

Fortnightly links: infant mortality, The Global Fund, bottled water, Iraq, and more

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Donors should adopt a positive and constructive attitude towards disclosures of wrongdoing in NGOs, [argues](#) Angela Crack.

A smart new [open access paper](#) in World Development uses aid project data and health survey data to look at the impact of aid on infant mortality in Nigeria. The main finding: in the Nigerian context aid projects help reduce infant mortality.

[Here](#) is an open letter to The Global Fund about its decision to end its malaria and TB projects in North Korea.

Bottled water is the fastest-growing beverage market in the world, but the WHO has [launched](#) a health review after a new study showed that more than 90% contained microplastics.

CGD conducted a [study](#) on the gender gap in US global development nonprofits - do they practice what they preach?

The conflict in Iraq has had deeper consequences for the people within its zone, with a toxic legacy of not only environmental sabotage, but also chronic disease, [reports](#) the Washington Post.