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

By Terence Wood and Sachini Muller

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.

**About the author/s**

**Terence Wood**
Terence Wood is a Research Fellow at the Development Policy Centre. His research focuses on political governance in Western Melanesia, and Australian and New Zealand aid.

**Sachini Muller**
Sachini Muller was a Research Officer at the Development Policy Centre. She is currently completing a Master of Globalisation at ANU.