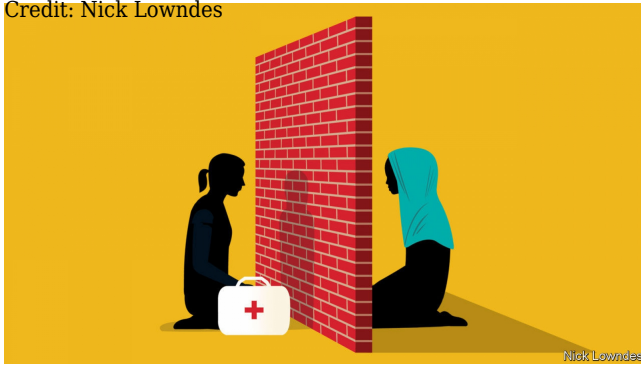


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## Fortnightly links: Development Bulletin No. 80, language barriers in crises, Islamophobia and support for ISIS, and more

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The latest [Development Bulletin](#) has been published, and it's a bumper issue filled with articles on development in the Pacific, past, present and future.

[This article](#) in The Economist discusses ways in which language problems are a challenge to crisis responses.

The Australian Medical Research Advisory Board has [recommended](#) an Australian Global Medical Research Fund as part of its priorities for the next two years.

Is there a relationship between Islamophobia and support for ISIS? Smart new research from Tamar Mitts drawing on data from Twitter suggests there is. (Journal article [here](#); open access [here](#).)

Pakistan has one of the world's highest rates of abortion, [this NPR article](#) explains.

As the Syrian crisis continues, Rukban has become, to its residents, a symbol of the international community's inability (or unwillingness) to help, [writes](#) Rozina Ali for The New Yorker.

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