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First China-Indian Ocean Region Forum

- ❖ China organized the first high-level China-Indian Ocean Region Forum on Development Cooperation, with 19 countries from the region except for India.
- ❖ The forum was hosted by China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA).
- ❖ China has proposed to establish a marine disaster prevention and mitigation cooperation mechanism between China and countries in the Indian Ocean region.



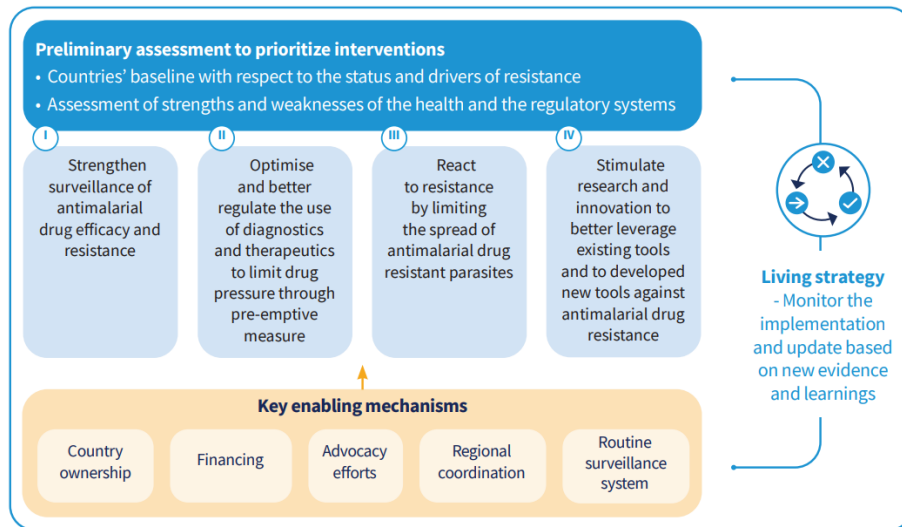
Chair of Global Partnership on AI (GPAI)

- ❖ India took over the chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence for 2022-23 at the meeting of the body in Tokyo, from France.
- ❖ GPAI is an international initiative to promote the responsible use of AI that supports human-centric development and democratic values.
- ❖ It is the first of its kind initiative which aims to bridge the gap between theory and practice on AI.
- ❖ India joined GPAI in 2020 as a founding member.

- ❖ GPAI is a congregation of 25 member countries, which includes the United States, United Kingdom, European Union, Canada, Australia, Italy, Denmark, and Singapore, among others.



New Strategy to Combat Antimalarial Drug Resistance in Africa



- ❖ World Health Organization unveiled a new strategy to combat antimalarial drug resistance in Africa.
- ❖ Africa is currently highly dependent on artemisinin-based combination therapies (ACT).
- ❖ Resistance to artemisinin and the partner drug in ACT therapy result in an increase in treatment failure rates.
- ❖ This can cause a major hurdle in the global fight against malaria.

- ❖ The new WHO seeks to minimize consequences of antimalarial drug resistance in Africa through four pillars strategy.

APEC Summit 2022

- ❖ The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit was hosted by Thailand.
- ❖ Leaders from around the Asia-Pacific called for an end to Russia's war on Ukraine and pledged to steer the region's economies toward sustainable growth.
- ❖ Kamala Harris (USA) received a “handover” in the form of a symbolic “chalom” bamboo basket from the APEC host Thailand.
- ❖ The U.S. will host next year's summit in San Francisco.
- ❖ APEC members account for nearly four of every 10 people and almost half of world trade.

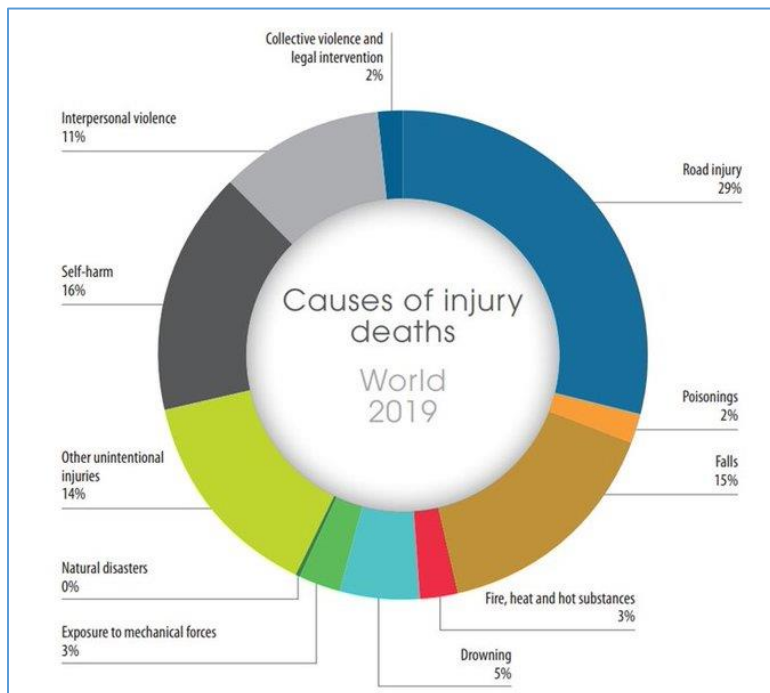


REPORTS AND INDICES

Preventing Injuries and Violence: An Overview

- ❖ The 14th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion held in Australia.
- ❖ The World Health Organization released a report titled “Preventing injuries and violence: An overview”.
- ❖ Of the 4.4 million injury-related deaths in 2019, unintentional injuries caused over 3.16 million deaths and violence-related injuries caused 1.25 million deaths.
- ❖ 1 in 3 of these deaths were because of road traffic crashes.
- ❖ 1 in 6 deaths was from suicide, 1 in 9 was because of homicide, and 1 in 61 was from war and conflict.

- ❖ In the age group 5 to 29 years, three of the top 5 causes of death are road traffic injuries, homicide, and suicide.
- ❖ Road traffic injuries were the leading cause of death among youth aged 15 to 29 years.
- ❖ Road traffic injuries are the second leading cause of death among children aging 5 to 14 years.
- ❖ Drowning is the 6th leading cause of death in the age group 5 to 14 years.
- ❖ Men are two times more vulnerable than women to deaths every year because of injuries and violence.
- ❖ The top causes of females dead are road traffic injuries, falls and suicides.



Who is Financing Fossil Fuel Expansion in Africa?

- ❖ The report titled “Who is Financing Fossil Fuel Expansion in Africa?” was released at the COP27, Egypt.
- ❖ Some 200 companies are currently exploring or developing new fossil fuel reserves or infrastructure in 48 of the 55 African countries.
- ❖ These include LNG terminals, pipelines, or gas and coal-fired power plants.
- ❖ 18 African countries are frontier countries having little to no existing oil or gas production.
- ❖ 13 of the top 20 oil and gas developers in Africa are foreign.

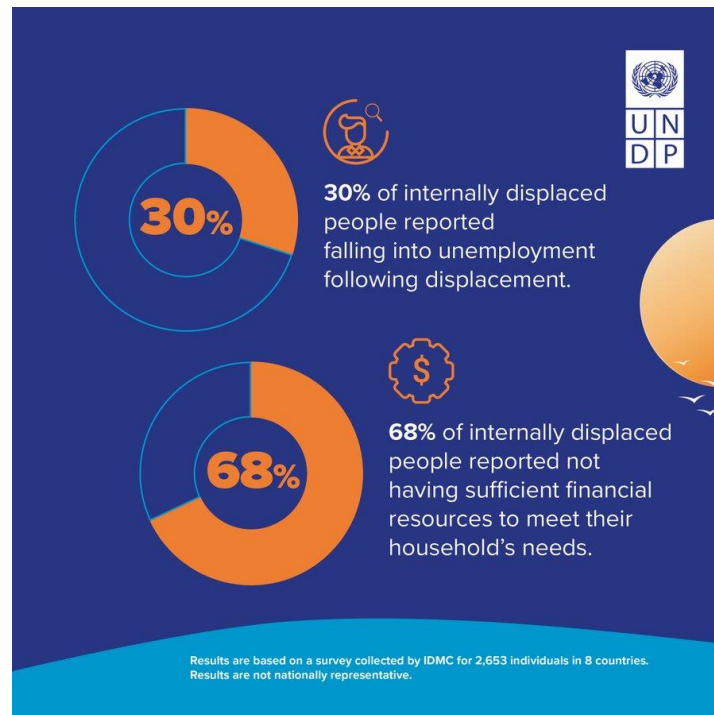
- ❖ The extraction and combustion of these new resources would result in the release of 8 gigatonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent.
- ❖ In terms of country-wise bank funding for fossil fuel expansion in Africa, the top contributors are Europe (40 per cent), the United States (20 per cent) and India (3 per cent).
- ❖ Though these new projects are increasing the continent's fossil fuel capacity, only a small share of the electricity produced from these projects is used for domestic consumption.



Who Is Financing Fossil Fuel Expansion in Africa?
COP27 Press Conference
Press Conference Room Luxor,
November 14, 2022, at 1300 hrs EET

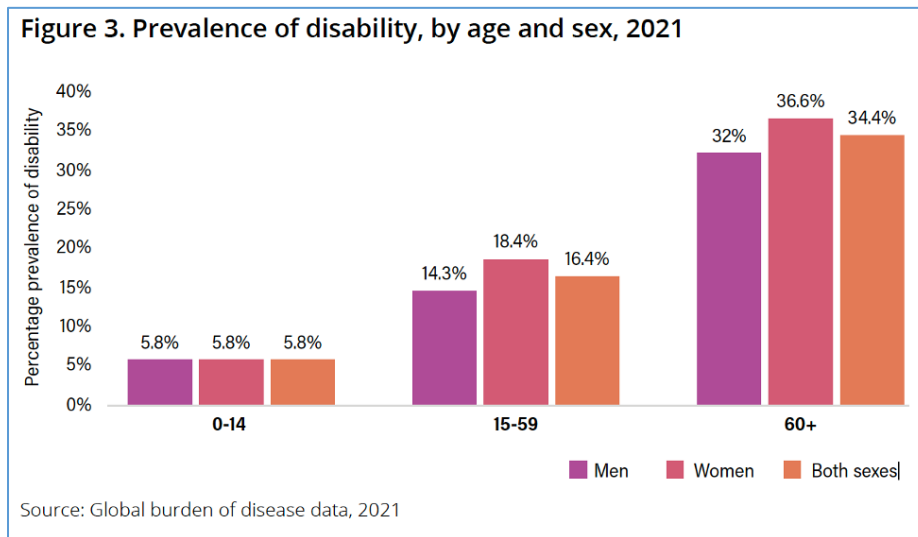
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UNDP Report on Forced Displacement



- ❖ UNDP released a report named “Turning the tide on internal displacement: A development approach to solutions”.
- ❖ For the first time ever, more than 100 million people were forcibly displaced in 2022, most of them within their own countries.
- ❖ At the end of 2021, there were over 59 million people forcibly displaced within their own countries due to conflict, violence, disasters and climate change.
- ❖ Before the war in Ukraine, 6.5 million people are estimated to have been internally displaced.
- ❖ By 2050, climate change may force more than an estimated 216 million people to move within their own countries.
- ❖ Disaster-related internal displacement is even more widespread, with new displacements recorded in over 130 countries and territories in 2021.
- ❖ Around 30% of professional lives became unemployed and 24% were not able to earn money the same way as before.
- ❖ 48% of the internally displaced households earned less money than before displacement.

Global Report on Health Equity for Persons with Disabilities



- ❖ WHO released the Global report on health equity for persons with disabilities.
- ❖ The persons with disabilities are at higher risk of premature death and illness when compared with others in the society.
- ❖ Due to systematic and persistent health inequalities, they are at higher risk of dying up to 20 years earlier than people without disabilities.

- ❖ They are at double the risk of developing chronic conditions like asthma, depression, diabetes, obesity, oral diseases and stroke.
- ❖ Currently, one in six people (1.3 billion) across the globe has significant disabilities.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

3rd Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on AMR

- ❖ The Third Global Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance concluded in Oman.
- ❖ The theme for the conference is 'The AMR Pandemic: From Policy to One Health Action'.
- ❖ The Muscat Manifesto was issued during this Conference.
- ❖ It aims to accelerate One Health actions on antimicrobial resistance to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

