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International and European Institutions

Report: Places and Spaces: Environments and children's well-being

Unicef

Report Card 17 explores how 43 OECD/EU countries are faring in providing healthy environments for children. Do children have clean water to drink? Do they have good-quality air to breathe? Are their homes free of lead and mould? How many children live in overcrowded homes? How many have access to green play spaces, safe from road traffic?

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Health must be at the centre of Ukraine's recovery, says WHO Regional Director for Europe

WHO Regional Director for Europe Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge led a delegation to Ukraine to review immediate and long-term health needs, the WHO emergency response, and the best ways to help the health system withstand and recover from the damage inflicted by war.

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WHO European Regional Obesity Report 2022

Children from the lowest-income neighbourhoods are more than twice as likely to be living with obesity than those from the highest-income neighbourhoods.

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Report highlights that women and marginalized people need urgent access to health-care services in Ukraine

UNAids



A new report by UN Women and CARE International highlights the urgent need to provide health-care services to women in Ukraine and sets out why the international community needs to support a gendered response to Ukraine's humanitarian crisis.

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National Institutions

VCSE Health and Wellbeing Fund 2022 to 2025: women's reproductive wellbeing in the workplace

UK Government

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHS England and Improvement (NHSEI) are seeking applications from voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector organisations for the next round of the Health and Wellbeing Fund.



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Amsterdam, Barcelona, Madrid and Vienna pledge to the European Pillar of Social Rights

Eurocities

Today, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Madrid and Vienna announced new city pledges to the European Pillar of Social Rights within the Eurocities social campaign 'Inclusive cities 4 all'.



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Research Developments

Article series on structural racism and mental health disparities

American Journal of Psychiatry

Individuals of color and other minoritized groups disproportionately face interpersonal, societal, and environmental stressors that increase their risk to develop psychiatric disorders, and these factors also impede access to mental health care.

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Racism in healthcare: a scoping review

BMC Public Health

Racism constitutes a barrier towards achieving equitable healthcare as documented in research showing unequal processes of delivering, accessing, and receiving healthcare across countries and healthcare indicators. This review summarizes studies examining how racism is discussed and produced in the process of delivering, accessing and receiving healthcare across various national contexts.

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War in Ukraine and Racism: The Physical and Mental Health of Refugees of Color Matters

International Journal of Public Health

The war in Ukraine has shed light on multiple forms of racism—the belief that certain people are inferior because of their skin color.

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Roma Health

'They won't accept us': Roma refugees forced to camp at Prague train station

The Guardian

Humanitarian crisis grows as Ukrainian Roma families stuck at Czech train station say they are not treated like other refugees.



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Health Brief – Human rights violated, access to health neglected: Roma in 'mental distress'

Euractiv

Lower life expectancy, limited access to health services, and the violation of human rights are just some factors impacting Roma people's mental health in Europe.

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Roma refugees who fled from Ukraine to Moldova are now in limbo

National Public Radio

Angelina Leonidovna Kovach decided to leave the Ukrainian city Kharkiv in the second week of March, emerging from her basement refuge into a country under fire. She crossed from Ukraine into neighboring Moldova with a group of her relatives — all members of Ukraine's Roma minority.

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Young Roma and Traveller women of today are the leaders and influencers of tomorrow

Making progress towards greater inclusion of Roma and Traveller women and girls is not only a human rights imperative, it is a key component of how countries can respond to the challenges they face. Mainstream society and states need to see young Roma and Traveller women and girls not as a threat or a burden, but as a huge untapped potential. This approach will support more vibrant young women to be part of diverse societies and to contribute to their development.

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The defence of Roma children's rights discussed in the Council of Europe 13th Dialogue Meeting with Roma and Traveller civil society

On 10-11 May 2022, the Council of Europe held its 13th Dialogue Meeting with Roma and Traveller civil society in Strasbourg in hybrid format, focusing on the topic of defending the rights of the Roma and Traveller children.

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OPEN SOCIETY
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The Open Society Foundations to Invest in a European Roma Foundation

For the past 30 years, the Open Society Foundations have been the main private champion of efforts to support Europe's 12 million Roma communities. Over three decades, the Foundations have supported the fight for equality and the political participation of Europe's largest and most resilient minority group that still experiences the worst exclusion on ethnic grounds unacceptable in 21st century.

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The Czech government is compensating victims of forced sterilization

ERGO Network

Victims can obtain compensation of 300 000 CZK. Romani women were the primary target of a eugenic practice that was documented from 1966 and widespread especially in the 1980s.

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Experts of the Committee on the Rights of the Child Ask Greece about Roma Children and Push Backs of Refugees at the Border

The Office of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee on the Rights of the Child today concluded its consideration of the combined fourth to sixth periodic report of Greece under the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Committee Experts asked questions about the situation of Roma children in Greece and push backs of refugees at the border.

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Other News

Opinion - A prescription for the government: tackle child poverty to help address health inequalities

While the package of financial support delivered by the UK chancellor Rishi Sunak last week gives many families room to breathe, it won't touch the sides of child poverty. The lifelong implications of growing up in poverty are significant, both for the individual and in costs to society.

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Maternity charges in NHS widen health inequalities

Meeting the government's commitment to halving neonatal mortality will be impossible without also narrowing disparities between more and less advantaged families.

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INSTITUTE of HEALTH EQUITY

Excess Deaths for England by Deprivation Deciles and Sex, 2009-2020

UCL Institute of Health Equity

Those in the most deprived 20% of society are more than five times likely to live shorter lives than those in the most affluent 20%.

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Scientific American article series on health equity

Topics include mental health, discrimination, poverty, HIV, and how COVID-19 made obvious what many already knew: Inequity—whether because of race, culture, skin color, income or caste—can be lethal.

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Joint Statement on Ukraine: Worsening of Health Inequalities

EPHA and Others

We are particularly concerned about the accompanying widening of health inequalities, disproportionately impacting disadvantaged and vulnerable groups, including ethnic minorities, low socio-economic groups, and the homeless, who have little to no resources and who are impacted most.

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Upcoming Event



Webinar: Impact of the crisis on access to health services for women, with emphasis on marginalized groups of women

Community of Practitioners on Accountability and Social Action in Health - Europe

June 8 | 14:00-16:00 CET | Online

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