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International and European Institutions

UN Human Rights in Moldova: Providing vital support to Ukrainian refugees

UNHCR

Since the war in Ukraine began on 24 February, UN Human Rights in Moldova have played an integral part in monitoring the country's borders and mobilizing support for refugees entering the country. It is estimated that in the period 24 February – 15 April, 421,130 refugees have fled to Moldova and 101,331 of them have made the decision to stay, according to Bea Ferenci, UN Human Rights Adviser in Moldova.

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EP Special Committee on COVID-19 pandemic starts work

European Parliament

The majority of the special committee's work will focus on four pandemic-related areas: health; a coordinated response respecting democracy and fundamental rights; the societal and economic impact; and the EU and the world.

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EIF unlocks €4.65 million to support entrepreneurship and job creation in Roma communities under the EaSI programme

European Investment Fund

The European Investment Fund (EIF) has signed a guarantee agreement with REDI Economic Development S.A. (REDI) that will make €4.65 million available to enhance access to finance for entrepreneurs operating in Roma communities in Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia and North Macedonia.

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ECDC E-learning courses on COVID-19 & vulnerable populations

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

ECDC offers a series of e-learning activities related to COVID-19. The activities are available via the ECDC Virtual Academy (EVA), which provides access to training in the domain of disease prevention and control, in order to strengthen capacity of the European Union and its Member States.



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National Institutions

Video: How football is helping to reduce health inequalities locally

NHS

Dr Bola Owolabi, Director — Healthcare Inequalities at NHS England and NHS Improvement, visits Preston and Blackpool to see how the English Football League (EFL) is supporting communities and reducing health inequalities.



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Minister O’Gorman publishes discrimination report to inform equality policy

Government of Ireland

The report identifies variation in experiences of discrimination by different factors such as by gender, nationality, race disability status, sexual orientation, religion, membership of the Travelling community, and social class. In this way, it helps identify which of these population subgroups are likely to experience discrimination and allows policy makers to design targeted and effective strategies to tackle discrimination.

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Research Developments

Ukraine: Public Health Situation Analysis (PHSA) - Long-form

ReliefWeb

Vulnerable groups are disproportionately impacted by health threats and barriers to accessing health care. Of particular concern are the elderly. It is estimated that 20% of the population of Ukraine are 60 years and older – the highest proportion of elderly persons in a humanitarian setting in the world. 8 Other vulnerable groups identified in this analysis are people with disabilities (PwD), children and youth, women and girls, Roma, health care workers, and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

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UK Institute for Public Policy Research publishes report on impact COVID-19 pandemic

Institute for Public Policy Research

The report warns that the UK's deep health inequalities and ineffective policies mean people are living shorter lives, with more years spent in poor health, and face greater barriers to staying in and getting on at work.

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Immigrant Status and Ethnic Inequities in Dental Caries in Children: Bilbao, Spain

International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

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'Toxic combination' of issues threaten world's health and human rights – BMA

The Guardian/British Medical Association

Health-related human rights are under intense threat across the globe with devastating consequences for the public and healthcare professionals, a new report from the British Medical Association warned.



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Action on patient safety can reduce health inequalities

British Medical Journal

Patient safety is the science and practice of minimising harm and error experienced by patients while receiving healthcare.

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In the Media

[Magic Magid: The paradox at the heart of EU's Green Deal](#) | EUobserver

European black and brown citizens are usually the most acutely-impacted by environmental degradation, toxic chemicals and pollution. Yet their predicament goes unnoticed, and their voice is never heard.

[Video: Roma refugees say they face discrimination as they flee Ukraine](#) | CNN

Displaced members of the Roma community say they're facing different treatment than Ukrainians. CNN's Kyung Lah reports.

[CNN Heroes video: fighting for health equity in Philadelphia](#) | CNN

The coronavirus had brought the world to a stop. That's when pediatric surgeon Dr. Ala Stanford sprang into action, bringing Covid-19 testing to Black and Brown communities in Philadelphia that were hard hit by the virus.

Covid vaccine inequity due to racism rooted in 'slavery and colonialism'

The Guardian

Racism rooted in slavery, colonialism and apartheid is responsible for higher Covid death rates among people of African and Asian descent, as well as Roma and Indigenous peoples, a UN body has said.

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Michael Marmot: What's about to happen in the UK is unprecedented

The Guardian

Poverty is literally a matter of life and death for those on the margins, and the government has so far failed to step in.

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MEP Romeo Franz: Despite progress on antigypsyism in Europe, more legislation is required for true equality

The Parliament Magazine

The 2020 EU Roma Strategic Framework represents a necessary new beginning in the fight against antigypsyism in Europe. But it remains a toothless tiger without an equality law for Romani people, writes Romeo Franz.



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"No brainer" for businesses to tackle health inequalities, says Michael Marmot

British Medical Journal

Businesses can be a major driving force in tackling the social determinants of health by creating good quality work for their employees and implementing policies that support the health of their clients and customers, experts have recommended.

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Other News

Ukraine refugees need urgent, ongoing health care. We've worked in refugee camps and there's a right way to do it

The Conversation

Like any population, forced migrants are a diverse group with equally diverse health needs. Health interventions in situations of mass displacement are only effective if designed and implemented to meet individual context, informed by understanding of patients' lives within their community and culture.

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Mental health, inequality and trust: What we learned from the COVID-19 pandemic

World Economic Forum

Two years into unprecedented upheavals brought about by the pandemic, polling company Ipsos outlines some key things we've learned.

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Business has a responsibility – and an interest – in promoting health equity

World Economic Forum

All businesses play a role in and are affected by health inequities – and not just those in the healthcare and life sciences industry.

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European Parliament's special committee on COVID-19 is an opportunity to drive health equity forward

European Public Health Alliance

Examining lessons learned and formulating recommendations for the future, public health understood in its broadest sense must be seriously considered in the committee's work, to ensure that we are all able to build back better.

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Irish Travellers 'mental health crisis' driven by discrimination and deprivation | BBC

Irish Travellers suffer some of the worst discrimination and poverty of any ethnic group in Europe, according to European Union research. Members of the community have said it is causing a mental health crisis in their home country. In Ireland, 11% die by suicide and life expectancy is up to 15 years shorter than the wider population.

Human Life Beyond Segregation and Integration - Visit to the Roma Minority in Nyíregyháza | Hungary Today

30 lively children enter the building of the daycare center. After school hours and joint homework preparation, they do not go home, as there is still an activity waiting for them. They put down their school bags, take off their shoes, wash their hands, and they are already at the game shelves. Tick Tack Boom, Halli Galli, Monopoli Junior – the selection of board games is large. Groups form and the games begin. We are in the part of Nyíregyháza inhabited by the Roma minority, in the so-called Hussar Quarter.

Faced with discrimination, Ukrainian Roma refugees are going home | Euractiv

After facing discrimination and being denied humanitarian aid in Hungary, many Roma refugees fleeing Ukraine head back to their war-torn country to reunite with their families, despite the risks, activists say.

Health inequalities: Why do people smoke if they know it's bad for them?

Cancer Research UK

For people who smoke it's not as simple as avoiding cigarettes because they're unhealthy and costly. Some people are more likely to try a cigarette than others, and often factors outside of our control can make all the difference.

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Academics support local Roma community to enhance antenatal care

NewsAnyway

A team of public health and maternity care academics from the University of Bedfordshire have collaborated with the Luton Roma Trust in an effort to increase uptake of antenatal care by Roma women in Luton.

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Upcoming Events



Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, mental health has steadily gained more attention as one of the crucial aspects of wellbeing. Research points out that the Roma population often suffers from more mental health issues than non-Roma due to social determinants of health such as difficulties in access to education, housing or employment. This event, organised within the 2022 Romani Week, voices the importance of mental health in Roma inclusion, and reports the successful application of CESPYD's mental health model designed by CSOs and NGOs.

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FEANTSA Policy Conference 2022: Towards a Vision for Ending Homelessness

European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless

FEANTSA is delighted to announce that registrations are open for our Policy Conference 2022: Towards a Vision for Ending Homelessness which will take place on the 2nd & 3rd of June in Dublin.

Our first all in person conference since the beginning of the pandemic, this year we have decided to shake up the format with a variety of different sessions including the usual workshops and seminars as well as "spotlight on" sessions and "conversations with...". Furthermore, site visits are back! And we have a full day of site visits planned with services across Dublin on Thursday 2nd. Site visits are open to all conference participants, as part of your registration you can select which site visit you want to attend but places are limited and are secured on a first come first served basis.



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