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## Fortnightly links: unconditional cash transfers, democracy and health, the rise and fall of ISIS, and more

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As [malaria cases spike](#) in South Australia (34 cases last year, likely linked to overseas travel), the Australian government has committed to supporting clinical trials of a world-first malaria vaccine.

A [new study](#) in the Lancet examines the relationship between democracy and health. (Spoiler alert: democracy is good for your health.)

The Guardian [reports](#) on the rise and fall of ISIS.

Research in Kenya finds that giving unconditional cash transfers to women reduces physical and sexual violence within households. ([Gated](#); [ungated](#).)

Another study from Kenya finds that mobile phone money technologies increase the ability to afford health care. ([Gated](#); [ungated](#).)

ODI has produced an interesting new [aid quality index](#). This one aims to measure how principled aid donors are.

A new [CGD study](#) finds that a birth planning policy in China predating the One Child Policy was responsible for an estimated 210,000 'missing girls'.

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