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### Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Abraham J Herbst, Graham S Cooke, Till Bredinghausen, Angelique KanyKany, Frank Tanser & Marie-Louise Newell *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* 2009;87:754-762. Published: October 2009.

Since 2003, there has been unprecedented global investment in delivering antiretroviral therapy (ART) for HIV infection to populations in resource-poor countries. The benefit of ART to an individual with advanced HIV infection is well established, and programmes for its widespread introduction can reduce the substantial increase in HIV-related adult mortality that has occurred as the HIV pandemic has developed...[Read More »](#)

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### **XVII International AIDS Conference: From Evidence to Action - Regional focus**

Parijat Bajjal and Rodney Kort *Journal of the International AIDS Society* 2009, 12(Suppl 1):S6. Published: 6 October 2009.

This article summarizes the challenges, opportunities and lessons learned from presentations, discussions and debates addressing major policy and programmatic responses to HIV in six geographical regions: Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Latin America, Caribbean, and Middle East and North Africa. It draws from AIDS 2008 Leadership and Community Programmes, particularly the six regional sessions, and Global Village activities...[Read More »](#)

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### **The Impact of a Community-based Pilot Health Education Intervention for Older People as Caregivers of Orphaned and Sick Children as a Result of HIV and AIDS in South Africa**

Hermien Boon, Robert A. C. Ruiter, Shags James, Bart Van Den Borne, Eka Williams and Priscilla Reddy *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*. Published online: 8 October 2009.

The increasing HIV and AIDS epidemic in South Africa poses a substantial burden to older people, in particular older women who mainly provide care for sick adult children and their grandchildren who have become orphaned and rendered vulnerable by the death or illness of their parents. In this study, 202 isiXhosa speaking older caregivers from Motherwell in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa were trained to provide care for grandchildren and adult children living with HIV or AIDS...[Read More »](#)

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### **Demographic and circumstantial accounts of burn mortality in Cape Town, South Africa, 2001-2004: An observational register based study**

A van Niekerk, R Laubscher and L Laflamme *BMC Public Health* 2009, 9:374. Published: 6 October 2009.

Burns are a persisting public health problem in low- and middle-income countries; however, epidemiologic data for these settings is scarce. South Africa is no exception although there is an emerging knowledge base, especially for paediatric burns. The current study describes the epidemiology of burn mortality across the lifespan in Cape Town (2.9 million inhabitants in 2001), one of the six South African metropolitan centres...[Read More »](#)

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### **Sexual Violence and Reproductive Health Outcomes Among South African Female Youths: A Contextual Analysis**

Ilene S. Speizer, PhD, Audrey Pettifor, PhD, Stirling Cummings, MPH, Catherine MacPhail, PhD, Immo Kleinschmidt, PhD and Helen V. Rees, MA(Cantab), MRCGP *American Journal of Public Health* Vol 99, No. S2. Published October 2009.

Approximately two fifths of new HIV infections in sub-Saharan Africa are among youths aged 15 to 24 years, and females within that age range are 3 times as likely to be infected with HIV as are their male peers. In

among women aged 15 to 19 years and 30% among women aged 20 to 24 years...[Read More »](#)

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### **The International Monetary Fund's Effects on Global Health: Before and After the 2008 Financial Crisis**

*David Stuckler and Sanjay Basu International Journal of Health Services, Volume 39, Number 4, Pages 771781. Published October 2009.*

This article introduces a series in which contributors review the evidence on the relationship between the IMF and public health and discuss potential ways to improve the Funds effects on health. While more evidence is needed for some regions, there is sufficient evidence to indicate that IMF programs have been significantly associated with weakened health care systems, reduced effectiveness of health-focused development aid, and impeded efforts to control tobacco, infectious diseases, and child and maternal mortality...[Read More »](#)

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## **Recent News**

### **Antenatal HIV prevalence "unacceptable" at 29%**

*Mail&Guardian. Published: 6 October 2009.*

HIV prevalence among pregnant women has stabilised at about 29%, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi said on Monday. "The prevalence among women aged 25 and above has stabilised at high and unacceptable levels," Motsoaledi said in Pretoria, releasing the 2008 results of a survey of antenatal HIV. He said the report was a useful tool to observe trends and increase commitment to the implementation of government policies, as well as to provide feedback to healthcare workers...[Read More »](#)

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### **SA wins plaudits for AIDS approach**

*Tamar Kahn. Business Day. Published: 1 October 2009.*

Once internationally condemned for its handling of the AIDS crisis, SA is now being lauded by the worlds leading organisation for combating the disease. The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) regional director, Mark Stirling, yesterday gave the thumbs-up to President Jacob Zumas administrations approach to the HIV epidemic, saying: What I see in SA is very responsible leadership and governance....[Read More »](#)

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### **Taking stock of ARV access**

*Anso Thom. Health-e News. Published: 30 September 2009.*

Less than half of adults and children needing antiretroviral treatment (ART) in sub-Saharan Africa - where two-thirds of all global HIV infections occur - are receiving it. This is despite the region showing the greatest gains worldwide in terms of access to the lifesaving drugs. According to a report released today, (Wed) 45% of HIV positive pregnant women received the drugs needed to prevent them from passing the virus on to their baby, up from 35% the year before...[Read More »](#)

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### **Motsoaledi unveils new plan for nurses**

A 10-point plan to improve the nursing profession through education and training was recently agreed upon by the national Health Ministry and provincial MECs, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi said on Tuesday. Motsoaledi was addressing a Nursing Education Association conference in Kempton Park which was attended by delegates from across the country...[Read More »](#)

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## Reports

### **National Department of Health Annual Report 2008/09**

*National Department of Health. Published: 5 October 2009.*

This annual report of the National Department of Health draws a curtain on the financial year 2008/09, which was the final year of the 2004-2009 term of office of Government. It accounts for the performance of the national department against the strategic plan for 2008/09-2010/11, during the first year of implementation ... [Full Publication »](#)

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### **2008 National Antenatal Sentinel HIV & Syphilis Prevalence Survey**

*National Department of Health. Published: 1 October 2009.*

Health Minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi on Monday, 5 October released to the public the results of the 2008 national antenatal sentinel HIV prevalence survey. The antenatal HIV and syphilis prevalence is one of the epidemiological tools used by the Department of Health to monitor the epidemic trend...[Full Publication »](#)

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## Conferences

### **The 5<sup>th</sup> Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) 2009 Conference**

*30 November - 2 December 2009 Durban, South Africa*

Assessment of progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) during 2008 (the midpoint) revealed a mixed picture: many health goals remain off target, and huge inequities remain between and within countries. Existing evidence suggests that very few, if any, of the MDGs will be achieved in sub-Saharan Africa. The 2009 PHASA Conference is therefore aptly focused on the MDGs and measuring their progress from a public health perspective. An exciting programme is being put together of local and international speakers, including policy makers, leading local and international academics and international organisations, such as the World Health Organisation (WHO). [Registration Details »](#)

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### **4<sup>th</sup> Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights 2010**

*8-15 February 2010. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.*

The 4<sup>th</sup> African Conference on Sexual Health and Rights is part of a long-term process of building and fostering regional dialogue on sexual rights and health that leads to concrete action to influence policy particularly that of the African Union and its bodies. On behalf of the Scientific Committee, the Organizing Committee for the 4<sup>th</sup> Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights would like to invite Abstracts (oral presentations and posters) exploring the overall theme of the Conference "Sexuality and HIV & AIDS in Africa". More information can be found at <http://www.africalsexualitv.org/>

Abstract Submission Deadline: 30th September 2009

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### **The 26<sup>th</sup> International Pediatric Association Congress of Pediatrics 2010**

*4-9 August 2010 Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa.*

Three leading paediatric associations, IPA, SAPA, and UNASPA, are uniting to host the 26<sup>th</sup> International Paediatric Association Congress of Paediatrics.

More than 5,000 participants are expected to attend this landmark event, the first IPA Congress to be held in Sub-Saharan Africa. Just five years before the due date of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), IPA 2010 will unite paediatricians and health professionals working towards the MDGs target to reduce child mortality by two thirds before 2015. [Registration Details »](#)

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### **MedInfo 13<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Medical and Health Informatics 2010**

*12-15 September 2010 Cape Town, South Africa.*

This will be the first time MEDINFO is held in Africa. It promises to boost exposure to grassroots healthcare delivery and the underpinning health information systems. This will open the door to new academic partnerships into the future and help to nurture a new breed of health informaticians. [Registration Details »](#)

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## **Training and Resources**

### **Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group (MERG) HIV M&E Webportal Launch Announcement**

The Monitoring and Evaluation Division (EVA) is pleased to announce that a Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group (MERG) web page has now been created on the multi agency HIV M&E web portal [www.globalhivmeinfo.org](http://www.globalhivmeinfo.org). The MERG web page will serve as a "one-stop-shop" for you and other M&E professionals to access information on the global reference group including the latest M&E resources developed by the MERG. Access the MERG webpage to if you want to:

- Find background information on the MERG
- Details of MERG membership and structures
- Gain a better understanding of the MERG functions and responsibilities
- Obtain information about past and present MERG Technical Working Groups
- Access reports of MERG Annual Meetings
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### **AIDSTAR-One Database of National HIV Treatment Guidelines from 24 Countries**

AIDS Support and Technical Resources, Sector 1, Task Order 1 (AIDSTAR-One) is USAID's global HIV/AIDS project that provides technical assistance services to PEPFAR headquarters and field teams in knowledge management, technical leadership, program sustainability, strategic planning and program implementation support .

The AIDSTAR-One project maintains a database of over 30 national HIV treatment guidelines from 24 countries. The database provides a convenient platform for program planners and service providers to quickly access and compare guidelines from various countries. Country guidelines can be viewed online or downloaded in PDF format.

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## Job Opportunities

### AHP - African Health Placements

We are a not-for-profit project that aims to support the recruitment and retention of healthcare workers in South Africa. AHP is focused on:

- Assisting Healthcare Professionals make the right choice for their future in South Africa.
- Supporting S.A. NGOs with a focus on HIV/AIDS and TB Clinics as well as rural and urban Government Hospitals with all recruitment needs.

No placement fees are charged. Please view the website for more details <http://www.ahp.org.za> or contact on 011 328 1300

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### Grants Manager

TADSA

*Closing Date: 15 November 2009*

The Grants Manager, who serves on the TADSA senior management team reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, is responsible for the agency and membership program, grant development, donor fundraising, and serves as the staff adviser to the Board of Directors on development and fundraising issues. [Job Details »](#)

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