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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### **The 90 90 90 strategy to end the HIV Pandemic by 2030: Can the supply chain handle it?**

*David Jamieson, and Scott E Kellerman Journal of the International AIDS Society. Published: 30 June 2016.*

UNAIDS "90-90-90" strategy calls for 90% of HIV-infected individuals to be diagnosed by 2020, 90% of whom will be on anti-retroviral therapy (ART) and 90% of whom will achieve sustained virologic suppression. Reaching these targets by 2020 will reduce the HIV epidemic to a low-level endemic disease by 2030. However, moving the global response towards this universal test and treat model will pose huge challenges to public health systems in resource-limited settings, including global and local supply chain systems. These challenges are especially acute in Africa, which accounts for over 70% of the persons affected by HIV. [Read More »](#)

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### **We neglect primary HIV prevention at our peril**

*Michael T Isbell, Nduku Kilonzo, Owen Mugurungi, Linda-Gail Bekker. The Lancet. Published: July 2016.*

Inspired by a steady decline in new HIV infections and AIDS-related deaths, the sustainable development goals call for ending the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030. However, the world is not on track to end the epidemic. In particular, the pace at which new HIV infections are declining is substantially slower than the fall in AIDS-related deaths, and epidemic control remains out of reach. [Read More »](#)

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### **How home HIV testing and counselling with follow-up support achieves high testing coverage and linkage to treatment and prevention: a qualitative analysis from Uganda.**

*Norma C Ware, Monique A Wyatt, Stephen Asimwe, Bosco Turyamureeba, Elioda Tumwesigye, et al. Journal of the International AIDS Society. Published: 28 June 2016.*

Introduction: The successes of HIV treatment scale-up and the availability of new prevention tools have raised hopes that the epidemic can finally be controlled and ended. Reduction in HIV incidence and control of the epidemic requires high testing rates at population levels, followed by linkage to treatment or prevention. [Read More »](#)

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### **Impact of ART on the Fertility of HIV-Positive Women in Sub-Saharan Africa**

*Sara Yeatman, Jeffrey W. Eaton, Zosia Beckles, Lorna Benton, Simon Gregson and Basia Zaba. Tropical Medicine and International Health. Published: 2 July 2016.*

Understanding the fertility of HIV-positive women is critical to estimating HIV epidemic trends from surveillance data and planning resource needs and coverage of prevention-of-motherto-child transmission services in sub-Saharan Africa. In light of the considerable scale-up in antiretroviral therapy (ART) coverage over the last decade, we conducted a systematic review of the impact of ART on the fertility outcomes of HIV-positive women. [Read More »](#)

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### **Impact of approaches in improving male partner involvement in the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV on the uptake of PMTCT services in sub-Saharan Africa: a protocol of a systematic review and meta-analysis**

*Noah F Takah, Iain T R Kennedy, Cathy Johnman. British Medical Journal. Published: 1 July 2016.*

Several studies have reported approaches used in improving the delivery of prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV services through the involvement of male partners, but evidence from a systematic review is limited. We aim at determining the impact of male partner involvement on PMTCT in sub-Saharan Africa. [Read More »](#)

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### **Trends and challenges toward integration of traditional medicine in formal health-care system: Historical perspectives and appraisal of education curricula in Sub-Sahara Africa**

*Ester Innocent. Journal of Intercultural Ethnopharmacology. Published: June - August 2016.*

The population residing Sub-Sahara Africa (SSA) continues to suffer from communicable health problems such as HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, and various neglected tropical as well as non-communicable diseases. [Read More »](#)

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### **An Environmental Scan of Recent Initiatives Incorporating Social Determinants in Public Health**

*Denise Koo, Patrick W. O'Carroll, Andrea Harris, and Karen B. DeSalvo. National Academy of Medicine.*

Published: 30 June 2016.

The foundational importance of social, environmental, and economic factors as determinants of health has long been recognized. Until recently, this recognition had resulted in few sustained, organized efforts to positively influence these determinants to foster health at the community level. In recent years, however, numerous efforts have arisen across the United States that explicitly seek to improve the public's health by catalyzing collaboration across multiple societal sectors, with the goal of leveraging policy, systems, and environmental changes to drive sustained improvements in the public's health. [Read More »](#)

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### **Investing in Family Planning: Key to Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals**

*Ellen Starbirda, Maureen Nortona, Rachel Marcusa. Global Health: Science and Practice. Published: 9 June 2016.*

Family planning encompasses the services, policies, information, attitudes, practices, and commodities, including contraceptives, that give women, men, couples, and adolescents the ability to avoid unintended pregnancy and choose whether and/or when to have a child. In this commentary, we outline family planning's links to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and highlight the transformational benefits that voluntary family planning brings to women, families, communities, and countries. [Read More »](#)

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### **Creating a supportive legal environment for universal health coverage**

*DDavid Clarke, Dheepa Rajan & Gerard Schmets. Bulletin of the World Health Organization. Published: July 2016.*

In this edition of the Bulletin, Marks-Sultan et al propose that the World Health Organization (WHO) should provide capacity-building for drafting health laws in Member States. They highlight that WHO has the authority and credibility to work with countries to make their national laws easier to access, understand, monitor and evaluate. [Read More »](#)

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## **Recent News**

### **Media Release: "Better off knowing" campaign aims to mobilise communities to test for HIV**

*Health Systems Trust. Published: 8 July 2016.*

This month, leading public health NGO Health Systems Trust (HST) launches its "Better off knowing" campaign, motivating South Africans from all walks of life to get tested for HIV so that they know their status, receive treatment and live longer. [Read More »](#)

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### **Pooling of resources for NHI could lower cost of universal access.**

*Health-e News. Published: 30 June 2016.*

On Tuesday, Motsoaledi addressed the media along with members of the Board of Healthcare Funders following his article on the Sunday Times this weekend. As the debate on National Health Insurance (NHI) funding continues, the minister of health has come out in response to the criticism over the high cost associated with rolling out universal health care in South Africa. [Read More »](#)

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### **Medical aid board says SA has no choice but to back NHI**

*Bhekisisa. Published: 28 June 2016.*

The industry body says the dwindling number of medical aid members means the government must act. South Africa's healthcare system is not merely unviable or unsustainable, "it is at the brink of collapse" if the

government does not intervene, says the Board of Healthcare Funders, which represents most medical aid schemes in the country. [Read More »](#)

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## Second Durban Declaration

*International AIDS Society. Published: June 2016.*

There has been remarkable progress in our response to AIDS since the global HIV community last convened in Durban in 2000. Curbing the spread of HIV was the first step. Accelerating investment and action on a robust human rights and social justice agenda is the next. [Read More »](#)

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## Health Systems Global Strategic Plan 2016-2020

*Health Systems Global. Published: 7 July 2016.*

The purpose of this strategic plan is to guide Health Systems Global through a phase of consolidation and intensification of activities, following the incipient period (2014-2016) when Health Systems Global was established and forged its identity. [Read More »](#)

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## South Africa launches national HIV prevention campaign for young women and adolescent girls

*UNAIDS. Published: 24 June 2016.*

The Deputy President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa, launched an ambitious national campaign to prevent HIV among young women and adolescent girls on 24 June in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. The campaign will respond to the unacceptably high rate of new HIV infections among young women and adolescent girls in the country. [Read More »](#)

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## Training and Resources

### HIV Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Guidance Database

*USAID. Published: June 2016.*

The AIDSFree Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) Guidance Database provides continuous access to the most up-to-date country guidelines. The PEP Guidance Database is organized by country and patient population. The patient populations are determined by what is in each country's national guidance. Once you click through to the specific country page of interest, you can view the guidance on any device, download or e-mail a summary of the guidance, or view the original country guidance documents. [Click Here»](#)

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## Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

### Stop Stock Outs National Survey 2016

*Medecins Sans Frontiers, et al. Published: June 2016.*

The 2015 national survey report is the third annual report published by the Stop Stock Outs Project (SSP). Although there have been some successes over the past three years, and the South African government has undertaken several initiatives to improve the supply chain for medicines, stock outs at primary healthcare facilities remain an undeniable threat to the health of the people of South Africa. [Click Here»](#)

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## Conferences and Events

### International AIDS Conference

*When: 17 - 22 July 2016*

*Venue: International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa*

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

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### **Rural Health Conference**

When: 6 - 9 August 2016

Venue: Fort England Hospital, Grahamstown, Eastern Cape, South Africa

URL: [www.rhc2016.co.za](http://www.rhc2016.co.za)

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### **Joint Congress of the South African Thoracic Society & the South African Society of Sleep Medicine**

When: 21 July 2016

Venue: Durban, South Africa

URL: <http://www.sassmcongress2016.co.za>

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### **Public Health Association of South Africa 2016 Conference**

When: 19 - 22 September 2016

Venue: East London Convention Centre

E-Mail: [deon.salomo@mrc.ac.za](mailto:deon.salomo@mrc.ac.za)

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### **4th International Conference on HIV/AIDS, STDs and STIs**

When: 3 - 5 October 2016

Venue: Orlando, Florida, USA

URL: <http://hiv-aids-std.conferenceseries.com/>

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### **8th World Health Summit 2016**

When: 9 - 11 October 2016

Venue: Berlin, Germany

URL: <http://www.worldhealthsummit.org/about-whs/>

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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/>

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## **Job Opportunities**

### **Health Systems Trust: Administrative Officers**

Closing date: 15 July 2016

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/adminstrative-officers>

### **HealthEnabled: Project Co-ordinator (Fieldwork)**

Closing date: 15 July 2016

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/project-co-ordinator-fieldwork>

### **Cochrane South Africa: Unit Director , Cape Town**

Closing date: 18 July 2016

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