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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

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### **Meeting the Demand for Results and Accountability: A Call for Action on Health Data from Eight Global Health Agencies**

*Margaret Chan, Michel Kazatchkine, Julian Lob-Levyt, Thoraya Obaid, Julian Schweizer, Michel Sidibe, Ann Veneman, Tadataka Yamada. PLoS Med 7(1). Published: January 2010.*

Recent substantial increases in international attention to health have been accompanied by demands for statistics that accurately track health progress and performance, evaluate the impact of health programs and policies, and increase accountability at country and global levels ...[Read More »](#)

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### **Will escalating spending on HIV treatment displace funding for treatment of other diseases?**

*Fleischer T, Kevany S, Benatar S. SAMJ Vol. 100, No. 1. Published: January 2010.*

In 2009 news media regularly reported examples of adverse events in a public health system that, many would argue, is in crisis, with widespread work stoppages by overworked doctors, shut-down of critical units in hospitals, shortages of vitally needed supplies and equipment - all of which result in denial of treatment to patients or, at best, inadequate treatment ...[Read More »](#)

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### **Inverse association of natural mentoring relationship with distress mental health in children orphaned by AIDS**

*Francis N Onuoha and Tsunetsugu Munakata. BMC Psychiatry 2010, 10. Published: 16 January 2010.*

The magnitude of the AIDS-orphaned children crisis in sub-Saharan Africa has so overstretched the resource of most families that the collapse of fostering in the sub-region seems imminent (UNICEF, 2003), fueling the need for a complementary/alternative care. This paper examines the probability of the natural mentoring care to ameliorate distress mental health in children orphaned by AIDS ...[Read More »](#)

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### **Reforming country health systems for women's health**

*Badara Samb. The Lancet, Volume 375, Issue 9712, Pages 354 - 355. Published: 30 January 2010.*

In 2005, the Millennium Project published a report of the Task Force on Child Health and Maternal Health.<sup>1</sup> The key findings were also published in The Lancet.<sup>2</sup> The heart of the case made by the Task Force was that effective and affordable health interventions and technologies will fail to substantially improve health outcomes for women in low-income and middle-income countries unless health systems within countries can deliver appropriate health services that meet women's specific needs ...[Read More »](#)

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### **The Global Health System: Actors, Norms, and Expectations in Transition**

*Nicole A. Szlezák, Barry R. Bloom, Dean T. Jamison, Gerald T. Keusch, Catherine M. Michaud, Suerie Moon, William C. Clark. PLoS Medecine PLoS Med 7(1). Published:5 January 2010.*

The global health system that evolved through the latter half of the 20th century achieved extraordinary success in controlling infectious diseases and reducing child mortality. Life expectancy in low- and middle-income countries increased at a rate of about 5 years every decade for the past 40 years. Today, however, that system is in a state of profound transition. The need has rarely been greater to rethink how we endeavor to meet global health needs ...[Read More »](#)

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### **A systematic review of the evidence on integration of targeted health interventions into health systems**

*Rifat Atun, Thyra de Jongh, Federica Secci, Kelechi Ohiri and Olusoji Adeyi. Health Policy and Planning 2010 25(1):1-14. Published: 2 December 2009.*

A longstanding debate on health systems organization relates to benefits of integrating health programmes that emphasize specific interventions into mainstream health systems to increase access and improve health outcomes. This debate has long been characterized by polarization of views and ideologies, with protagonists for and against integration arguing the relative merits of each approach. However, all too frequently these arguments have not been based on hard evidence. The presence of both integrated and non-integrated programmes in many countries suggests there may be benefits to either approach, but the relative merits of integration in various contexts and for different interventions have not been systematically analysed and documented ...[Read More »](#)

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## Financing of health systems to achieve the health Millennium Development Goals in low-income countries

Robert Fryatt, Prof Anne Mills, Anders Nordstrom. *The Lancet*, Volume 375, Issue 9712, Pages 419 - 426. Published: 30 January 2010.

Concern that underfunded and weak health systems are impeding the achievement of the health Millennium Development Goals in low-income countries led to the creation of a High Level Taskforce on Innovative International Financing for Health Systems in September, 2008. This report summarises the key challenges faced by the Taskforce and its Working Groups ...[Read More »](#)

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## Recent News

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### Nurses from India cure staff shortage

*Business Day*. Published: 26 January 2010.

Medicine is one of those jobs where you never stop learning, but Dr Rust Theron, who works at a private hospital in the mainly Afrikaans suburb of Durbanville, never expected his would include learning Tamil. Theron has been working with nurses recruited from southern India for the past two-and-a-half years, after JSE-listed group Medi- Clinic decided to import staff from the region to counter the shortage of highly skilled theatre and intensive care unit nurses in the Western Cape ...[More Information »](#)

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### Military gets new HIV policy

*PlusNews*. Published: 26 January 2010.

The announcement in late 2009 that the government had approved a new HIV/AIDS policy in the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) was widely welcomed by AIDS and human rights lobbyists as long overdue. A November 2009 statement by the SANDF noted that the new policy made provision for the "recruitment and selective deployment of HIV-positive members" of the military and complied with a High Court ruling in May 2008, which found the previous policy of excluding HIV-positive people from recruitment and foreign deployment unconstitutional ...[Read More »](#)

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### International recruitment of health personnel: WHO code of practice will be send to 63rd WHA for approval

Thomas Schwarz. *Medicus Mundi International Network*. Published: 21 January 2010.

The issue of health workforce migration was yesterday on the agenda of the WHO Executive Board: The Board discussed the revised draft code of practice and agreed to submit it to the Sixty-third World Health Assembly, in May 2010. Migration of health personnel has been increasing worldwide over the past decades, especially from lower income countries whose health systems are already very fragile. To address this situation, the World Health Assembly adopted resolutions which called for the development of a Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel ...[Read More »](#)

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### Call for abstracts for the First Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

*World Health Organization (WHO)*

The call for abstracts for the First Global Symposium on Health Systems Research is now open, until the 30 April 2010. Researchers, policy-makers, representatives of donor and multinational organizations, and other stakeholders representing diverse constituencies will gather in Montreux, Switzerland to share evidence, identify significant knowledge gaps, and set a research agenda aimed at accelerating universal health coverage. The Symposium is structured around two main stream, State of the Art Research and State of the Art Research Methods ...[More Information »](#)

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## Reports

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### **An Overview of Health and Health care in South Africa 1994 – 2010: Priorities, Progress and Prospects for New Gains**

*Harrison D. NDOH. Published: December 2009.*

This paper describes progress and challenges in efforts to improve the health of South Africans since 1994. It reviews the state of health and the health care system, identifies major accomplishments and shortcomings, and outlines some opportunities for new gains in national health priorities. The purpose of the paper is to help inform discussion of macro health policy and planning by identifying key priorities and opportunities for consideration ...[More Information](#) »

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### **Report on the World Social Situation 2010: “Rethinking Poverty”**

*United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.*

Rethinking Poverty, the 2010 issue of the Report on the World Social Situation seeks to contribute to rethinking poverty and its eradication. It affirms the urgent need for a strategic shift away from the market fundamentalist thinking, policies and practices of recent decades towards more sustainable development- and equity-oriented policies appropriate to national conditions and circumstances ...[More Information](#) »

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## Conferences

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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.

More information can be found at <http://www.africalsexuality.org/>

Any queries/request for additional information should be sent to: [4srhconference@ippfaro.org](mailto:4srhconference@ippfaro.org)

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### **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuberculosis Conference**

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

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. The organisers invite abstract submissions for the 2010 Conference in the following three tracks:

Track 1: Basic Science

Track 2: Clinical, Epidemiological and Operational Research

Track 3: Patient and Civil Society Mobilisation and Advocacy

Abstract submission and early registration closes on 21 January 2010.

More information can be found at <http://www.tbconference.co.za>

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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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### **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 »](#)

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## **Training and Resources**

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### **Sexuality Leadership Development Fellowship “Addressing the Sexual Vulnerability of Young Women in Africa”** *Lagos, Nigeria. July 18<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 2010.*

The Africa Regional Sexuality Resource Centre (ARSRC) announces the seventh edition of its annual Sexuality Leadership Development Fellowship (SLDF) Programme. The two-week course is scheduled to take place in Lagos, Nigeria from July 18<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 ...[More Information »](#)

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### **Development Innovation Fund (DIF)** *UK Department For International Development (DFID)*

DFID is establishing a new funding stream aimed at community based organisations involved in providing specific small scale, one-off support that directly targets poverty in the developing world and includes a significant development awareness component in the UK. The Fund will be operational for an initial 16 months from 2010. The Fund is intended to offer funding opportunities to not for profit organisations but is not intended to replace or overlap with other DFID funding mechanisms ...[More Information »](#)

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

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- 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.

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