

Fortnightly links: the global gag rule, what looks like famine in Yemen, Ebola outbreak in the Congo, PNG's health crisis, and more

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Brazilians lined up to cast their vote for president in October (Credit: Daniel Ramalho/Agence France-Presse/Getty Images)

Paul Krugman [explains](#) the economic woes that contributed to the election of a far right president in Brazil.

What is the effect of the [global gag rule](#) on abortion rates in developing countries? Professor Yana van der Meulen Rodgers gives an [engaging talk](#) on her analysis and findings.

Although Yemen [looks like](#) it's heading towards a famine, the lack of reliable information means that by the time a famine is declared, most hunger-related deaths may have already occurred.

Sarah Bermeo [writes about](#) the importance of nuanced, policy-relevant development research.

Jeremy Youde [writes](#) about the Ebola outbreak in the Congo, and Donald Trump's role in undermining attempts to tackle it.

Health standards in PNG — Australia's closest neighbour — are slipping dramatically, and both countries should be worried, [writes](#) Matt Wade for the Sydney Morning Herald. In a similar vein, Jo Chandler [writes](#) for the New York Times on the polio outbreak and PNG's health crisis.

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