

# Fortnightly links: future of aid, ethical fashion, incentives, Nepal aftermath, and water ATMs

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In this article and podcast [29 mins], ABC's *Future Tense* takes a closer look at the future of aid, as countries dedicate increasing portions of their aid budgets to refugee processing at home and military and security-related programs abroad, and new players enter the global aid scene.

In the last [fortnightly links](#), we included an article examining the issue of global corporate abuses. Since then, the [2016 Australian Fashion Report](#) [pdf] was launched by Baptist World Aid Australia, highlighting the [ethical performance](#) of major clothing retailers.

An Indonesian dentist, Dr Hotlin Ompusunggu, cleverly harnessed [the power of incentives](#) in order to help communities in Borneo resist illegal logging of the rainforest, resulting in win-win benefits.

Though a year has passed since the devastating earthquakes in Nepal took place, the reconstruction effort remains far off track. This *Buzzfeed News* [longread](#) by Anup Kaphle spells out some of the complications and frustrations, exacerbated for those living in remote areas. As Ruth Margalit notes in *Harpers Magazine*, the continuing [fuel crisis](#), the consequence of an unofficial trade blockade by India, is making matters that much more difficult.

And lastly, *PBS Newshour* [reports](#) on the viability of “water ATMs” — machines that purify water and dispense it via prepaid card swipes — to overcome India's ageing and overburdened water infrastructure.

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