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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### **Malaria resurgence: a systematic review and assessment of its causes**

*Justin M Cohen, David L Smith, Chris Cotter, Abigail Ward, Gavin Yamey, Oliver J Sabot and Bruno Moonen. Malaria Journal 2012, 11:122. Published: 24 April 2012.*

Considerable declines in malaria have accompanied increased funding for control since the year 2000, but historical failures to maintain gains against the disease underscore the fragility of these successes. Although malaria transmission can be suppressed by effective control measures, in the absence of active intervention malaria will return to an intrinsic equilibrium determined by factors related to ecology, efficiency of mosquito vectors, and socioeconomic characteristics...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.malariajournal.com/content/11/1/122/abstract>  
[Accessed: 25 April 2012]

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### **A literature review of the disruptive effects of user fee exemption policies on health systems**

*Valéry Ridde, Emilie Robert and Bruno Meessen. BMC Public Health 2012, 12:289. Published: 20 April 2012.*

Several low- and middle-income countries have exempted patients from user fees in certain categories of population or of services. The objective of this article is to bring to light the disruptions triggered by exemption policies in health systems of low- and middle-income countries...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/12/289/abstract>[Accessed: 25 April 2012]

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### **Global health funding and economic development**

*Greg Martin, Alexandra Grant and Mark D'Agostino. Globalization and Health 2012, 8:8. Published: 10 April 2012.*

The impact of increased national wealth, as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP), on public health is widely understood, however an equally important but less well-acclaimed relationship exists between improvements in health and the growth of an economy...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/content/8/1/8/abstract>  
[Accessed: 25 April 2012]

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### **The role of public health institutions in global health system strengthening efforts: The US CDC's perspective**

*Peter Bloland, Patricia Simone, Brent Burkholder, Laurence Slutsker, Kevin M. De Cock. PLoS Med 9(4): e1001199. Published: 3 April 2012.*

The international community has come to recognize the critical importance of strengthening health systems as a whole to the achievement of major global health goals. Ranging from the overarching health objectives of the Millennium Development Goals to the more focused objectives of the many specific global health programs...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1001199#aff2>  
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## Recent News

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### **African scientists urged to solve African health problems**

*SciDev Net. Published: 25 April 2012.*

South Africa's science minister, Naledi Pandor, has called for increased efforts by African nations to build both a greater ability to carry out research relevant to their specific health challenges...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.scidev.net/>  
[Accessed: 25 April 2012]

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### **Is Africa closer to meeting its health targets?**

*Business Day. Published: 23 April 2012*

In 2000, the leaders of 189 nations signed the Millennium Declaration of the United Nations (UN), pledging to free their people from poverty, illiteracy and ill health. This commitment gave rise to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the target date for the achievement of which is 2015...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.businessday.co.za/articles/Content.aspx?id=170205>  
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### **NHI pilot district profiles**

*Health-e News. Published: 17 April 2012.*

Health minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi recently announced the 10 health districts chosen at part of a project to pilot Government's National Health Insurance (NHI) system. The implementation of NHI is part of the national health department's 10-point programme...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/>  
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### **Tshwane's poor areas to get NHI first**

*IOL. Published: 23 April 2012.*

Some of Tshwane's poorest residents stand to be the first beneficiaries of the National Health Insurance (NHI) as the provincial health department prepares to start implementing the scheme in Tshwane...[Read More »](#)

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### **Cancer patent row 'public health issue'**

*Business Day. Published: 23 April 2012*

Health activists are lobbying the Supreme Court of Appeal to consider the broader issue of the constitutional right to health when it weighs up commercial interests in a legal fight between two pharmaceutical companies next month...[Read More »](#)

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[Accessed: 25 April 2012]

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### **MCC urged to make drug available**

*Health-e News. Published: 17 April 2012*

A promising new drug currently on trial offers the last hope for some patients with pre-extensively drug resistant (XDR) or XDR tuberculosis, and the life or death decision on whether to make it available rests with the Medicines Control Council (MCC)...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/>[Accessed: 25 April 2012]

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### **Progress in fight against Aids: Motsoaledi**

*The New Age. Published: 24 April 2012.*

The government is achieving its targets in the fight against HIV/Aids, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi said on Tuesday. South Africa started the early decades of HIV and Aids "on a wrong footing", he told the National Assembly during debate on his budget vote...[Read More »](#)

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### **US funding for 4 000 HIV patients stopped**

*IOL. Published: 18 April 2012*

About 4 000 HIV-positive patients that were treated at the semi-private McCord Hospital will have to get treatment at public clinics after private funding from US stopped...[Read More »](#)

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### **Free circumcisions to fight HIV**

*News 24. Published: 17 April 2012*

Thousands of free circumcisions will be performed by non-profit HIV and Aids organisation Right to Care in the next year, the body said...[Read More »](#)

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### **South Africa's AIDS response: the next 5 years**

*The Lancet. Published: 14 April 2012*

No South African is untouched by HIV/AIDS. Many are infected with the virus, whether they are aware of their status or not, many have family or friends living with HIV, and many know someone who has died from an AIDS-related disorder...[Read More »](#)

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### **New Khayelitsha Hospital Officially Opened**

*Western Cape Government. Published: 17 April 2012.*

Premier Helen Zille and the National Minister of Health, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, officially opened the new Khayelitsha Hospital on 17 April 2012. The 240-bed medical facility will provide support to the surrounding primary healthcare facilities to ensure that patients receive care at the lowest level of entry into the healthcare system...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.westerncape.gov.za> [Accessed: 25 April 2012]

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### **North West: Three new clinics for rural communities**

*The New Age. Published: 16 April 2012*

After a long wait, three rural communities around Taung will soon have proper health services within walking distance. Residents from Tweelingspan, Buxton and Sekhing villages welcomed the sod- turning ceremonies in their respective areas by the health department...[Read More »](#)

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### **SA's second health train rolls out**

*BizCommunity. Published: 19 April 2012.*

South Africa's second state-of-the art clinic on wheels, Phelophepa II, has hit the tracks, taking much-needed primary health care services to the country's poorest rural communities...[Read More »](#)

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## Training and Resources

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### Health Economics Workshop

HEARD

Dates: 14-18 May 2012.

Venue: Durban

Learn the skills and the contributions that health economics can bring to resource planning, allocation and evaluation in the healthcare sector. [Click here for more information»](#)

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### Annual Helen Kanzira lecture to be presented by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Ms Navi Pillay

The Centre for Human Rights at the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria

Date: 15 May 2012

Time: 12:00 for 12:30

Venue: Senate Hall, University of Pretoria.

This public lecture on women's reproductive health rights will be presented by Ms Navi Pillay, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. [Click here for more information»](#)

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### Programme in the Monitoring and Evaluation of HIV and AIDS Programs

When: 6 - 17 August 2012

Where: School of Health Systems and Public Health (SHSPH), University of Pretoria

The course offers intensive training that will cover the fundamental concepts and tools for monitoring and evaluating HIV/AIDS programmes. The course will include sessions on the role of strategic information in decision-making, M&E frameworks, indicators, information systems, evaluation designs, developing M&E plans, calculating and interpreting indicators and facilitating the use of strategic information... [Click here for more information»](#)

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### World Development Indicators Interactive Tool

URL: <http://www.ibge.gov.br/paisesat/main.php>

A very useful tool that profiles countries population, economic, social, environmental indicators and status on achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

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## Reports and Publications

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### Department of Health Budget Vote Speech 2012/12: National Assembly, Cape Town

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2012

Minister Aaron Motsoaledi delivered his Department of Health Budget Vote Speech to the National Assembly in Cape Town. [Click Here »](#)

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### The New Global Health Agenda Universal Health Coverage

Council on Foreign Relations. Published: 2012

The field of global health is witnessing a shift in focus from disease-driven initiatives to projects aimed at increasing the sustainability and strengthening of health systems. A crucial component to this is universal health coverage (UHC), which seeks to address financing schemes for health... [Click Here»](#)

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### Guidance on couples HIV testing and counselling, including antiretroviral therapy for treatment and prevention in serodiscordant couples

World Health Organization. Published: 2012.

New WHO guidelines recommend offering HIV testing and counselling to couples, wherever HIV testing and counselling is available, including in antenatal clinics. For couples where only one partner is HIV positive, the

guidelines recommend offering antiretroviral therapy to the HIV positive partner. [Click Here»](#)

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### **Progress on child well-being: Building on what works**

*Save the Children. Published: 2012.*

This report analyses the improvements to children's lives during the past two decades in five sectors: health, nutrition, water and sanitation, education and child protection. The extraordinary progress achieved on many fronts should be celebrated. [Click Here»](#)

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### **The End of the Golden Era of Global Health?**

*Center For Strategic and International Studies(CSIS). Published: 2012*

Looking ahead to 2013 and beyond, we can already safely predict that, barring an unlikely quick turn to robust economic growth among advanced industrial economies, the global health agenda will remain in very difficult straits into the future. [Click Here»](#)

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### **Health system performance comparison: an agenda for policy, information and research**

*World Health Organization. Published: 2012*

This work is a summary of material prepared for a forthcoming book by the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies. [Click Here»](#)

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## **Conferences**

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### **3rd SA TB Conference**

*When: 12-15 June 2012*

*Venue: ICC, Durban, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.tbconference.co.za/>*

The 3rd TB Conference will build on the momentum of the previous TB conferences and give communities an opportunity to assess progress towards reaching TB/HIV targets. Thus, giving meaning to the theme for the 2012 TB Conference: "Reaching the target".

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### **Third People's Health Assembly**

*When: 6-11 July 2012*

*Venue: University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.phmovement.org/en/pha3>*

The People's Health Assembly (PHA), organised by the People's Health Movement (PHM), is a global event bringing together health activists from across the world to share experiences, analyse global health situation, develop civil society positions and to develop strategies which promote health for all.

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### **The 5th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights**

*When: 19-22 September 2012*

*Venue: Windhoek, Namibia.*

*URL: <http://www.africalsexuality.org>*

The 5th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights will take stock of responses to sexual health and rights on the continent since ICPD, and interrogate the status of sexual health and rights, with particular focus on women, girls, adolescents and youth.

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### **Second Global Symposium on Health Systems Research**

*When: 31 October-3 November 2012*

*Where: Beijing, People's Republic of China*

*URL: <http://www.hsr-symposium.org>*

The Second Global Symposium on Health Systems Research call for abstracts is now open. The Symposium

will focus on the science to accelerate universal health coverage around the world. It will cover three main themes: Knowledge Translation, State-of-the-Art Health Systems Research, and Health Systems Research Methodologies.

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## Job Opportunities

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### **AHP - African Health Placements**

AHP is 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. 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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### **Temporary Senior Human Resources Administrator**

*Health Systems Trust*

*Closing date: 3 May 2012*

HST seeks to appoint a Temporary Senior Human Resources Administrator / HR Officer, based in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal.

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/content/temporary-senior-human-resources-administrator>

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### **Manager**

*Central Gauteng Mental Health Society*

*Closing date: 4 May 2012*

The Central Gauteng Mental Health Society seeks to appoint a Manager, based in Ekurhuleni.

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/content/manager>

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### **Technical Officers**

*Wits Reproductive and HIV Institute*

*Closing date: 15 May 2012*

The Wits Health Consortium (WHC) seeks to appoint Technical Officers (TO), based in Pretoria and Mpumalanga.

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<http://www.hst.org.za/content/technical-officers>

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