



Drought in Hadhwe sub-district, Somali regional state, Ethiopia in 2017 (UNICEF Ethiopia/Flickr/CC BY-NC-ND 2.0)

Fortnightly links: lead poisoning, universal childcare, the SDGs, and more

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Lead poisoning kills approximately [143,000 people per year](#) from long-term exposure. Quartz [reports the story](#) of a Kenyan mother who [galvanised](#) a community to shut down a smelter that was exposing people to these dangerous chemicals.

Link:

<https://devpolicy.org/fortnightly-links-lead-poisoning-universal-childcare-sdgs-and-more-20180413/>

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The Guardian [reports on](#) the impacts throughout Asia of Chinese aid, investment and competition with India.

A new report by UN Women points at universal childcare as a way to increase progress across the SDGs, and even costs it; read about it in [this blog](#) by the authors.

Charles Kenny [writes](#) for OpenCanada on the areas of society that still need to work towards gender equality, and how this can be done.

The region of the Horn of Africa has dried faster in the 20th century than it did over the last 2,000 years. Caused by global warming, this has pushed millions of the world's poorest to the edge of survival, the New York Times [reports](#).

Our World in Data have created a data-rich, interactive [SDG Progress Tracker](#); NPR's Goats and Soda blog [shows off what it can do](#).

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