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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Botswana's progress toward achieving the 2020 UNAIDS 90-90-90 antiretroviral therapy and virological suppression goals: A population-based survey

Tendani Gaolathe, Kathleen E Wirth, Molly Pretorius Holme, Joseph Makhema, Sikhulile Moyo, et al. The Lancet. Published: 23 March 2016.

HIV programmes face challenges achieving high rates of HIV testing and treatment needed to optimise health and to reduce transmission. We used data from the Botswana Combination Prevention Project study survey to assess Botswana's progress toward achieving UNAIDS targets for 2020: 90% of all people living with HIV knowing their status, 90% of these receiving sustained antiretroviral therapy (ART), and 90% of those having virological suppression (90-90-90). [Read More »](#)

Source: [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanhiv/article/PIIS2352-3018\(16\)00037-0/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanhiv/article/PIIS2352-3018(16)00037-0/fulltext) [Accessed: 01 April 2016]

Transforming community prevention systems for sustained impact: Embedding active implementation and scaling functions

William A. Aldridge, Renee I. Boothroyd, W. Oscar Fleming, Karen Lofts Jarboe, Jane Morrow, et al. Translational Behavioral Medicine. Published: March 2016.

Traditional efforts to translate evidence-based prevention strategies to communities, at scale, have not often produced socially significant outcomes or the local capacity needed to sustain them. A key gap in many efforts

is the transformation of community prevention systems to support and sustain local infrastructure for the active implementation, scaling, and continuous improvement of effective prevention strategies. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs13142-015-0351-y> [Accessed: 01 April 2016]

Results-Based Financing in Mozambique's Central Medical Store: A Review After 1 Year

Cary Spisak, Lindsay Morgan, Rena Eichler, James Rosen, Brian Serumaga, Angela Wang. Global Health: Science and Practice. Published: 2 March 2016

Public health commodity supply chains are typically weak in low-income countries, partly because they have many disparate yet interdependent functions and components. Approaches to strengthening supply chains in such settings have often fallen short—they address technical weaknesses, but not the incentives that motivate staff to perform better. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/4/1/165.full.pdf+html> [Accessed: 01 April 2016]

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Towards understanding governance issues in integration of mental health into primary health care in Uganda

James Mugisha, Joshua Ssebunnya and Fred N. Kigozi. International Journal of Mental Health Systems. Published: 24 March 2016.

There is a growing burden of mental illness in low income countries. The situation is further worsened by the high poverty levels in these countries, resulting in difficult choices for their health sectors as regards to responding to the burden of mental health problems. In Uganda, integration of mental health into primary health care (PHC) has been adopted as the most vital strategy for ensuring mental health service delivery to the general population. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://ijmhs.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13033-016-0057-7> [Accessed: 01 April 2016]

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Recent News

Conference Delegates Sponsorship and Conference Day Rate

Health Systems Trust. Published: 30 March 2016.

HST is pleased to make available a limited number of bursaries to qualifying applicants to attend the HST Conference, as well as a day rate for self-funding delegates who wish to attend for one day. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.hstconference2016.org.za/news/30-03-2016/> [Accessed: 01 April 2016]

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Op-Ed: Coming to the aid of sex workers

Daily Maverick. Published: 13 March 2016.

In the same week that former President Thabo Mbeki stirred emotions with his weekly letter 'seeking to clarify' his views on HIV and AIDS, South Africa launched the national sex worker HIV plan aimed at arresting runaway infection rates in this vulnerable sector of our population. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2016-03-13-op-ed-coming-to-the-aid> [Accessed: 01 April 2016]

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SA testing anti-HIV vaccine

Times Live. Published: 17 March 2016.

Scientists will know in May if they can test it on 7000 people, said investigator Professor Glenda Gray, president of the SA Medical Research Council. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.timeslive.co.za/thetimes/2016/03/17/SA-testing-anti-HIV-vaccine> [Accessed: 01 April 2016]

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5 things you should know about HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis

Health-e News. Published: 15 March 2016.

South Africa has just announced that thousands of HIV-negative sex workers will be eligible to receive antiretrovirals (ARV) to help prevent them from becoming infected with HIV. Here are five things you should know about HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2016/03/15/> [Accessed: 01 April 2016]

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Delamanid clinical access programme expected

Health-e News. Published: 29 March 2016.

The South African National Department of Health is expected to roll out a clinical access programme to allow

drug-resistant tuberculosis (DR-TB) patients access to the new drug Delamanid. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2016/03/29/south-africa-to-roll-out-delamanid/> [Accessed: 01 April 2016]

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Inquiry hears of huge gaps in healthcare regulation

BdLive. Published: 22 March 2016.

Barely a month into public hearings, the Competition Commission's Healthcare Market Inquiry has revealed gaping holes in the regulation of private healthcare, raising tough questions about the Department of Health's capacity to create an enabling environment for business while protecting consumers' rights. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2016/03/22/news-analysis-inquiry-hears-of-huge-gaps-in-healthcare-regulation> [Accessed: 01 April 2016]

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In Good Faith: Is this healthy competition?

Financial Mail. Published: 24 March 2016.

While SA tries to find the best way of handling medical costs for its people, a major dispute on medical aid fees has been thrashed out in court in neighbouring Namibia, which faces a similar problem. That country's high court has handed down a judgment that could result in big changes to the way medical aid funds work. The decision is part of a long-running dispute between Namibia's medical aid funds (Namac) and the Namibian competition commission. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.financialmail.co.za/opinion/ingoodfaith/2016/03/24/> [Accessed: 01 April 2016]

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Gender and eHealth in Kenya

Health Systems Global. Published: 7 March 2016.

E-Health or the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for health is increasingly being adopted in Kenya to bridge the gap in access to health services, and improve efficiency and governance of the health system in an effort to achieve better health outcomes. In Kenya, a mobile technology revolution is evolving with mobile coverage estimated to be over 80% and internet use through mobile subscriptions 99%. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.healthsystemsglobal.org/blog/104/Gender-and-e-Health-in-Kenya.html> [Accessed: 01 April 2016]

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Training and Resources

Checklist for Integrating Gender into the Processes and Mechanisms of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria

United Nations Development Programme. Published: 9 February 2016.

URL: <http://www.hst.org.za/publications/checklist-integrating-gender-processes>

This Checklist has been developed to support the integration of gender-responsive components into the implementation of HIV programmes supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (the Global Fund). The Checklist in its 2015 revised form provides specific steps and examples to ensure that the gender dimensions of not only HIV but also tuberculosis (TB) and malaria are addressed in all phases of programming.

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London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine: Short Course on the Quality of Medical Products and Public Health

When: 4 - 9 July 2016

Email: <http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/medicalproducts.html>

The second course on medicine quality and public health will take place from 4 - 9 July 2016 at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine in London.

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

No Valley Without Shadows

Medecins sans Frontiers. Published: March 2016.

The 'No Valley Without Shadows' book aims to provide a unique insight into the struggle for affordable treatment in South Africa that pitted activists against powerful pharmaceutical companies in the 2000s. [Read More »](#)

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Government Gazette 39815, Government Notice 254: Medicines and Related Substances Act, 1965 (Act No. 101 of 1965)

National Department of Health. Published: 15 March 2016.

Updates to the Medicines Schedules were published by the Minister of Health on the recommendation of Medicines Control Council on 15 March 2016 as Government Notice 254 in the Government Gazette 39815. [Read More »](#)

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DR-TB Drugs Under the Microscope: 4th edition

Medecins sans Frontiers. Published: 2016.

This Medecins sans Frontiers report - now in its fourth edition - analyses the barriers and factors affecting access to treatment regimens for drug-resistant tuberculosis (DR-TB), including new and repurposed drugs. We provide detailed pricing profiles of key DR-TB drugs, using manufacturer responses to standardised questionnaires and the Global TB Drug Facility website. [Read More »](#)

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Conferences and Events

HST Conference 2016

When: 4-6 May 2016

Venue: Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng

URL: <http://www.hstconference2016.org.za>

Health Systems Trust (HST) is hosting a conference from 4-6 May 2016 at the Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng. Under the banner of *Strengthened health systems for sustainable development: sharing, supporting, synergising*, the event is designed to advance the global public health agenda in improving health outcomes.

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Africa Health Conference 2016

When: 8 - 12 June 2016

Venue: Gallagher Convention Centre, Midrand, South Africa

URL: <http://www.africahealthexhibition.com/home/>

Africa Health is the continent's largest healthcare exhibition and is a leading platform for the industry to meet, learn and do business. The exhibition takes place from 8 -10 June 2016 at the Gallagher Centre, Johannesburg, and will attract more than 7,000 healthcare professionals and host 500 of the world's leading healthcare suppliers, manufacturers and service providers.

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International AIDS Conference

When: 18-22 July 2016

Venue: International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa

URL: <http://www.aids2016.org/>

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

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Nutrition Conference

When: 30 Aug 2016 - 2 Sept 2016

Venue: Cape Town

URL: <http://www.wncapetown2016.com/>

We take this opportunity to welcome you to World Nutrition Cape Town 2016, the 2nd edition of the World Public Health Nutrition Association's World Nutrition Congress, which is co-hosted by the University of the Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa. This congress is taking place at a time of unprecedented challenges in population nutrition. The Global South is experiencing a rapid 'nutrition transition', where an increasing number of Southern countries are faced with a 'double burden' of malnutrition, with persisting high levels of chronic undernutrition and escalating rates of overweight and obesity, with their accompanying diseases. In the high-income countries, the obesity epidemic is well-established and increasingly affecting the poorest communities.

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Public Health Association of South Africa 2016 Conference

When: 19 - 22 September 2016

Venue: East London Convention Centre

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Fourth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

When: 14-18 November 2016

Venue: Vancouver, Canada

URL: <http://www.csih.org/en/events/fourth-global-symposium-on-health-systems-research/>

The Global Symposium on Health Systems Research is hosted every two years by HSG to bring together its members with the full range of players involved in health systems and policy research. There is currently no other international gathering that serves the needs of this community. Previous events have been held in Cape Town (2014), Beijing (2012) and Montreux (2010).

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Job Opportunities

University of Cape Town, Division of Clinical Pharmacology in the Department of Medicine: Registrar in Clinical Pharmacology.

Closing date: 8 April 2016

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/registrar-clinical-pharmacology>

Mothers2Mothers: Various Posts

Closing date: 3 April 2016

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/district-coordinators/a>>

Mobenzi Technologies: Analyst

Closing date: 29 April 2016

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/analyst>

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