MIGRATION POTENTIAL
ARTICLE | Betting on Migration for Impact
When the issue of migration makes headlines, it’s portrayed as a burden, threat, or tragedy, and almost always politically intractable. In reality, contributor Jason Wendle argues, migration represents an opportunity waiting to be unlocked by thoughtful investment. Wendle responds to a few common objections—for example, concerns about “brain drain”—and then outlines how philanthropists, impact investors, and other social innovators can help this emerging field take flight.

GLOBAL SOLUTIONS
SERIES | The Global Pursuit of Equity
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TRAUMA AND SYSTEMS CHANGE
ARTICLE | Healing Systems
Trauma is a near-universal part of the human experience and an invisible force contributing to the “stuckness” of virtually all social systems—including child welfare, criminal justice, education, health care, housing, and climate. Yet the impact of trauma remains all but absent from discussions about systems change. In one of the most-read and -discussed articles on SSIR.org in the last year, Laura Calderon de la Barca, Katherine Milligan, and John Kania unpack how moving discussions about trauma from the margins to the mainstream can help the social sector discern new and effective approaches to systems change.

RETHINKING OFFSETS
ARTICLE | Instead of Carbon Offsets, We Need ‘Contributions’ to Forests
Low-quality carbon offsets have failed to deliver meaningful emissions reductions, according to a growing body of research and a number of lawsuits against companies. This is a good thing to expose, write researchers Libby Blanchard, William Anderegg, and Barbara Haya, but it doesn’t erase the need for private-sector funding for forests. One way to channel forest finance away from bad offsets toward more productive outcomes is to stop claiming that forests offset fossil fuel emissions. Companies could, instead, make “contributions” to global climate mitigation through investments in forests. This change in terminology may seem small, but it represents a fundamentally different approach with different incentives.

BY THE NUMBERS
1.3 billion
The number of people, roughly 16 percent of the global population, who are living with significant disability.

17%
The estimated pay gap in Latin America between men and women for equivalent job roles.

540,000
The estimated number of young adults (aged 19-39) in South Korea who have voluntarily excluded themselves from society, a phenomenon known as extreme social withdrawal.

35%
The poverty rate in Okinawa Prefecture, twice Japan’s national average.