

Fortnightly links: humanitarian aid vs ice cream, DFID's new strategy, cholera, and more

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Does the world really spend more than three times as much on ice cream each year as it does on humanitarian assistance? The BBC's More or Less team [have a look](#) at this factoid and conclude it's basically correct. Note though, that this is for humanitarian assistance, not all ODA. A comparison of More or Less's number for ice cream consumption, and [OECD data](#), shows that the world doesn't spend three times more on ice cream than it does on ODA, but it does spend more. Depressing.

Lisa Denney from ODI [looks](#) at likely consequences of the Global Gag Rule, with some horrifying anecdotes from her fieldwork in Sierra Leone.

Also at ODI Dirk Willem te Velde [discusses](#) DfID's new international development strategy. And David Booth [celebrates](#) the same document, alongside the new World Development Report 'Governance and the Law'. Plenty of useful food for thought for Australia here.

This excellent [multimedia feature](#) from the New York Times looks at the emergence of cholera in Bangladesh — and the promise of a new, cheap and effective cholera vaccine developed and now manufactured in that country too.

Michael Edwards has a [great piece](#) musing on the future of advocacy oriented NGOs.

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