



Welcome to your weekly news round-up!

COVID-19

-  [The coronavirus pandemic: visualising the global crisis](#)
(The Guardian) 13/03/2020
The WHO has declared the global outbreak a pandemic. Take a look at the data behind the spread of the virus.
-  [How deadly is the new coronavirus?](#)
(The Economist) 12/03/2020
The fatality rate in any country will depend primarily on the quality of care it can provide—and how many people have access to it.
-  [Context-specific response to COVID-19 threat needed](#)
(Med Brief Namibia) 9/03/2020
As heart disease, hypertension and diabetes are major risk factors for developing severe symptoms of COVID-19, the World Heart Federation (WHF) has taken a specific interest in the need for a context-specific response to preventive measures in poor areas.
-  [Why Covid-19 is so dangerous for older adults](#)
(Vox) 12/03/2020
Older people are at greater risk, but the illness and the responses to it affect all of us.
-  [Coronavirus: qui sont les patients les plus vulnérables face au Covid-19?](#)
(Francetv Info) 9/03/2020
Les personnes âgées et celles qui souffrent de maladies chroniques ou d'insuffisance respiratoire sont les plus exposées aux risques liés à la maladie.
-  [Coronavirus: Así afecta el Covid-19 al corazón](#)
(ABC) 13/03/2020
Además de sobrecargarlo, la infección por Covid-19 puede producir un daño directo infeccioso e inflamatorio sobre el músculo cardíaco en pacientes con enfermedad cardiovascular.
-  [The psychological impact of quarantine and how to reduce it](#)
(The Lancet) 13/03/2020
Most reviewed studies reported negative psychological effects including post-traumatic stress symptoms, confusion, and anger.
-  [Government acts Switzerland imposes sweeping measures to contain coronavirus](#)
(Swissinfo (ENG)) 13/03/2020
Switzerland has closed schools throughout the country and imposed a ban on public gatherings of more than 100 people.
-  [Virus Outbreak Pushes Italy's Healthcare System to the Brink](#)
(The Wall Street Journal) 12/03/2020
Intensive-care units in the worst-hit north are almost at full capacity despite efforts to add beds and provide equipment for stricken patients.
-  [How China's investment in health care AI helps it deal with the coronavirus crisis](#)
(South China Morning Post - Online) 9/03/2020
China named its first team of national AI champions in 2017, tasking them to develop the technology for uses including health care. The developments since have proven useful today, in light of the ongoing coronavirus outbreak.

Global Health

-  [Health care in the Syrian conflict: 9 years on](#)
(The Lancet) 13/03/2020
The conflict in Syria has been characterized by large numbers of attacks on health workers and medical facilities, Sharmila Devi reports.
-  [Kenya seeks to become a regional healthcare hub](#)
(Xinhua News (Eng.)) 9/03/2020
Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta said Monday his government is working on consolidating the country's position as a regional healthcare hub.
-  [Seven out of 10 global health leaders are men – and change is half a century away.](#)
(The Guardian) 9/03/2020
'Stagnant' global health system is dominated by rich states, rooted in colonialism and undervalues women, says study.

NCD - Non Communicable Disease

-  [Fijian president calls for fight against non-communicable diseases](#)
(Xinhua News (Eng.)) 10/03/2020
Fijian President Jioji Konrote said on Tuesday that it is time to think both globally and locally to effectively fight NCDs.

Cardiovascular Disease

-  [Johnson & Johnson, Apple's New Virtual Trial Model Shows Early Enrollment Success](#)
(Forbes) 9/03/2020
Johnson & Johnson and Apple recently launched a first-of-its-kind randomized virtual clinical trial and is already enrolling patients dramatically faster than standard studies.
-  [HRT helps ward off heart disease in middle aged women, US study shows](#)
(Telegraph.co.uk) 8/03/2020
Hormone replacement therapy could help to ward off heart disease in middle aged women, a new study has shown.
-  [Modern women with heart disease need flexible lifestyle programmes](#)
(European Society of Cardiology) 8/03/2020
Women with heart disease today need flexible options for lifestyle programmes that fit their busy schedules.

Risk Factors

-  [Mapping a way out of childhood obesity.](#)
(Video - Financial Times) 10/03/2020
Researchers are mapping local 'food environments' to show the relationship between income, where you live and obesity. The FT meets the people using this data to help change shopping and eating habits.
-  [Diabetes risk: what's driving the global rise in obesity rates?](#)
(Financial Times) 10/03/2020
The number of adults living with diabetes has reached an estimated 463m — equivalent to 9.3% of the world's adult population.
-  [Free school dinners 'led to fall in childhood obesity rates'](#)
(The Guardian) 8/03/2020
The provision of free school meals is a useful weapon in the fight against childhood obesity, according to a study from the University of Essex.
-  [Pollutionwatch: how livable zones can tackle air pollution](#)
(The Guardian) 12/03/2020
Cities placing amenities within 20-minute walk, cycle or public transport trip to combat climate crisis.
-  [Climate emergency: global action is 'way off track' says UN head](#)
(The Guardian) 10/03/2020
Deadly heatwaves, floods and rising hunger far greater threat to world than coronavirus, scientists say.