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## North Korea and TB; human rights and the Global Fund; drones and health delivery

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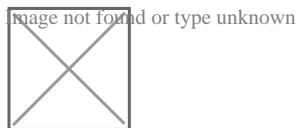


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Below, we provide information on three items that we believe will interest our readers.

[North Korea has a big tuberculosis problem. It's about to get worse.](#)

Author: Jeremy Youde

The author is a student in global health and international relations at Australian National University. This article in [The Washington Post](#) discusses the repercussions of the Global Fund's decision to terminate its grants to the DPRK and speculates as to whether the decision had political dimensions.

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[Human Rights and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria: How Does a Large Funder of Basic Health Services Meet the Challenge of Rights-Based Programs?](#)

Authors: Ralf Jürgens, Joanne Csete, Hyeyoung Lim, Susan Timerlake and Matthew Smith

This article, in the journal Health and Human Rights, provides an excellent analysis of how the Global Fund's approach to human rights issues has evolved in the first fifteen years of the Fund's existence.

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[Drones help to deliver health services](#)

Author: Kerry Cullinan

According to this article in the Daily Maverick, 60% of Rwanda hospitals' blood deliveries are now done by drones. The article is about public-private partnerships, including Project Last Mile, a collaboration among Coca-Cola, the Global Fund, USAID and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

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