December 2023	[Country-based Pooled Funds Global Guidelines](#)	UN OCHA Policy/guidance 🔺	Minimum standards for management of country-based pooled funds, covering governance, effective programming, allocations, risk management, administration, resource mobilisation, establishment and closing of funds.	
February 2023	[Repatriating Syrians from Lebanon: What Happens Next?](#)	Jasmin Lilian Diab; United Nations University Centre for Policy Research Evidence 🔬	Analysis of the Lebanese government's repatriation of Syrian refugees, centred on issues of voluntary return and safe return. Outlines the relevant international refugee law, the role of the UNHCR, and implications for policy.	
February 2023	[Combating cholera by building predictive capabilities for pathogenic Vibrio cholerae in Yemen](#)	Moiz Usmani et al.; Scientific Reports Evidence 🔬	Tests the accuracy of the Cholera Risk Model (CRM) - based on sociodemographical, microbiological, and climate information - in predicting cholera outbreaks. Finds that it can predict at least 4 weeks in advance at 73% accuracy.	
February 2023	[Refugee mobilities in East Africa: understanding secondary movements](#)	Alexander Betts et al.; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies Evidence 🔬	Presents data on movement of refugees from their first country of arrival, with data from Kenya, Ethiopia and Uganda, collecting data on both aspirations and actual movement decisions over	

			time. Seeks to correct the lack of data on refugee movement in the global south (i.e. not to countries in the global north). It finds high rates of movement among refugees, the majority of which is to other countries in the global south, as well as significant internal movement (camp-urban, inter-urban and intra-urban).	
February 2023	Social cohesion and forced displacement: a synthesis of new research	World Bank Evidence	Research on social cohesion based on 26 background studies. Recommendations include the importance of inclusive policies and development investments, including humanitarian aid, to promote social cohesion	
February 2023	UNRWA and the Palestinian refugees: Protecting refugee rights while structurally addressing the agency's financially unsustainable modus operandi	Francesca P Albanese and Lex Takkenberg; RSC Working Papers Evidence	Revaluates the role of UNRWA, arguing for a comprehensive response framework (CRF) for Palestinian refugees and that UNWRA should focus more on protection and durable solutions.	
February 2023	Disaster displacement Indonesia country briefing	Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre and Asian Development Bank Evidence	Data on displacement by disasters, its costs, and the capacity to respond, in Indonesia.	
February 2023	Building a science-policy interface for tackling the global governance of catastrophic	Centre for the Study of Existential Risk Evidence	Report on how evidence on global and existential risks are communicated by and collaborated on by scientists and policymakers. Outlines the work of the Science Policy	

			Interface in fostering trust and collaboration across organisations.	
February 2023	The next pandemic: if we can't respond, we're not prepared	Cristina Stefan et al.; Center for Global Development Evidence 🔬	Blog outlining the financing architecture for global pandemic preparedness and response, drawing on data from Covid-19 and Ebola funding.	
February 2023	Early action: the state of play 2022	Marie Wagner; REAP Evidence 🔬	Data on early action commitment, investment and activity in 2022 in order to identify gaps. Uses 4 targets to assess progress.	
February 2023	Evaluation of the policy on WFP's role in peacebuilding in transition settings	Julia Steets et al.; GPPI Evidence 🔬	Analysis of the World Food Programme's policy and analysis of the effect of its programmes on peace and conflict, as well as other stakeholders' perceptions of WFP programmes.	
February 2023	Development Co-operation Report 2023	OECD Evidence 🔬	Report on the challenges and opportunities in the development system. Includes chapters on innovative financing for the humanitarian sector (Jagan Chapagain), aid in fragile contexts, working with local actors, racism in the aid sector, climate finance, and others.	
January 2023	Financing food security: promises and pitfalls of the humanitarian–development–peace nexus in South Sudan	Kristina Tschunkert et al.; SIPRI Evidence 🔬	Analysis of donor financing in South Sudan with respect to commitments to work across the humanitarian-development-peacebuilding nexus.	

January 2023	East Asia and Pacific disaster risk financing and social protection	UNICEF Evidence 🔬	Evidence on national shock responsive social protection systems, and their links with disaster risk financing, in East Asia and the Pacific.	
February 2023	Fragility, conflict, and violence in middle-income countries	Patrick Barron et al.; World Bank Group Evidence 🔬	Provides data on the extent of conflict in middle-income countries, and assesses World Bank programmes on the issue. Uses quantitative data, and case studies of Colombia, Croatia, Kenya, Lebanon, the Philippines and Thailand.	
February 2023	The state of open humanitarian data 2023	Centre for Humdata Evidence 🔬	Outlines the available humanitarian data, and gaps, for 25 locations, based on the humanitarian data exchange platform.	⭐

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March 2023	Global Risk Analysis	ACAPS Evidence 🔬	Update of ACAPS' global risk analysis, with country profiles and a global overview.	
March 2023	Snapshot from the Protection Indicators Dataset	ACAPS Evidence 🔬	Briefly highlights protection concerns from the Protection Indicators Dataset.	

March 2023	Syria after the earthquakes: challenges to post-disaster recovery following the catastrophic humanitarian response	Leen Fouad; Overseas Development Institute Discourse	Blog on the difficulties of carrying out relief work in Syria after the earthquake and beyond because of regime tactics to control aid.	
March 2023	Engaging with Armed Groups	In and Around Law Discourse	Podcast discussing experiences of engaging with armed groups on international humanitarian law.	*"Very timely topic in an era of increasingly difficult humanitarian access."* Professor Dan Maxwell
April 2023	Reducing civilian harm in urban warfare: a handbook for armed groups	ICRC Policy/guidance	Blog and podcast on soon to be launched guide aimed to s assista Non State Armed Groups in their efforts to respect IHL and reduce civilian harm	
March 2023	Considerations and guidance for the humanitarian engagement with religious leaders	Ioana Cismas et al.; University of York Evidence	Research finds tha religious leaders influence state and non-state armed groups on humanitarian norms. Based on interviews and case studies of Colombia, Libya, Mali, Myanmar, northern Yemen, and north-western Syria.	
March 2023	Water has long been used as a tactical weapon in warfare – the world now has a chance to end this	Mark Zeitoun; The Conversation Discourse	Argues that the use of water as a weapon on war should be unacceptable, and notes recent efforts to develop legal instruments and security council resolutions to stop it.	*"A very important additional component to the discussion of "objects indispensable to survival" which often focuses mainly on food or means of livelihood"* Professor Dan Maxwell
March 2023	Protection Advocacy Toolkit	Global Protection Cluster Policy/guidance	Toolkit offering guidance on different stages of the protection advocacy cycle.	
March 2023	Toolkit: evidence that protects health care	Center for Public Health and Human Rights at Johns Hopkins University, Insecurity Insight, the International Rescue Committee and Physicians for Human Rights Policy/guidance	Website collating guidance on collecting, analysing and disseminating data on violence against healthcare. Produced as part of an ECHO-funded research project.	

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March 2023	Protecting the innocent, the land, and the body: traditional sources of restraint on landmine use	Henrique Garbino and Matthew Breay Bolton; ICRC Law & Policy Discourse	Discusses how 'traditional cultural norms' can lead to restraint in landmine use, with examples from Cambodia and Afghanistan.	
March 2023	It's all relative: the humanitarian principles in historical and legal perspective	Marina Sharp; ICRC Law & Policy Discourse	Examines the origins of the humanitarian principles in the Red Cross movement, the UN and NGOs, arguing that while they have different sources, they agree on many things.	
March 2023	Towards common understandings: the application of established IHL principles to cyber operations	Kubo Mačák and Tilman Rodenhäuser; ICRC Law & Policy Discourse	Summarises the ICRC position on the applicability of IHL to cyber operations, with links to papers on the issue.	
March 2023	Trumanitarian Podcast	Trumanitarian Podcast Discourse	Three episodes on the Ukraine war: on the relative roles of Ukrainian and foreign humanitarians, the relationship of Ukrainian civil society to the wartime state, and a summary of discussions on Ukraine.	

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March 2023	From insight to action: examining mortality in Somalia	Oliver Watson and Francesco Checchi; WHO and UNICEF Evidence	Summary of LSHTM, UCL and AFYA on new research on retrospective estimates and scenario-based forecasting of mortality in Somalia. It attributes 43,000 excess deaths to the current drought crisis and with potential for excess deaths to far exceed the 2017-18 drought. It concludes that the crisis is far from over and a multi sector response is	*"I nearly always put Francesco's reports at the top of my reading list. There is so little information out there on mortality—yet saving human life is what we all claim to be about. Francesco's work helps us*

			required to avoid a further catastrophe. Full report [here]().	*understand whether we are doing that or not."* Professor Dan Maxwell
March 2023	15 lessons for humanitarians responding to the Somalia crisis	Zainab Moallin and Aaron Acuda Opeto; ALNAP Evidence 🔬	Blog summarising lessons for humanitarians in Somalia based on previous drought responses.	
March 2023	Global Risk Analysis	ACAPS Evidence 🔬	Update of ACAPS' global risk analysis, with country profiles and a global overview.	
March 2023	UNHCR Evaluation Office Annual Report 2022	UNCHR Evidence 🔬	Summary of UNHCR's 19 evaluations in 2022.	
2022	Inter-agency humanitarian evaluation of the COVID-19 humanitarian response	Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Evidence 🔬	Evaluation of the response to the Covid-19 pandemic, based on interviews, focus group discussions and case studies.	
March 2023	Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation Learning Paper: Localisation in the COVID-19 response	Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation Evidence 🔬	Evaluation on the role of local and national actors during the Covid-19 response, showing mechanisms for localisation and barriers.	
March 2023	Donor approaches to overheads for local and national partners	Fran Girling-Morris; Development Initiatives Evidence 🔬	Discussion paper on the issue of lack of provision of overheads to local actors in humanitarian response. Outlines current donor approaches, and options for change.	
March 2023	Metrics matter: how USAID counts "local" will have a big impact on funding for local partners	Publish What You Fund Evidence 🔬	Analysis of how USAID defines a local organisation with respect to its target of giving 25% of its spending to local organisations. Finds that its focus on lace of incorporation, physical address, and place of contract activity may lead to INGOs being counted as local; and leaves out funds channelled through UN organisations.	*"Localization is on everyone's lips, but how we define it and how we measure it matters a great deal—as this report poignantly points out"* ⭐ Professor Daniel G. Maxwell

March 2023	Promoting Equitable Partnerships with Local Responders in Humanitarian Settings	DG ECHO Guidance note Policy/Guidance	ECHO's commitments and expectations considered under five main headings: 1. recognising the value, resources and skills of local/national actors, and supporting (institutional) capacities; 2. establishing more equitable partnerships; 3. ensuring the participation of local/national actors throughout the humanitarian response cycle; 4. strengthening the participation and leadership of local/national actors in humanitarian coordination; 5. facilitating access to localised financing models.	
March 2023	Sex, age (and more) still matter: Data collection, analysis, and use in humanitarian practice	Dyan Mazurana, Anastasia Marshak, Kinsey Spears; CARE International Evidence	Report on the use of data on gender, age, disability, and sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and sex characteristics (SOGIESC) in humanitarian response. Identifies data collection practices, and uses of this data, in humanitarian organisations.	
March 2023	Funding for gender-relevant humanitarian response	Development Initiatives Evidence	The report finds that funding for gender equality in humanitarian response is not meeting needs, despite having increased. Focused on the effect of Covid-19, and provides data on the sources and recipients of gender-related funding.	
March 2023	Targeting hunger or votes? The political economy of humanitarian transfers in Malawi	Jan Duchoslav et al.; World Development Evidence	Finds that humanitarian cash and food transfers, partly funded by international donors, following a poor harvest in 2015-6, were disproportionately targeted at marginal voting constituencies.	
March 2023	Turkiye and Syria Earthquake Response: Advice and resources for cash practitioners	Rana Nassar; CaLP Evidence	A short compilation of lessons on cash transfers derived from similar disasters.	
March 2023	Between efficiency and do no harm: Blockchain-based innovation in	Jamile Teles Hamideh; Hanken School of Economics Evidence	Identifies risks of using blockchain technology in cash and voucher assistance. Based on findings from the World Food Programme's Building Blocks, Oxfam's UnBlocked	

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	cash and voucher assistance	🔬	Cash, and Finn Church Aid's Kenya Feasibility Study.	
March 2023	Cash Transfers: Forced Displacement Literature Review	Joint Data Centre\n\nEvidence\n\n🔬	Eight new summaries of studies on cash based assistance, including on the impact of cash transfers for Syrian refugees; and on the impact of psychological well-being of displaced in DRC.	
March 2023	Undernourished and overlooked a global nutrition crisis in adolescent girls and women	Harriet Torlesse et al.; UNICEF\n\nEvidence\n\n🔬	Report on women and girls' nutrition across the world, highlighting key trends, causes, and recommendations.	
March 2023	Coping with compounding challenges in conflict crises evidence from North-east Nigeria	Wolfgang Stojez and Tilman Brück; World Bank working paper\n\nEvidence\n\n🔬	Finds that coping strategies in conflict are shaped by the intersection of gender, forced displacement, and collective violence. This focus on compounding challenges can help to identify particularly vulnerable households or individuals.	

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February 2023	Famine prevention: a landscape report	Daniel Maxwell, Paul Howe, Merry Fitzpatrick; Feinstein International Center\n\nEvidence\n\n🔬	Reviews existing policies and interventions on famine prevention. Focuses on technical understandings of famine dynamics, causes, and thus ways to anticipate; as well as the politics of famine and accountability. Offers recommendations to	

			change approaches to anticipation and prevention of famine.	
March 2023	Global Displacement Forecast	Danish Refugee Council Evidence	The DRC's AI-driven forecast for displacement figures in 2023, with analysis of key trends, drivers, and case studies of countries of concern.	
March 2023	Women & girls on the move: a snapshot of available evidence	International Organisation for Migration Evidence	Overview of data on female migrants across the world, including specific risks faced.	
March 2023	Humanitarian action is the answer to fewer and fewer of today's humanitarian crises	Damian Lilly; Overseas Development Institute Humanitarian Policy Group Discourse	Argues that we should rethink whether humanitarian assistance is appropriate for many of today's crises, and that more collaboration with other actors, through a nexus approach, will be needed to address large political and economic problems holistically.	
March 2023	Leadership and humanitarian change: why collaboration and transformation is needed	Global Executive Leadership Initiative (GELI) and the Centre for Humanitarian Action (CHA) Discourse	A collection of articles on humanitarian leadership issues, including local leadership, protection advocacy, and lessons from science.	
March 2023	Understanding the role of narratives in humanitarian policy change	Patrick Saez and John Bryant; Overseas Development Institute Evidence	Research into humanitarian policy narratives frame humanitarian action through the idea of exceptionalism, and	*"We all believe in evidence and many of us claim to be 'data driven,' but this report warns us that how evidence and data are assembled and*

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			that this frame excludes non-Western actors.	*explained is perhaps more important than the data itself. For anyone interested in the "humanitarian evidence conundrum," this is must reading."* Professor Dan Maxwell
March 2023	Disaster risk reduction in West Africa and the Sahelian region: a review of progress	Katie Peters et al.; Overseas Development Institute Evidence	Assessment of progress on disaster risk reduction, measured by the Sendai framework, in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria and Senegal.	
March 2023	Quantifying climate change risk in humanitarian response	UN OCHA Discourse	Discusses findings from INFORM's Climate Change Risk Index on the humanitarian risks arising from climate change.	
March 2023	Four ways ChatGPT could help level the humanitarian playing field	Aanjalie Roane; The New Humanitarian Discourse	Suggests that ChatGPT software can help humanitarian organisations by writing communications, find information on funding, help with administration, and help to find local NGOs.	

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April 2023	Reducing civilian harm in urban warfare: a handbook for armed groups	ICRC Policy/guidance	Guidance on how armed groups can reduce civilian harm throughout their operations.	

| April 2023 | [Detention by non-State armed groups: translating law to practice](#) | Tilman Rodenhäuser and Eloïse Lefebvre; ICRC Law & Policy

Discourse | Presents four key issues on the protection of detainees in the hands of non-State armed groups. | |
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| April 2023 | [Ukraine wants recognition and reparations for Russian 'ecocide'](#) | Jean-Philippe Lefief; Le Monde

Discourse | Discusses the prospects of reparations for environmental damage in Ukraine. Outlines the current state of assessment of the environmental damage by the Ukrainian government and NGOs, and the legal and political outlook. | |
| April 2023 | [When the lights go out: the protection of energy infrastructure in armed conflict](#) | Eirini Giorgou and Abby Zeith; ICRC Law & Policy

Discourse | Outlines the harms to civilians caused by damage to energy infrastructure, and the protection offered by IHL. | ⭐ |
| April 2023 | [Guidance note on the implications of cyber threats for humanitarians](#) | Centre for Humanitarian Data

Policy/guidance | Outlines the key cyber threats and their potential effect on humanitarian action. | |
| April 2023 | [Humanitarian Notification Systems: unpacking the complexities and possibilities](#) | GISF Evolving NGO Security Risk Management podcast

Discourse | Rob Grace discusses how the sharing of humanitarian locations with conflict parties can be used to enable humanitarian access and safety. | ⭐ |
| April 2023 | [Fighting with words: humanitarian security and the changing role of law in contemporary armed conflict](#) | Lida-Maria Tammi; Disasters

Evidence | Analysis of the effect of the use of legal principles for military or political purposes, 'lawfare', on humanitarian security, in Syria. Focusing on debates around UN Security Council meetings, the paper 'illustrates how legal arguments can be used strategically to create a permissive environment for violence against humanitarians'. | |
| April 2023 | [Humanitarian Access SCORE Report: Myanmar Survey on the Coverage, Operational Reach, and Effectiveness of Humanitarian Aid](#) | Paul Harvey et al.; Humanitarian Outcomes

Evidence | Report assessing humanitarian access constraints in Myanmar, based on surveys conducted in December 2022. | |

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March 2023	Durable Solutions for Children: Checklist for child-sensitive national and local durable solutions strategies to address internal displacement	Save the Children Policy/guidance	Check list of measures to protect the rights of internally displaced children.	
April 2023	Operational guidance data responsibility in humanitarian action	Inter-Agency Standing Committee Policy/guidance	Guidance on the principles of and actions for data responsibility in humanitarian action.	
April 2023	Cash and voucher assistance in humanitarian contexts: supply chain determinants for feasibility and operability	Russel Harpring; Hanken School of Economics Evidence	PhD thesis on how supply chain factors affect the feasibility of cash transfers.	
April 2023	Programming guidance: embedding localisation in social protection	Courtenay Cabot Venton; Social Protection Technical Assistance, Advice and Resources (STAAR) Policy/guidance	Guidance on integrating local actors in social protection programming led by governments or international humanitarian organisations.	
April 2023	Letting go of control Empowering locally led action in Ukraine	Simone Di Vicenz and Elizabeth Hallinan; Christian Aid Evidence	Review of Christian Aid's work with community led approaches in Ukraine, such as survivor- and community-led response (sclr) and flexible small grants.	
April 2023	A pathway to localisation impact: laying the foundations	Kate Sutton et al; Humanitarian Advisory Group; GLOW Consultants; CoLAB Evidence	Research on the impact of localisation. Noting there is no consistent framework for doing so, the paper interviews humanitarian workers and uses the Pakistan floods as a case study to identify barriers to measurement. Section 3 proposes a model for measuring the impact.	

March 2023	Opportunity cost of covid-19 budget reallocations: cross-country synthesis	Stephanie Allan and Eleanor Bayley; Centre for Disaster Protection Evidence	Analysis of the costs and benefits of budget reallocations for covid-19 and disaster response more generally, based on studies of Albania, Ethiopia, Pakistan and South Africa.	

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March 2023	How could artificial intelligence help (and hinder) our humanitarian work?	Matthew Gwynfryn Thomas; Medium Discourse	Proposed uses, and risks, of ChatGPT for humanitarian organisations, based on thoughts from 30 staff in the British Red Cross.	
April 2023	Participation for humanitarian innovation	Elrha and MIT Policy/guidance	Toolkit setting out a 'robust approach to setting expectations for and monitoring the degree of participation within research and innovation projects for, with, and by people affected by crisis.'	
April 2023	The Global Transboundary Climate Risk Report	Ariadne Anisimov and Alexandre K. Mangan; The Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations & Adaption without Borders Evidence	Report on climate risks, identifying 10 globally significant risks and discussing potential policy responses.	

April 2023	[Improving famine early warning systems: a conflict-sensitive approach](#)	Alba Linares Queroa, Karlos Pérez de Armiñob and Manuel Sánchez Montero; Conflict, Security & Development Evidence 🔬	Outlines ways to incorporate the causal link between conflict and food insecurity into early warning systems, using an adapted model and new indicators. Discusses difficulties in collecting the necessary data.	
April 2023	[Pre-positioned funding as an approach to advance localisation and locally-led humanitarian action](#)	Anne-Lise Dewulf; Trócaire Evidence 🔬	Lessons from a pilot of Trocaire's new pre-positioned funding model in Sierra Leone, Malawi, Rwanda, Myanmar and Nicaragua	
April 2023	[Anticipatory action in advance of 'wicked crises': Insights from a real-time study of people's lives in Somalia 2020–2022](#)	Simon Levine et al.; SPARC Evidence 🔬	Research on the anticipatory actions taken by farmers and pastoralists in Somalia in 2020. It highlights a lack of viable strategies in the local economy, a need for better weather forecasting, and the need to support a wide variety of strategies.	⭐
March 2023	[Leaving no crisis behind with assistance for the triple nexus Humanitarian, development and peace funding in crisis contexts](#)	Development Initiatives Evidence 🔬	Analysis of development, humanitarian and peace funding in humanitarian response plans in 2021, to assess whether they are implementing triple nexus priorities.	

April 2023	[Aid strategies in 'politically estranged' settings How donors can stay and deliver in fragile and conflict-affected states](#)	Sarah Cliffe et al.; Chatham House Evidence 🔬	Many fragile and conflict-affected states are politically estranged from donor states, because of disputed elections, sanctions or similar situations. The report explores ways that humanitarian and development donors can stay engaged in a politically sensitive way, through different delivery and oversight modalities.	⭐
April 2023	[How the earthquakes could spark progress for disaster risk reduction in Syria](#)	Haley Schuler-McCoin; The New Humanitarian Evidence 🔬	Report that outlines opportunities for disaster risk reduction, early recovery and development in post-earthquake Syria, despite sanctions and 'red lines' from donor countries. It notes promising rhetoric from donors, and the possibility of small-scale DRR.	
April 2023	[Jeremy Konyndyk, President of Refugees International](#)	Humanitarian Fault Lines Discourse 💬	A discussion of current humanitarian issues and the future of Refugees International.	
April 2023	[World Development Report 2023: Migrants, Refugees, and Societies](#)	World Bank Evidence 🔬	Uses the 'match and motive matrix' to analyse global migration in terms of migrants' skills and the needs of destination countries; and motives behind migration. Includes a chapter on refugees, highlighting the importance of host country policy and burden sharing.	
April 2023	[Living with climate change, conflict and displacement: Recognising agency, voice, mobility, language and linkages](#)	Caitlin Sturridge; Humanitarian Policy Group (HPG) at ODI Evidence 🔬	Analysis of the simultaneous effects of climate change, conflict and displacement, based on studies of western Afghanistan and northern Mozambique, with a focus on how host and displaced communities adapt and respond.	

April 2023	[The realities of self-reliance within the Ugandan refugee context](#)	U-Learn Evidence 🔬	Analysis of livelihood strategies and barriers to self-reliance among refugee and host communities in refugee settlements and urban centres in Uganda.	
April 2023	[Humanitarian systemic learning framework toolkit](#)	Ben Ramalingam; ALNAP Policy/guidance	Step-by-step framework to analyse learning and changes in the humanitarian sector.	
April 2023	[The role of developmental 'buzzwords' in the international refugee regime: Self-reliance, resilience, and economic inclusion](#)	Naohiko Omata; World Development Evidence 🔬	Critical analysis of the use of the three concepts in development approaches to refugees, arguing that they 'are employed to reframe the lack of solutions for displacement crisis as a "development opportunity".'	⭐

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May 2023	[Humanitarian Carve Outs for UN Sanctions Regimes: The Impact and Implementation of Resolution 2664](#)	UN Web TV Discourse 💬	Recording of a discussion on the impact of recent humanitarian carve-outs in UN sanctions.	

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May 2023	Harnessing the power of artificial intelligence to uncover patterns of violence	Fiona Terry and Fabien Dany; ICRC Law & Policy Evidence	Blog outlining the aims and capabilities of the ICRC's new AI tool to improve the classification of armed group violence in ACLED data and to discern patterns in violence and restraint more clearly.	
May 2023	Feed the Future and Conflict Integration	Jessie Anderson and Jack Daly; USAID Policy/guidance Policy/guidance	Toolkit to integrate conflict sensitivity, social cohesion and peacebuilding considerations with food security interventions.	
May 2023	No matter who's fighting, hunger always wins: how violent action drives food insecurity	Action Against Hunger Evidence	Report outlining the links between violence and food insecurity; IHL protection; and peace building options.	

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May 2023	The humanitarian connectivity, needs and usage assessments (CONUA) toolkit	GSMA Policy/guidance Policy/guidance	Guidance on toolkit comprising eight tools on measuring use of mobile technologies and related issues.	
May 2023	Humanitarian Fault Lines: David Rieff	Humanitarian Faultlines Discourse	Discussion with David Rieff on humanitarian space, the UN, and memory in the Russia-Ukraine war.	David Rieff's seminal book, 'A bed for the night', was a searing critique of the expansion of humanitarian action beyond relief into rights-based approaches. 20 years on, it is interesting to hear his personal insights into the decline of the moral authority of the UN, flailing global cooperation and ethical dilemmas in Afghanistan, Myanmar, and Ukraine.

May 2023	Shelter Severity Classification System	Global Shelter Cluster Policy/guidance Policy/guidance 🔺	Toolkit comprising implementation guidelines, a calculation tool and an indicator bank for assessing shelter needs.	
May 2023	Project success yet strategic failure? Local leadership & localisation in relation to governmental actors	Global Mentoring Initiative Discourse 💬	Discussion of localisation centred on the role of local government actors, who have formal responsibility for service provision and who may see their roles substituted by aid agencies. Notes the sustainability of foreign-funded projects is seldom tested for long after projects are over, and suggests ways aid agencies should ensure they do not undermine government responsibility.	A timely reminder of the limited focus in the 'localisation' agenda on the central role of local government. The report shows the limited, and often counter-productive, engagement with affected governments and the implications for the sustainability of services. ⭐
April 2023	Adaptive innovation in the Ukraine humanitarian response: how context, leadership and partnerships matter: a case study from Ukraine for the global prioritisation exercise for humanitarian research and innovation	Nigel Timmins and Anton Shevchenko; ELHRA Evidence 🔬	Lessons learned on adaptive innovation in Ukraine, including new digital tools, highlighting the role of established partnerships in facilitating adaptation.	A fascinating insight into adaptive programming in Ukraine – what was tried, by who, and what were the barriers to more innovative approaches. Unsurprisingly, some of the most exciting innovations came about as a result of risk-taking by well-informed and experienced senior leaders in large organisations, as well as more flexible Ukrainian civil society. ⭐
May 2023	Cash Working Group de-activation in Iraq	Norwegian Refugee Council Evidence 🔬	Case study of the phasing out of the cash working group in Iraq, and lessons learned.	
May 2023	Expanding the evidence base on cash, protection, GBV and health in humanitarian settings	Johns Hopkins Centre for Humanitarian Health Evidence 🔬	Evaluation of a maternal health cash intervention in the Philippines.	
May 2023	Digital cash transfers and transitioning from humanitarian cash to social protection	Rosa Akbari, Alexa Swift-Reeves, Ric Goodman, and Valentina Barca; STAAR Evidence 🔬	Outlines risks, benefits and pre-requisites for transitioning humanitarian cash and voucher assistance to digital payments while strengthening social protection systems.	

March 2023	The Grand Bargain 2.0 explained: an ICVA briefing paper	International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) Discourse	Outlines the history of the Grand Bargain agreements between aid actors and their main areas of focus.	
May 2023	Broke or broken? A necessary discussion about the humanitarian funding gap	Thierry-Mehdi Benlahsen & Edouard Rodier; Egmont Institute Evidence	Explores budgetary targets, global pooled funds, and a better engagement with the private sector, as ways to fill the humanitarian sector's funding gap.	As the gap between humanitarian needs and financing widens further, this paper revisits potential options including increasing contributions from non-OECD donors, reinvigorating GNI-based targets and establishing a global mechanism to administer contribution-based approaches, similar to the peacekeeping approach.
May 2023	Access to health products: which priorities and what role for MSF?	Michaël Neuman and Natalie Roberts; MSF Crash Discourse	Workshop on the best ways to address barriers to access to medicine	
May 2023	Forgotten Crises – to go	Eddo Westland; Centre for Humanitarian Action Evidence	Outlines the different definitions and examples of the concept of 'forgotten crises' by different humanitarian actors, and considers the implications for humanitarian media coverage and funding.	
May 2023	The first year of the COVID-19 pandemic in humanitarian settings: epidemiology, health service utilization, and health care seeking behavior in Bangui and surrounding areas, Central African Republic	Chiara Altare et al.; Conflict and Health Evidence	Study of epidemiology, health service use and health seeking in Bangui during the covid-19 pandemic. Findings include an underestimation of cases and fear of seeking health care because of covid-19 restrictions.	
May 2023	Direct and Indirect Benefits of Food and Cash Assistance in Uganda, May 2023	Cristobal Mingo et al.; World Food Programme Evidence	Study of effects of WFP cash and food assistance in 4 settlements in Uganda.	

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May 2023	Climate change and migration an omnibus overview for policymakers and development practitioners	Sam Huckstep and Michael Clemens; Center for Global Development Evidence	Outlines the state of knowledge and predictions on the climate-migration nexus and its policy implications.	
May 2023	Changing climate, changing realities: migration in the Sahel	Karen Hargrave et al.; ODI and British Red Cross Evidence	Report on links between climate change and migration in the Sahel, including a focus on slow onset changes and future patterns of movement.	
May 2023	Local early warning systems: predicting the future when things are so uncertain	Tahira Mohamed and Ian Scoones; PASTRES Discourse	Noting the gap between the accurate warnings produced by Kenya's National Drought Management Authority (NDMA), and responses, the blog highlights the 'Community-Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) approach based on a participatory diagnosis of problems and joint construction of solutions' as a way to better shape local responses.	
May 2023	Acting in Advance of Flooding: Early action in South Sudan	Evan Easton-Calabria; Feinstein International Center Evidence	Evidence from an early action pilot in South Sudan, with lessons on the outcomes and management of the project.	

May 2023	Designing inclusive, accessible early warning systems: good practices and entry points	GFDRR Evidence	Examples, lessons and recommendations on inclusive, accessible early warning systems	
May 203	Technical Standards on Anticipatory Action in Asia and the Pacific	Asia-Pacific Technical Working Group on Anticipatory Action Policy/guidance	Technical standards developed by the Asia-Pacific Technical Working Group, for the three building blocks of anticipatory action.	
May 2023	Rethinking food crisis responses	International Food Policy Research Institute. Evidence	Report on policy responses to food crisis. Chapters discuss: early warning, humanitarian response and anticipatory action, food systems, social protection, gender and forced migration. Includes overviews of regional developments.	
May 2023	Making adaption work: Addressing the compounding impacts of climate change, environmental degradation and conflict in the Near and Middle East	International Committee of the Red Cross and Norwegian Red Cross Evidence	Evidence on the humanitarian effects of environmental degradation and armed conflict, and adaption strategies. Based on research in the Near and Middle East.	

March 2023	Four ways to rethink 'resilience' and its links to social protection Carolina Szyp; Institute of Development Studies Discourse	Carolina Szyp; Institute of Development Studies Discourse	Blog on rethinking resilience in protracted crises.	Resilience has been challenged as a neo-liberal buzzword that emphasises the role of the individual or community in overcoming crises while downplaying structural barriers. Szyp calls for a focus on root causes, trade-offs, collective approaches and local support systems.
May 2023	Is it right to prioritise fragile states in the climate crisis?	Hugo Slim; Centre for Humanitarian Action Discourse	Argues that it is right to direct climate funding to states affected by fragility, conflict and violence (FCV), despite the difficulties.	
May 2023	Addressing loss and damage: Insights from the humanitarian sector	Paul Knox Clarke and Debbie Hillier; Flood Resilience Alliance Evidence	Report on lessons learned in the humanitarian sector on providing funding for climate disasters, to inform the 'loss and damage' provisions of COP27.	
May 2023	Proposals for a safety net in Afghanistan Developing humanitarian transfers for resilience	Martin Evans and Seema Ghani; Overseas Development Institute Discourse	Policy brief on how humanitarian actors should plan for the medium- to long-term in Afghanistan.	
May 2023	Leaving No One Behind: Inclusion of forcibly displaced people in national statistics	World Bank – UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement (JDC) and the Expert Group on Refugee, IDP and Statelessness	Discussion among senior representatives and survey experts from national statistical offices and international organisations on ways to include displaced people in national statistics.	

		Statistics (EGRISS) Discourse		
May 2023	UNHCR Resettlement Handbook	UNHCR Policy/guidance	Website outlining UNHCR guidance on resettlement.	
May 2023	2023 Global Report on Internal Displacement	IDMC Evidence	Figures and trends in internal displacement globally in the past year.	
May 2023	Can redistribution change policy views? aid and attitudes toward refugees in Uganda	Travis Baseler et al.; Center for Global Development Evidence	Analysis of the effect of foreign aid connected to refugees in Uganda, finding a link between aid being labelled as refugee aid and support for pro-refugee policies.	
May 2023	Most east African refugees are hosted close to borders – it's a deliberate war strategy	Kara Ross Camarena; The Conversation Evidence	Blog summarising evidence on African states' decisions on the placement of refugee camps. Findings include that aid agencies are more likely to be able to influence decisions on location and issues such as crowding when states are more interested in domestic policy than foreign policy.	
April 2023	Forced Displacement Literature Review Statelessness	Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement Evidence	Review of recent literature on statelessness.	

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June 2023	Delivering Humanitarian Health Services in Violent Conflicts	Jaime Sepúlveda, Jennifer M. Welsh, and Paul H. Wise, eds.; Daedalus Evidence	Special collection on humanitarian health delivery in conflicts. Articles discuss the ways to understand the complex relationships of actors in civil wars to better deliver aid, an assessment of the implications of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in terms of its humanitarian consequences and future similar wars, health responses, data, non-state actors, the UN Security Council, localisation, and others.	Timely and vital collection that interrogates humanitarian health from a number of angles. Includes focus on issues that do not receive sufficient attention, such as principles and ethics or urban contexts.
June 2023	The crisis of maternal and child health in Afghanistan	Nancy Glass et al.; Conflict & Health Evidence	Findings from a survey of Afghan health workers, showing harassment of health workers and reductions in access and quality of maternal and child health.	
June 2023	Ignoring red lines: violence against health care in conflict 2022	Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) Evidence	Report documenting '1,989 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in conflicts across 32 countries and territories'. Discusses types of attack, country profiles and recommendations.	
June 2023	The destruction of the Nova Kakhovka Dam and international humanitarian law: some preliminary thoughts	Marko Milanovic; EJIL: Talk! Discourse	Discussion of how IHL would address the destruction of the Nova Kakhovka Dam, and under what circumstances it would constitute a war crime or crime against humanity.	

June 2023	[Local governance structures and humanitarian responses to the earthquake in North-West Syria](#)	Sinan Hatahet; European University Institute Evidence	Paper analysing the effect of the governance structures in NW Syria on humanitarian response to the recent earthquake. It finds significant challenges 'such as the politicisation of aid, fragmented governance and the influence of armed factions.'	
June 2023	[Humanitarian protection in the Liptako-Gourma region (2020–2022): local protection and humanitarian mechanisms](#)	Dr Virginie Baudais et al.; SIPRI Evidence	Based on surveys of local communities, the research shows perceptions of threats, risks, vulnerabilities, and local protection mechanisms, to help target humanitarian protection more effectively. Also summarised [graphically](#).	
June 2023	[Organized crime](#)	International Review of the Red Cross Evidence	Edition focused on issues related to organised crime, including humanitarian impacts, the applicability of IHL and negotiation.	
June 2023	[Humanitarian negotiation processes with gangs](#)	Jorge J. Fernández; Frontline Negotiations Policy/guidance	Thoughts on the challenges of, and best practice for, working with gangs, based on interviews in México, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Colombia.	
June 2023	[How can humanitarians negotiate with algorithms?](#)	Óscar Sánchez Piñeiro; Frontline Negotiations Discourse	Recording and transcript of short discussion of the implications of the use of digital algorithms for humanitarian communication and negotiation.	
June 2023	[War in cities: preventing and addressing the humanitarian consequences for civilians](#)	ICRC Evidence	Outlines the civilian harms arising from conflicts in urban areas, and provides recommendations for more protection.	
June 2023	[Responsible data sharing between humanitarian organizations and donors: towards a common approach](#)	Vincent Cassard, Jonas Belina and Stuart Campo; ICRC Law & Policy blog Discourse	Six guidelines on how best to share data between humanitarian actors safely.	

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June 2023	Risk sharing framework	Risk Sharing Platform Policy/guidance	Guidance on sharing risk between humanitarian actors, across the delivery chain.	
June 2023	Unprotected: severe lack of funding for child protection	Humanitarian Funding Forecast Evidence	Report on funding for protection of children in conflict areas, with figures on global funding and a case study of Bangladesh.	
June 2023	Children and armed conflict: a legal glossary on abduction and deportation	Ioana Cismas, Ezequiel Heffes and Brook Morrison; Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict Policy/guidance	Glossary of legal terms relevant to abduction and deportation of children in armed conflict, from relevant laws and monitoring mechanisms.	
June 2023	Rohingya Repatriation: the booklet diplomacy	Shahariar Sadat, Azizul Haque, and Arafat Reza; Refugee Law Initiative Discourse	Analyses a booklet given to a Rohingya delegation taken to Myanmar to see preparations made for the repatriation of Rohingya refugees. It finds that the booklet does not address the legal status of the Rohingya. It also assesses the humanitarian assistance promised in the booklet.	

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June 2023	Transformational humanitarian response: the example of Poland	Fatma Maryam et al.; Humanitarian Leadership Academy Evidence	Analyses Poland's reception of refugees as an example of localisation, and highlights lessons on coordination between local and international actors.	
June 2023	Humanitarians and the climate emergency the ethical, practice and	Hugo Slim; GPPI Discourse	Essay outlining the adaptations needed in the humanitarian sector in order to respond to climate change.	

	cultural challenges		
April 2023	Evidence report: impact of climate change	Paul Knox Clarke, Johana Bretou-Klein and Iris Bollemeijer; International Medical Corps Evidence	Overview of likely effect of climate change on WASH, health, nutrition and food security, and livelihoods humanitarian programmes. Based on published literature.	
May 2023	Artificial Intelligence (AI) & ChatGPT in development and humanitarian work-a curated collection	Tobias Denskus; Aidnography Discourse	Blog collating recent articles on the potential roles of AI in humanitarian work.	
June 2023	IOM cash-based interventions annual report and case studies 2022	IOM Evidence	Data and cases studies on the IOM's use of cash-based interventions in 2022.	
June 2023	Cash-plus programming in protracted crises: a review of programmes in contexts of overlapping conflict, forced displacement and climate-related shocks	Jeremy Lind, Rachel Sabates-Wheeler and Carolina Szyp; BASIC Research Evidence	A review of 97 cash-plus programmes in 16 countries with protracted crises. It finds that they do not address the specific features of protracted crises, and more evidence is needed on their efficacy in such settings.	
June 2023	Linking social protection and cash and voucher assistance to mitigate and respond to gender-based violence in humanitarian and displacement contexts	Isabela Nunes Franciscon; Social Protection.org Discourse	Summary of a recent webinar with links to the recording and summaries of the papers.	
May 2023	Unpacking the politics of social assistance: Part 1 – Nigeria	Joseph Ochogwu; Institute of Development Studies Discourse	Blog exploring the challenges for the delivery of social assistance in NE Nigeria.	

June 2023	All the right tracks: delivering shock-responsive social protection in the Sahel: learning from the Covid-19 response	Ana Ocampo and Paul Quarles van Ufford; World Food Programme Evidence	Lessons from the WFP's 'twin track approach' to social protection during Covid-19.	
June 2023	The role of cash and voucher assistance in increasing equity and inclusion for girls and children with disabilities in education in emergencies	Komal Thakkar et al.; Global Education Cluster Evidence	Evidence on whether cash and voucher assistance can overcome barriers to education for girls and children with disabilities. Analysis of barriers and evidence from programmes. Case studies of programmes in Nigeria, Kenya and Syria.	
June 2023	Supporting social protection: five considerations for a principled humanitarian approach	Colin Walch; ICRC Law & Policy blog Discourse	Discusses how working with national social protection systems needs to be undertaken carefully to avoid undermining humanitarian principles, and highlights particular considerations.	A good example of what is too often missing in humanitarian action – examining program-level actions through the lens of the principles.
June 2023	Funding civil society in partner countries	OECD Policy/guidance	Toolkit on enabling civil society in development and humanitarian aid.	
June 2023	The Grand Bargain in 2022 An independent review	Victoria Metcalfe-Hough, Wendy Fenton and Farah Manji; ODI Evidence	Assessment of the progress made on Grand Bargain Commitments over the last year.	
June 2023	An unaccountable response perpetuates people's vulnerabilities	Ground Truth Solutions Evidence	Finds that a lack of participation can increase vulnerability by not accurately addressing needs. Based on surveys in Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Chad, the Central African Republic (CAR), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Haiti, Nigeria, Somalia and Ukraine.	Both refreshing and incredibly important – understanding humanitarian aid through the eyes of people and communities. Compellingly to the point – a good example of letting the people do the talking. Who is listening? Who is acting on what they hear?

June 2023	[The state of communication, community engagement and accountability across the Ukraine response](#)	Katarzyna Blasinska, Dmytrii Lavrinenko and Alyssa Thurston; CDAC Network Evidence 🔬	Quarterly report on status of communication, community engagement and accountability (CCEA) across the Ukraine response, highlighting key gaps and barriers.	
June 2023	[Humanitarian observatories – seeking change from below](#)	Dorothea Hilhorst; bIISS Discourse 💬	Summarises ISS's project setting up humanitarian observatories to help aid recipients monitor and influence aid.	
June 2023	[Navigating ethical dilemmas for humanitarian action in Afghanistan](#)	Mark Bowden et al.; Humanitarian Outcomes Evidence 🔬	Examines the ethical dilemmas facing humanitarian organisations in Afghanistan, the stances and options of key aid and state actors, and offers ways for aid actors to assess the effects of decisions.	
June 2023	[Livestock Emergency Guidance and Standards](#)	Helen de Jode and Cathy Watson; LEGS Policy/guidance 🔺	Handbook providing minimum standards and guidelines for use in humanitarian emergencies that affect livestock. Structured around six technical areas: livestock feed, water, veterinary support, shelter, livestock offtake, the provision of livestock.	
May 2023	[Sharing nutrition knowledge and experiences from across the globNoe In a time of food crisis](#)	Field Exchange 69 Evidence 🔬	Articles on issues including treatment for wasting children; climate change and food security and the Global Nutrition Cluster's new guidance.	
June 2023	[Explain: Essential briefings for humanitarian decision-makers](#)	ALNAP Policy/guidance 🔺	Short briefings on key topics in the humanitarian sector: [climate change](#), [localisation](#), [accountability to affected populations](#), and the [humanitarian-development-peace nexus](#).	⭐ ALNAP launches its new approach to disseminating information, based upon the critical observation that learning from experience is not challenged by the lack of learning so much as the lack of space in which to absorb it.

June 2023	Mercy Triumphs	Trumanitarian podcast Discourse	Interview with Stephen Webster about his work with first-response mechanisms.	
June 2023	Beyond survival Exploring wellbeing in humanitarian action	Oliver Lough et al.; ODI Evidence	The report uses the concept of wellbeing to explore 'how humanitarian assistance enables and inhibits people's efforts to pursue meaningful lives in protracted crises'.	This report probes issues that are not sufficiently probed, and certainly aren't as central to humanitarian action as they should be. A fundamental spark: "a demand to think beyond survival is bound up in the core humanitarian principle of humanity."
June 2023	"We don't do mental health": a review of Médecins Sans Frontières' first "psy" mission	Laure Wolmark; MSF Crash Evidence	Reflections on the decision-making around MSF's first mission with a mental health component in Armenia after the 1988 earthquake. Part of a special issue.	

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June 2023	Global humanitarian assistance report	Angus Urquhart et al.; Development Institutes Evidence	Assesses trends in humanitarian need and crisis, funding, changes in the humanitarian system, and potential innovations.	
June 2023	The world's most neglected displacement crises in 2022	Norwegian Refugee Council Evidence	Ranks Burkina Faso, DRC, Colombia, Sudan, Venezuela, Burundi, Mali, Cameroon, El Salvador and Ethiopia as overlooked crises. Outlines their key features and lack of	

			media and political engagement.	
June 2023	Linking disaster risk financing with social protection An overview of concepts and considerations	Zoe Scott; World Food Programme

Evidence
🔬 | Outlines the different ways to link DRF to social protection and the key considerations. | |
| June 2023 | Do famine declarations really lead to increased funding? | Daniel Maxwell, Matthew Day, Peter Hailey; Feinstein International Center

Evidence
🔬 | Analysis of funding patterns to question the common claim that funding increases following a famine declaration. Although this happened in Somalia in 2011, in most other cases funding flows are unaffected by famine declarations. Also analyses the effects of early warnings, and argues that resources should be given to prevent famine. | |
| June 2023 | Triggering anticipatory action for floods in Nepal | Centre for HumData

Discourse
💬 | Blog discussing the Nepal anticipatory action framework and its release of funds in October 2022 and linking to the data used. | |
| June 2023 | Predicting food crises using news streams | Ananth Balashankar, Lakshminarayanan Subramanian, Samuel P Fraiberger; Science Advances

Evidence
🔬 | Analyses 11.2 million news articles from 1980 to 2020 in food-insecure countries with deep learning, finding that it is possible to improve food crisis prediction. | |

June 2023	Can we predict conflict displacement?	Nico Rost; Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre Discourse	Summarises a recent study finding that 'it is possible to identify countries with a high risk of seeing large-scale displacement over the next 1 to 3' and suggests ways to improve forecasting.	
June 2023	A Sphere unpacked guide: nature-based solutions for climate resilience in humanitarian action	Jenn Hoffman and Dr. Sarah Henly-Shepard; Sphere Policy/guidance	Guidance on applying nature-based solutions in humanitarian responses.	
June 2023	Mobilising for rights in the MENA region	Forced Migration Review Evidence	Articles on how 'localised or transnational acts of mobilisation can support the rights of forced migrants in the Middle East and North Africa'. In partnership with the the University of Oslo's REF-ARAB project.	
June 2023	Think Change episode 27: refugee leadership – how do we move from talk to action?	Sara Pantuliano et al.; ODI Discourse	Discussion on the implementation of refugee leadership, with experts from refugee-led organisations.	
June 2023	Forced displacement literature review	Joint Data Centre Evidence	Review of recent articles on refugees and conflicts, trade, labour markets, asylum policies, and other issues.	