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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Actor interfaces and practices of power in a community health worker programme: a South African study of unintended policy outcomes

Uta Lehmann, Lucy Gilson. Health Policy Plan. (2013) 28 (4): 358-366. Published: 23 July 2013.

This paper provides a detailed study of micro-practices of power by those at the frontline of service delivery in the implementation of a national community health worker policy in one rural South African sub-district.

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Health impact of external funding for HIV, tuberculosis and malaria: systematic review

Thyra E de Jongh, Joanne H Hammeijer, Rifat Atun, Eline L Korenromp, Jinkou Zhao, John Puvimanasinghe and Rob Baltussen. Health Policy Plan. Published: 5 August 2013.

Since 2002, development assistance for health has substantially increased, especially investments for HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria control. We undertook a systematic review to assess and synthesize the existing evidence in the scientific literature on the health impacts of these investments... [Read More »](#)

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Sustained improvement in clinical preventive service delivery among independent primary care practices after implementing electronic health record systems

Jason J. Wang, Kimberly M. Sebek, Colleen M. McCullough, Sam J. Amirfar, Amanda S. Parsons, Jesse Singer, Sarah C. Shih. Prev Chronic Dis. Published: 2013.

This study examines the continued improvement in clinical quality measures for a group of independent primary care practices using electronic health records (EHRs) and receiving technical support from a local public health agency... [Read More »](#)

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Global health initiative investments and health systems strengthening: a content analysis of global fund investments

Ashley E Warren, Kaspar Wyss, George Shakarishvili, Rifat Atun and Don de Savigny. Globalization and Health 2013. Published: 26 July 2013.

Millions of dollars are invested annually under the umbrella of national health systems strengthening. Global health initiatives provide funding for low- and middle-income countries through disease-oriented programmes while maintaining that the interventions simultaneously strengthen systems... [Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Motsoaledi: Chronic disease on the rise in SA

Mail&Guardian. Published: 7 August 2013.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi said that the release of the findings of the South African National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey was evidence that there is reason for concern over the prevalence of chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension the country... [Read More »](#)

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'Not hungry, not healthy' paradox plagues SA, survey warns

BDLive. Published: 7 August 2013.

South Africa is a paradoxical land of the fat and the hungry, where poor food choices are piling on the kilos without staving off rumbling stomachs, according to a survey published on Tuesday by the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)...[Read More »](#)

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Govt moves to stop alcohol ads

Health-e News. Published: 5 August 2013.

South Africans like to drink. In fact, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), we are some of the biggest drinkers in the world... [Read More »](#)

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Train SA doctors at home - MEC

IOL. Published: 7 August 2013.

Sending students to Cuba to train as doctors was an expensive exercise for KwaZulu-Natal, and the province was now considering opening more medical schools and importing Cuban lecturers...[Read More »](#)

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Durban hospital's NHI model working

IOL. Published: 5 August 2013.

The wheels of government's proposed National Health Insurance (NHI) plan appear to be moving, and while many South Africans remain uncertain over how it will be applied, there is hope it could work - if one success story at Durban's RK Khan Hospital is anything to go by...[Read More »](#)

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Ghost staff save Gauteng Health R2.3m

IOL. Published: 2 August 2013.

The Gauteng Health Department has saved R2.3 million in June salary payments after 120 employees in three academic hospitals failed to turn up for a verification exercise...[Read More »](#)

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Govt to boost SA's low breastfeeding rate

Health-e News. Published: 31 July 2013.

Health officials promote exclusive breastfeeding during International Breastfeeding Week The first week of August is World Breastfeeding Week and the aim is to highlight the importance of this strategy in child survival, especially in poor communities...[Read More »](#)

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Education is key to preventing 3 200 SA women's deaths per year

City Press. Published: 4 August 2013.

African countries must increase the availability of contraceptives, and also educate girls and women about the importance of family planning, if they are serious about reducing maternal and child deaths...[Read More »](#)

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State hopes big changes to patent rules will cut drug costs

BDLive. Published: 8 August 2013.

The Department of Trade and Industry is proposing far-reaching changes to South Africa's intellectual property rights for medicines, which it says will increase access to cheaper drugs by making it harder for companies to obtain and extend patents...[Read More »](#)

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Private pharmacies to help end stock-outs?

Health-e News. Published: 30 July 2013.

Public health patients may soon be able to collect their medicine from private pharmacies in a massive public-private partnership that could eliminate medicine stock-outs... [Read More »](#)

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Addressing the challenges facing young people in South Africa

UNAIDS. Published: 29 July 2013

The challenges facing young people in South Africa were the focus of a dynamic meeting between South African President Jacob Zuma, UN Messenger of Peace Charlize Theron and the Executive Director of UNAIDS Michel Sidibé... [Read More »](#)

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How HIV/Aids hits schoolchildren

IOL. Published: 30 July 2013.

Chronic fatigue, erratic school attendance and learning difficulties as a result of ill health are some of the issues schoolchildren affected by HIV and Aids and tuberculosis have to grapple with... [Read More »](#)

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HIV infections fall 30% in eastern and southern Africa

BDLive. Published: 31 July 2013.

New HIV infections have declined 30% in eastern and southern Africa over the past decade, according to a report released by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)... [Read More »](#)

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Co-ordinating HIV approaches in Msukaligwa

Health-e News. Published: 29 July 2013.

The Local Aids Council (LAC) of the Msukaligwa was resurrected this month in response to the high prevalence of HIV-infection in the Gert Sibande district... [Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

Emerging Public Health Practitioner Award 2013

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Award submissions are invited from South Africans under the age of 35. Entries will be assessed by a panel of public health experts. The winning entry will be published in the current edition of the SAHR. [Click Here>>](#)

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Call for papers: "The science and practice of people-centred health systems"

Health Policy and Planning and the organizers of the Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research.

The Journal Health Policy and Planning and the organizers of the Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research are pleased to issue a call for papers for a special supplement on the theme of "The science and practice of people-centred health systems". [Click Here>>](#)

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Family Planning Advocacy Toolkit - Save the date

K4Health

The Family Planning Advocacy Toolkit provides advocates at all levels, including international, national and community leaders, with the information and tools they need to make the case for improved access to voluntary family planning. [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

National Health Amendment Act, 2013

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2013.

The National Health Amendment Act signed by the President signed on 24 July 2013. The Amendment Act makes provision for the establishment of the long-awaited Office of Health Standards Compliance. [Click Here»](#)

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South-to-south technical exchange on integrating PEPFAR gender strategies: Framework and toolkit

AIDSTAR-One. Published: 2013.

In 2012 and 2013, AIDSTAR-One piloted the South-to-South Technical Exchange on Integrating PEPFAR Gender Strategies: Framework and Toolkit in collaboration with PEPFAR, Stepping Stones International in Botswana, and the Sonke Gender Justice Network in South Africa. [Click Here»](#)

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Practical Information and Guidance for Integration of MNCH and HIV Programs within a continuum of health and social services

AIDSTAR-One. Published: 2013.

With new prevention strategies on the horizon and HIV incidence stabilizing or declining in many parts of the world, the tides are beginning to turn on the HIV epidemic. Between 2002 and 2010, new HIV infections globally declined from 3.1 million to 2.7 million. [Click Here»](#)

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The Challenge of Non-Communicable Diseases and Road Traffic Injuries in Sub-Saharan Africa

The World Bank. Published: 2013.

This report draws on a comprehensive review of the literature and on input from policy makers, researchers, and practitioners to address four questions: (1) How is the growing burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and road traffic injuries (RTIs) changing the epidemiology of Sub-Saharan Africa? (2) What determines and drives this burden, and what are the commonalities with communicable diseases? (3) What is the rationale for public intervention? (4) How could resource-constrained governments approach NCD prevention and treatment and road safety in a comprehensive, effective and efficient way? [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

UCT Rehabilitation Conference 2013

When: 2 - 4 September 2013

Where: Cape Town

URL: <http://rehabconf2013.uct.ac.za/>

The Department of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of Cape Town is pleased to announce its first Rehabilitation Research Conference.

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Medical Humanities Conference

Medical Humanities Research Group at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WiSER)

When: 2 - 4 September 2013

Venue: University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

URL: <http://wiserverb.wits.ac.za/>

The Medical Humanities research group at WiSER invites you to three days of intensive conversation among scholars and practitioners from a wide variety of disciplines, including the arts, literature, film, sociology, anthropology, history, medicine, philosophy, ethics, and psychology.

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Joint PHASA and AFPHA Conference 2013

Public Health Association of South Africa and the African Federation of Public Health Associations.

When: 24 -27 September 2013

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa

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

The 2013 joint PHASA/AFPFA conference will have as its focus, a scientific debate and discussion on strategies and action needed to move beyond the MDGs and on the public health legacy that we should leave, or want to, leave behind for the future generation.

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7th SAHARA Conference 2013

When: 7-10 October 2013

Venue: Dakar, Senegal

URL: <http://sahara.org.za/conferences/2013>

The Social Aspects of HIV and AIDS Research Alliance (SAHARA is an alliance of partners established to conduct, support and use social sciences research to prevent the further spread of HIV and mitigate the impact of its devastation in sub-Saharan Africa.

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5th Annual Conference of the South African Statistical Association

When: 4-8 November 2013

Venue: Limpopo University, Polokwane, South Africa

URL: <http://www.ul.ac.za/conf/sasa2013>

The South African Statistical Association (SASA), in partnership with the School of Mathematical and Computer Sciences at the University of Limpopo - Turfloop Campus, is calling for papers for the 5th Annual Conference of the South African Statistical Association (SASA2013 Conference).

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The 3rd Structural Drivers of HIV Conference

When: 5 - 6 December 2013

Venue: The Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.heard.org.za/workshops/3rd-structural-drivers-of-hiv-conference>

The aim of this conference is to consider the contextual complexities that researchers and programmers across the HIV and AIDS field wrestle with when planning and implementing HIV programmes.

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ICASA Conference 2013

When: 7-11 December 2013

Venue: CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.icasa2013southafrica.org/>

The ICASA conference remains one of the most important events in the calendar of the year, contributing towards overcoming the HIV and TB epidemics that grip our region. Official 17th ICASA Conference 2013.

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Conference on Rights of Women in Africa

When: 9 - 10 December 2013

Venue: Pretoria, South Africa

URL: <http://www1.chr.up.ac.za/index.php/upcoming-conferences/rights-of-women-in-africa.html>

One of the most important provisions of the Protocol is article 14, dealing with the health and reproductive rights of women. The Centre for Human Rights will host a conference on 9 and 10 December 2013 (in Pretoria, South Africa) to reflect on these and other innovative aspects of the Protocol.

Job Opportunities

Multiple Positions: Provincial Technical Advisor, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Officers, Senior Technical Advisor, Compliance Officer

FHI 360

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Employer: Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation

Closing Date: 12 August 2013

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Research Project Coordinator

Employer: Brien Holden Vision Institute

Closing Date: 14 August 2013

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M&E Technical Assistance Officer - West Coast

Employer: BroadReach Healthcare

Closing Date: 16 August 2013

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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

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