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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### **Health policy and systems research: Building momentum and community**

Abdul Ghaffar, Nhan Tran, John-Arne Rottingen, Marie-Paule Kieny. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*. Published: December 2014.

In October 2014, nearly 2000 people from 125 countries shared and debated issues that are critical to improving the performance of health systems, at the Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, in Cape Town, South Africa...[Read More »](#)

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## How long does biomedical research take? Studying the time taken between biomedical and health research and its translation into products, policy, and practice

Stephen R Hanney, Sophie Castle-Clarke, Jonathan Grant, Susan Guthrie, Chris Henshall, Jorge Mestre-Ferrandiz, Michele Pistollato, Alexandra Pollitt, Jon Sussex and Steven Wooding. *Health Research Policy and Systems*. Published: 1 January 2015.

The time taken, or 'time lags', between biomedical/health research and its translation into health improvements is receiving growing attention. Reducing time lags should increase rates of return to such research...[Read More »](#)

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## Climate for evidence informed health system policymaking in Cameroon and Uganda before and after the introduction of knowledge translation platforms: A structured review of governmental policy documents

Pierre Ongolo-Zogo, John N Lavis, Goran Tomson and Nelson K Sewankambo. *Health Research Policy and Systems*. Published: 1 January 2015.

There is a scarcity of empirical data on African country climates for evidence-informed health system policymaking (EIHSP) to backup the longstanding reputation that research evidence is not valued enough by health policymakers as an information input...[Read More »](#)

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## Funding AIDS programmes in the era of shared responsibility: An analysis of domestic spending in 12 low-income and middle-income countries

Stephen Resch, Theresa Ryckman, Dr Robert Hecht. *The Lancet Global Health*. Published: 1 January 2015.

As the incomes of many AIDS-burdened countries grow and donors' budgets for helping to fight the disease tighten, national governments and external funding partners increasingly face the following question: what is the capacity of countries that are highly affected by AIDS to finance their responses from domestic sources, and how might this affect the level of donor support? In this study, we attempt to answer this question.[Read More »](#)

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## China's role as a global health donor in Africa: What can we learn from studying under reported resource flows?

Karen A Grépin, Victoria Y Fan, Gordon C Shen and Lucy Chen. *Globalization and Health*. Published: 30 December 2014.

There is a growing recognition of China's role as a global health donor, in particular in Africa, but there have been few systematic studies of the level, destination, trends, or composition of these development finance flows or a comparison of China's engagement as a donor...[Read More »](#)

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## Reversing a global health workforce crisis

Michel Sidibé, James Campbell. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*. Published: January 2015.

The current Ebola virus outbreak in western Africa has exposed vulnerable health systems, dire shortages of health workers and a deep mistrust between authorities, health workers and the communities at risk...[Read More »](#)

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## Antenatal and postnatal depression: A public health perspective

Saurabh R. Shrivastava, Prateek S. Shrivastava, Jegadeesh Ramasamy. *Journal of Neurosciences in Rural Practice*. Published: 8 January 2015.

Antenatal care relates to the care of women during pregnancy with an ultimate target to achieve a healthy mother and a healthy child at the end of pregnancy. However, antenatal care encompasses not only clinical examinations/laboratory investigations but also the mental conditioning of the women before arrival of the child...[Read More »](#)

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## Human papilloma virus vaccination: Impact and recommendations across the world

Paolo Bonanni, Angela Bechini, Rosa Donato, Raffaella Capel, Cristiana Sacco, Miriam Levi and Sara Boccalini. *Therapeutic Advances in Vaccines*. Published: 8 November 2014.

Human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccination has been implemented in several countries for about the past 7 years, mainly in the adolescent female population, with varying coverage results...[Read More »](#)

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## Defining disrespect and abuse of women in childbirth: A research, policy and rights agenda

Lynn P Freedman, Kate Ramsey, Timothy Abuya, Ben Bellows, Charity Ndwiiga, Charlotte E Warren, Stephanie Kujawski, Wema Moyo, Margaret E Kruk, Godfrey Mbaruku. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*. Published: 6 October 2014.

In the field of maternal and newborn health, there have been calls to prioritize the intra-partum period and promote facility delivery to meet maternal and newborn mortality reduction goals...[Read More »](#)

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## Recent News

### SA secures 'world's lowest prices' for HIV drugs

*BdLive*. Published: 6 January 2015.

The Department of Health will be paying the lowest prices in the world in its next HIV/AIDS drug tender, despite not pushing prices down as far as it had hoped, it said on Monday...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2015/01/06/sa-secures-worlds-lowest-prices-for-hiv-drugs> [Accessed: 9 January 2015]

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### Measles outbreak alert: South Africa

*NICD*. Published: 19 December 2014.

Over the past few months, there has been an increase in laboratory-confirmed (IgM positive) measles cases in five provinces (Gauteng, Mpumalanga, KwaZulu-Natal, Northern Cape and Western Cape). Sporadic laboratory-confirmed measles cases have been noted in two additional provinces (Eastern Cape and Free State). No laboratory-confirmed measles cases have been reported from Limpopo and Northwest provinces during 2014 to date...[Read More »](#)

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### Solving WHO's "persisting weaknesses"

*The Lancet*. Published: 10 January 2015.

When the 34 members of WHO's Executive Board gather in Geneva on Jan 25 – first, for a special session on the response to the Ebola outbreak and, second, for its 136th meeting – countries will have an unprecedented opportunity to reflect on the future of the world's only global health agency...[Read More »](#)

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### The Global Burden of Disease: Non-communicable diseases increase premature death

*BioMed Central*. Published: 19 December 2014.

Up-to-date knowledge of cause-specific mortality is essential for the formulation of health policies. Obtaining this evidence is a massive undertaking, and probably the largest attempt to do so is the landmark Global Burden of Disease Study 2010 (GBD 2010)...[Read More »](#)

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### Local experts wary of early cervical cancer jab successes

*Health-e News*. Published 9 January 2015.

Local experts are cautiously optimistic about last year's cervical cancer vaccine roll-out after Australian authorities announced that vaccine is already showing positive results seven years after it was introduced in the country...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/01/09/local-experts-wary-early-cervical-cancer-jab-successes/>[Accessed: 9 January 2015]

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### **US funding for HIV/AIDS to focus on specific regions**

*BDlive. Published: 8 January 2015.*

The US government plans to shift the focus of its financial support for HIV/AIDS programmes to areas where the need is greatest with particular emphasis on girls and young women, it emerged on Wednesday...[Read More »](#)

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### **UK government halves the budget of HIV prevention programme for England**

*aidsmap. Published: 16 December 2014.*

The Department of Health's funding for HIV Prevention England, the national HIV prevention programme in England, will be cut by 50% from April 2015...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/UK-government-halves-the-budget-of-HIV-prevention-programme-for-England/page/2930244/>[Accessed: 9 January 2015]

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### **BRICS health ministers adopt the UNAIDS Fast-Track strategy to end the AIDS epidemic**

*UNAIDS. Published: 10 December 2014.*

Health ministers from Brazil, Russian Federation, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) have committed to adopting the UNAIDS Fast-Track strategy to end the AIDS epidemic as a global health threat by 2030...[Read More »](#)

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### **New system 'causing delays' at Natspruit hospital**

*BDlive. Published: 8 January 2015.*

The newly built Natspruit Hospital in Ekurhuleni is experiencing technical glitches, with the paperless electronic system raising fears that the wellbeing of patients could be compromised...[Read More »](#)

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### **First UK private medical school opens with £36,000 fees**

*BBC. Published: 7 January 2015.*

UK students will be paying fees four times higher than at public universities. The UK's first private medical school has opened, with students paying annual tuition fees of £36,000. Although the medical school was expected to particularly appeal to overseas students, most of the students are from the UK...[Read More »](#)

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## **Training and Resources**

### **NDoH Contract Circular HP13-2015ARV**

*SA National Department of Health*

Supply and delivery of antiretroviral medicines to the Department of Health for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2018[Click Here>>](#)

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### **Journal of Virus Eradication**

This new open access journal aims to provide a specialist, open-access forum to publish work in the field of virus eradication, particularly HIV, HBV and HCV.[Click Here>>](#)

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## Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

### **National consolidated guidelines for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) and the management of HIV in children, adolescents and adults**

SA National Department of Health

The Government of South Africa has adopted a new outcome-based approach to accelerate the attainment of the objectives outlined in the Negotiated Service Delivery Agreement for the health sector. The main outputs include increasing life expectancy, reducing maternal and child mortality rates, combating HIV and AIDS, and decreasing the burden of diseases from TB, as well as strengthening health system effectiveness. [Click Here»](#)

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### **Recommendations for HIV Prevention with Adults and Adolescents with HIV in the United States, 2014**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

These recommendations for HIV Prevention with Adults and Adolescents with HIV in the United States, 2014 contain updates and expand the 2003 guideline. Incorporating HIV prevention into the medical care of persons living with HIV; recommendations of CDC, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the National Institutes of Health, and the HIV Medicine Association of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. [Click Here»](#)

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## Conferences and Events

### **Monitoring and Evaluation Training**

When: 18 February 2015

Venue: London, United Kingdom

URL: <http://www.redr.org.uk/en/Training-and-more/find-a-training-course.cfm/url/Monitoring-Evaluation-Feb-15>

Improving the quality of humanitarian practice and ensuring the effectiveness of responses to complex emergencies is a key aim shared by humanitarian agencies. Thus, monitoring and evaluation are essential activities for any project or programme. Careful monitoring of progress against targets allows timely changes to be made to maximise impact. Evaluation ensures accountability to all parties concerned, and allows learning to be carried through to future interventions. This course aims to introduce you to the concepts of monitoring and evaluation, including the steps and components required to implement the monitoring and evaluation of a humanitarian project or programme.

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### **Disability & Social Inclusion Symposium**

When: 11-13 February 2015

Venue: University of Cape Town

URL: [http://www.exbo.co.za/REG/dynamic\\_forms/generated\\_forms/disability\\_and\\_social\\_inclusion\\_-\\_short\\_course\\_register.php](http://www.exbo.co.za/REG/dynamic_forms/generated_forms/disability_and_social_inclusion_-_short_course_register.php)

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### **Health Information Systems Program - SA 2015 International Conference**

When: 24-27 March 2015

Venue: Bloemfontein, South Africa

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

Over the last 20 years, the District Health Information System in South Africa and in many countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia has evolved significantly from a paper based system to a web based system. The conference is expected to be a platform through which this evolution is explored and where best practices and lessons learned are being shared.

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### **7th SA AIDS Conference: Reflection, Refocus and Renewal**

When: 9-12 June 2015

Venue: Durban International Convention Centre, South Africa

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

This Conference comes at a critical time in global health, as 2015 marks the end of the MDGs and the beginning of the post-2015 sustainable development agenda. The theme of the Conference this year: Reflection, Refocus and Renewal provides a unique opportunity to reflect on what we have done across the entire spectrum of our programmes in the response to HIV, including the structural and social determinants which fuel this epidemic.

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### **SVRI Workshops**

When: 15-17 September 2015

Venue: Stellenbosch, South Africa

URL: <http://www.svri.org/forum2015/index.htm>

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative is proud to announce the 4th international conference, the SVRI Forum 2015. The Forum brings together researchers, gender activists, funders, policy makers, service providers, practitioners and survivors from around the world and will showcase innovation to end sexual violence, intimate partner violence and child abuse, and strengthen responses to survivors in low- and middle-income countries. The SVRI Forum is a key platform for sharing research, innovation and networking.

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## Job Opportunities

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### **Health Systems Trust: Project Manager - SA Health Review**

*Closing Date: 24 January 2015*

***Please view our website for more details***

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/project-manager-south-african-health-review>

### **FHI360: Business Development Proposal Associate**

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