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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Can the Millennium Development Goals database be used to measure the effects of globalisation on women's health in sub-Saharan Africa? A critical analysis

Wamala S, Breman A, Richardson MX, Loewenson R. *Scandinavian Journal of Public Health* Pages 18-28. Published: 2010 March.

Africa has had poor returns from integration with world markets in globalisation, has experienced worsening poverty and malnutrition and has high burdens of HIV and communicable disease, with particular burdens on women. It is therefore essential to describe the impact of globalisation on women's health. Indicators such as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are presented as having a major role in measuring this impact, but an assessment of the adequacy of aggregate national indicators used in monitoring the MDGs for this purpose is lacking ...[Read More »](#)

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Overview of a formal scoping review on health system report cards

Brien SE, Lorenzetti DL, Lewis S, Kennedy J, Ghali WA. *Implementation Science* 2010, 5:2 Published: 15 January 2010.

There is an extensive body of literature on health system quality reporting that has yet to be characterised. Scoping is a novel methodology for systematically assessing the breadth of a body of literature in a particular research area. Our objectives were to showcase the scoping review methodology in the review of health system quality reporting, and to report on the extent of the literature in this area ...[Read More »](#)

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Implicit value judgments in the measurement of health inequalities

Harper S, King NB, Meersman SC, Reichman ME, Breen N, Lynch J. Milbank Quarterly: A Multidisciplinary Journal of Population Health and Health Policy. Published: March 2010.

Quantitative estimates of the magnitude, direction, and rate of change of health inequalities play a crucial role in creating and assessing policies aimed at eliminating the disproportionate burden of disease in disadvantaged populations. It is generally assumed that the measurement of health inequalities is a value-neutral process, providing objective data that are then interpreted using normative judgments about whether a particular distribution of health is just, fair, or socially acceptable ...[Read More »](#)

Source:<http://www.milbank.org/quarterly/8801feat.htm>[Accessed: 26 March 2010]

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Recent News

South Africa updates HIV treatment guidelines

Aidsmap. Published: 29 March 2010

South Africa's National AIDS Council has published updated HIV treatment guidelines that will reduce the use of stavudine (d4T), promote earlier treatment for pregnant women and people with HIV and TB, and improve the regimen used to prevent vertical transmission in pregnant women. The new guidelines adopt some of the recent recommendations made by the World Health Organization, most notably phasing out the use of stavudine ...[Read More »](#)

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Public-Private partnerships offer new hope for ailing health sector

allAfrica.com. Published: 23 March 2010.

The government is looking to the private sector to help upgrade dilapidated public hospitals, a strategic shift that has placed it on a collision course with trade unions ...[Read More »](#)

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New model for HIV data takes into account new science

Health-e. Published: 23 March 2010.

Modelers Leigh Johnson of the Centre for Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Research and Rob Dorrington of the Centre for Actuarial Research at the University of Cape Town were discussing the ASSA 2008 model, which is to replace the ASSA 2003 model for estimating HIV prevalence, HIV-related deaths, the numbers of those in need of ARVs and the impact of HIV interventions. The new model will be officially released in the next three weeks. According to Johnson, the reason the model needed to be updated was because the prevalence data projected was no longer correct because of the new data that emerged from South Africa's antenatal HIV-prevalence survey ...[Read More »](#)

Source:<http://www.health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20032699>[Accessed: 23 March 2010]

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Public health in an interdependent world: cash commodities, capacities, and conspiracies

Dr Margaret Chan. World Health Organization. Published: 24 March 2010.

On the event of World TB Day, Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General of WHO presented the 8th Annual Jeffrey P. Koplan Global Leadership in Public Health lecture in Atlanta, USA. Dr Chan discussed the

advances of public health in the first decade of the 21st century. The lecture commented that although the decade produced many gains like spurring the development of new vaccines; it also revealed some problems such as issues due to rapid urbanisation, and unhealthy lifestyles ...[Read More »](#)

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Reports

Multidrug and extensively drug-resistant TB (M/XDR-TB): 2010 global report on surveillance and response

World Health Organization. Published: March 2010.

This new report on anti-tuberculosis (TB) drug resistance by the World Health Organisation (WHO) updates "Anti-tuberculosis drug resistance in the world: Report No. 4" published by WHO in 2008. It summarizes the latest data and provides latest estimates of the global epidemic of multidrug and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis (M/XDR-TB). For the first time, this report includes an assessment of the progress countries ...[Full Report »](#)

Source:http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2010/9789241599191_eng.pdf [Accessed: 23 March 2010]

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Publications

Clinical Guidelines PMTCT (Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission)

National Department of Health

This document is an update of the national PMTCT Policy and Guidelines. It aims to provide continued guidance towards a reduction in the vertical transmission of HIV, building on work done since the inception of the programme and the 2008 Policy and Guidelines document ...[Full Publication »](#)

Source:<http://www.doh.gov.za/docs/factsheets/guidelines/pmtct.pdf> [Accessed: 30 March 2010]

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The South African Antiretroviral Treatment Guidelines 2010

National Department of Health

This document includes: standardized national eligibility criteria for starting ART regimens for adults and adolescents, standardized national ART regimens for adults and adolescents, standardized national monitoring for adults and adolescents with HIV, standardized national eligibility criteria for starting ART regimens for infants and children ...[Full Publication »](#)

Source:<http://www.doh.gov.za/docs/factsheets/guidelines/art.pdf> [Accessed: 30 March 2010]

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Guidelines for the Management of HIV in children 2nd Edition 2010 and Guidelines for the Management of HIV/AIDS in adults and adolescents

National Department of Health

The National Department of Health has released new guidelines to health practitioners with regard to the comprehensive management of HIV and AIDS infected children, adults and adolescents. The new ART regimens are described as well as laboratory and clinical monitoring at diagnosis, at initiation of antiretroviral treatment and whilst on treatment ...[Full Publication on Children »](#)
[Full Publication on Adults »](#)

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Source:<http://www.doh.gov.za/docs/factsheets/guidelines/paediatric.pdf> [Accessed: 30 March 2010]

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Conferences

7th TICH Annual Scientific Conference

29th April - 2nd May 2010. Kisumu, Kenya.

The aim of the conference is to share innovations and success stories to inform approaches to address challenges in accelerating progress towards Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The conference will also seek to share strategies to contextualize imported innovations in the achievement of MDGs and define effective packages for action to accelerate progress, in the spirit of self-reliance and self-determination. Over 300 participants from Africa, Europe, Asia and America are expected to facilitate the sharing of the approaches, models, best practices, lessons learnt, experiences and challenges in MDGs within the African context. For more information [click here](#)

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2nd Tuberculosis Conference

1-4 June 2010. ICC Durban, South Africa.

The 2nd SA TB Conference in Durban, South Africa from 1 to 4 June 2010 will focus on partnerships and how solidarity among the state, private sector and civil society at all levels and structures can increase access to services and prevent people dying from a curable disease. Forging Strategic Partnerships to Fight TB and HIV is the theme for this Conference, which will build on the awareness and commitment made by 1657 people that contributed to the success of the 1st SA TB Conference in 2008. More information can be found at <http://www.tbconference.co.za>

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XVIII International AIDS Conference

18-23 July 2010. Vienna, Austria.

The International AIDS Conference is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the pandemic. It is a chance to assess where we are, evaluate recent scientific developments and lessons learnt, and collectively chart a course forward. [Click here](#) for more information

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The 26th 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 26th 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 »](#)

Source: <http://www.kenes.com/ipa/mailshot/ms3.htm?ref3=db> [Accessed: 13 October 2009]

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MedInfo 13th 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 »](#)

Source: www.medinfo2010.org [Accessed: 13 October 2009]

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First Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

16-19 November 2010, Montreux, Switzerland.

The World Health Organization and partners will convene the inaugural global symposium on health systems research on 16-19 November 2010. Researchers, policy-makers, funders, and other stakeholders representing diverse constituencies will gather in Montreux, Switzerland to share evidence, identify significant knowledge gaps, and set a research agenda that reflects the needs of low and middle-income countries. The first symposium will be dedicated to improving the scientific evidence needed by health policy-makers and practitioners to inform their decisions related to accelerating universal health coverage. [Registration Details »](#)

Source: <http://www.hsr-symposium.org> [Accessed: 04 February 2010].

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Job Opportunities

Communications Manager

World Vision International

Closing date for applications: 20 April 2010.

This position is part of the World Vision Chad leadership team. Its purpose is to provide strong and strategic communications direction and support to World Vision Chad. ...[More Information »](#)

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People and Culture Director

World Vision International

Closing date for applications: Open until filled.

This is a critical and very tough position requiring an individual with strong HR, administrative, and legal skills who can assist in the rebuilding and reorganising of World Vision and its programme in Chad. ...[More Information »](#)

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Research Specialist (HIV and AIDS Prevention and Social Mobilization; Health Systems and Health and Care Access; Health & HIV in an Urban Context)

HEARD

Closing date for applications: 7 April 2010.

HEARD is seeking an experienced researcher with a good publications history to expand its capacity in the above areas. Candidates must have experience in HIV and AIDS-related research, a proven track record in managing and mentoring other researchers and working in teams, and a passion to make a difference to people's lives in east and southern Africa. ...[More Information »](#)

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Project Manager

HEARD

Closing date for applications: 7 April 2010.

HEARD is seeking an experienced researcher and project manager to lead the KwaZulu-Natal component of the second year of a large-scale longitudinal study investigating the physical and mental health of carers and children in AIDS-affected families in urban communities (Lamontville) and rural communities (Manguzi). ...[More Information »](#)

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Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor Strategic Health Programme

National Department of Health

Closing date for applications: 17 April 2010.

The Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor will provide technical support to the strategic health programme branch and related clusters. Clusters include (HIV Care and Treatment, TB, Maternal, Child and Woman's Health). ...[More Information »](#)

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Internship

Women's Net

Closing date for applications: 16 April 2010.

Women's Net internship programme provides the opportunity for South African women to develop their ICT skills and gain valuable experience for a six-month period. ...[More Information »](#)

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