

Fortnightly links: aid stinginess, neoliberalism, Vanuatu, Prof Jolie-Pitt, fairy dust financing, and more

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A columnist in the *Sydney Morning Herald* this week [laments Australia's aid stinginess](#).

In its magazine *Finance and Development* the IMF provides good evidence of development's changing intellectual landscape with an [interesting critique](#) of aspects of 'neoliberalism' (meaning the Washington Consensus in this instance). Two of the article's authors are senior IMF employees.

An [interesting ABC article and radio interview](#) suggests that there is enthusiasm as Vanuatu paves the way for women's seats in parliament, although it remains to be seen if statements will be followed by action.

The [announcement](#) that Angelina Jolie was made a visiting professor at the London School of Economics made waves in the development blogosphere. Lots of reactions to the appointment are collected [here](#).

An [interesting World Bank blog](#) discusses some of the challenges of field experiments and how to overcome them. And in case you missed it: the World Bank is [eliminating](#) the terms "developing" and "developed countries" from its vocabulary.

Human Rights Watch issued a deeply worrying [report](#) last week on the use of child labour in Indonesia's tobacco industry; the accompanying 8.5 minute [video](#) is recommended viewing.

This [photoessay](#) from CARE International is fascinating, showing the content of relief packages given to refugees in response to different crises over time and around the world.

And finally, in *Foreign Policy* Laurie Garrett [critiques](#) the World Health Assembly's "fairy dust financing" approach to funding the WHO.