The UN Helps Children Continue their Education in the COVID-19 Era

**UNESCO** is calling for education for all with open resources, which are materials that are free of cost and in the public domain that enhance educational access. The United Nations and its partners are helping more children to continue learning through the internet, radios and television. Many schools have been closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak and some families do not have the resources to educate their children from home. The UN is trying to prevent children from the most vulnerable and economically disadvantaged families from suffering the most severe repercussions of COVID-19 lockdowns.

90 Percent of the World’s Museums Closed During COVID-19 Crisis

Covid-19 has dramatically changed the global landscape we once knew, and museums are no exception. **UNESCO** understands that museums are treasured cultural sites that contribute to the spread of knowledge. The global community should fear that over 13 percent of the museums that closed during the pandemic will not re-open. **UNESCO** is helping museums cope with the COVID-19 crisis by staying in touch with their audiences while they are closed.
The UN Envoy Makes Progress Towards Achieving A Ceasefire in Yemen

After intensive discussions and negotiations with warring parties in Yemen, the UN believes that it made progress towards reaching a ceasefire deal. Both the Yemeni government and the Houthi rebels are successfully engaging with UN proposals to make peace and establish a more just Yemen where journalists can report freely, women can lead, and the needs of the people are met. Peace is the only way Yemen can contain the COVID-19 pandemic amid a country with crippled infrastructure.

The UN Condemns Shelling of Tripoli, Libya

Shelling took place in the Libyan capital near the Turkish embassy and Italian ambassador’s residence, killing and injuring several civilians. The United Nations Support Mission to Libya believes that these attacks are unacceptable, especially at a time when Libyan Muslims are observing Ramadan while trying to battle COVID-19. May has been a bloody month in Libya so far with 15 civilians reported dead and 50 injured. Most attacks are affiliated with the Libyan National Army.
The UN Celebrates the Arrest of Rwandan Genocide Leader

Félician Kabuga was a leader in the 1994 Rwandan genocide against the Tutsi. Mr. Kabuga was apprehended in Paris, France after a joint investigation conducted by French authorities and IRMCT. In 1977, he was indicted on seven counts of crimes against humanity and genocide. United Nations believes that such an arrest will send a powerful message that the international community will work together to bring to justice those who have committed war crimes and atrocities against humanity. This arrest should send a warning to all international criminals that are evading capture and the rule of law and deter future atrocities from occurring.

The UN and the African Union Call for Peaceful Elections in Burundi

Reports emerged from Burundi that intimidation and violence are being used between opposing political parties during the elections. The United Nations urged authorities in this East African country to provide a safe election environment for all. The UN has also called for women to be equally included and for preventative measures to be taken during the election to stop the spread of COVID.
Central American Criminal Gangs are Exploiting COVID-19 Lockdowns

UNHCR reports that gangs are exploiting the insecurity that many are facing in Central America during the COVID-19 pandemic. In many Central American countries, gangs are gaining control over poor communities and exploiting the people who live in them. The UN has seen an increased rise in violence since the pandemic occurred. UNCHR is consulting with state authorities to insure they respond to gang violence in a timely manner. The UN warns that the global community will see an increase in organized crime due to the pandemic and encourages states and non-state actors to take necessary measures when peoples’ lives are threatened.

Hawaii Researchers Encourage Traditional Crop Growth

Hundreds of millions are predicted to go hungry around the world due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hawaiians believe that bringing back traditional crops that are often overlooked in modern society could help nourish starving people. As part of a series focusing on the UN Sustainable Development Goals, UN officials traveled to Hawaii to see how Hawaiians are cultivating indigenous crops. Hawaii is returning to the cultivation of breadfruit, which has largely become unpopular. Scientists believe that the cultivation of indigenous fruits will protect the Hawaiian forest system from collapsing.
Europe

The UN Sustainable Energy Program in the Ukraine is Fighting COVID-19

This UN program was created to teach Ukrainians about energy efficiency, but is now being used to educate citizens about how to combat COVID-19. The program produced 100,000 posters detailing steps about how to protect oneself and one’s family from COVID-19. As a response, homeowners’ associations in the Ukraine began coming up with creative ways to sanitize buildings and footwear. The UNDP reports that the elderly began knitting masks for medical personnel, and those living in vulnerable neighborhoods.

The UN Human Rights Office Condemns EU Migrant Boat Push Back

The UN is demanding that all restriction on humanitarian boats that rescue migrants be lifted. These restrictions are putting countless migrant lives at risk and violating the basic human rights of those seeking refuge from violence. Most of the immigrants are departing from Libya. There are currently no rescue vessels operating in the Mediterranean Sea. Migrants are being left to drown in rough sea conditions, or are sent back to be killed in the countries they were trying to escape. The Italian authorities impounded a vessel, Alan Kurdi, named after a three year old Syria who drowned at sea. The boat was operated by a German NGO. These migrants have every right to seek asylum, and it is against international law for countries to behave in such a despicable way.
Philippines Typhoon Recovery is Made Difficult by COVID-19

Tens of thousands in the Philippines fled the aftermath of a typhoon and moved to cramped shelters. OCHA reports that these shelters are becoming a breeding ground for COVID-19 due to their close confinement and unsanitary conditions. The UN is making efforts to supply these shelters with the correct sanitation supplies, masks, and food, while helping farmers impacted by the typhoon to get back on their feet. People across the world who have been displaced due to war or natural disaster are often forced to live in tightly packed camps and shelters and face a greater risk of contracting COVID-19.

UN Expert Reports India Experiences Deadly Chemical Leak

During a time where industrial production is slowing down and the environment is becoming healthier due to COVID-19 lockdowns, India experienced a chemical leak at LG Chem plant. Over 1,000 people have been impacted by this chemical leak, which will cause cancer, neurological damage and infertility. Many of the side-effects of being exposed to the chemical go unnoticed for years. The chemical that leaked is Styrene, which is used to make plastic. The UN warns against the rampant consumption and production of plastic and the use of dangerous chemicals. The UN also believes that this leak should be seen as a warning to the international community against using unsafe
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