Fortnightly links: Development Bulletin No. 80, language barriers in crises, Islamophobia and support for ISIS, and more

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The latest Development Bulletin has been published, and it’s a bumper issue filled with articles on development in the Pacific, past, present and future.

This article in The Economist discusses ways in which language problems are a challenge to crisis responses.

The Australian Medical Research Advisory Board has recommended an Australian
Global Medical Research Fund as part of its priorities for the next two years.

Is there a relationship between Islamophobia and support for ISIS? Smart new research from Tamar Mitts drawing on data from Twitter suggests there is. (Journal article here; open access here.)

Pakistan has one of the world’s highest rates of abortion, this NPR article explains.

As the Syrian crisis continues, Rukban has become, to its residents, a symbol of the international community’s inability (or unwillingness) to help, writes Rozina Ali for The New Yorker.

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