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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Public health successes and frail health systems in Tanzania

Margaret E Kruk, Godfrey Mbaruku. *The Lancet*. Published: July 2015.

In mid-2015, close to the finish line of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), Tanzania has reason to be proud. As Hoviyeh Afnan-Holmes and colleagues note in their Countdown to 2015 case study, Tanzania is on track to achieve MDG4: A two-thirds reduction in child mortality. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/article/PIIS2214-109X%2815%2900036-4/abstract>[Accessed: 10 July 2015]

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In search of global health justice: A need to reinvigorate institutions and make international law

Shawn H. E. Harmon. *Health Care Analysis*. Published: June 2015.

The recent outbreak of Ebola in West Africa has killed thousands of people, including healthcare workers. African responses have been varied and largely ineffective. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://paperity.org/p/73573996/in-search-of-global-health-justice-a-need-to-reinvigorate-institutions-and-make>[Accessed: 10 July 2015]

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Why the communicable/non-communicable disease dichotomy is problematic for public health control strategies: Implications of multimorbidity for health systems in an era of health transition

Tolu Onia, Nigel Unwin. *International Health*. Published: 22 June 2015.

In today's globalized world, rapid urbanization, mechanization of the rural economy, and the activities of trans-national food, drink and tobacco corporations are associated with behavioral changes that increase the risk of chronic non-communicable diseases (NCDs)...[Read More »](#)

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Task shifting in maternal and newborn health care: Key components from policy to implementation

Barbara Deller, Vandana Tripathi, Stacie Stender, Emmanuel Otolorind, Peter Johnsona, Catherine Carra. *International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics*. Published: June 2015.

Task shifting in various forms has been adopted extensively around the world in an effort to expand the reach of lifesaving services to the women, newborns, and families who need them...[Read More »](#)

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Healthcare service providers' and facility administrators' perspectives of the free maternal healthcare services policy in Malindi District, Kenya: A qualitative study

Evaline Lang'at and Lillian Mwanri. *Reproductive Health*. Published: 27 June 2015.

Globally, there are increasing efforts to improve maternal health outcomes including the reduction in maternal mortality rates. Improved access to skilled care utilisation during pregnancy and delivery has been one of the strategies employed to improve maternal health outcomes.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.reproductive-health-journal.com/content/12/1/59>[Accessed: 10 July 2015]

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How can GPs and community health services work more effectively together?

Donna Bramwell, Stephen Peckham, Pauline Allen, Kath Checkland. *British Journal of General Practice*. Published: 1 July 2015.

On 23 October 2014, NHS England Chief Executive Simon Stevens published a new 5-year plan for the NHS.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://bjgp.org/content/65/636/374>[Accessed: 10 July 2015]

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The readiness of the national health laboratory system in supporting care and treatment of HIV/AIDS in Tanzania

Leonard E.G. Mboera, Deus S. Ishengoma, Andrew M. Kilale, Isolide S. Massawe, Acleus S.M. Rutta, Gibson B. Kagaruki, Erasmus Kamugisha, Vito Baraka, Celine I. Mandara, Godlisten S. Materu and Stephen M. Magesa. *BioMed Central*. Published: 26 June 2015.

Strong health laboratory systems and networks capable of providing high quality services are critical components of the health system and play a key role in routine diagnosis, care, treatment and disease surveillance.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963/15/248>[Accessed: 10 July 2015]

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Recent News

MERS's best friend is ignorance, so it's time to wise up

IRIN News. Published: 16 June 2015.

The full story of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) is yet to be told. Would South Korea now be in the grip of one of the disease's largest ever outbreaks if more had been done sooner to unravel its mysteries? [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.irinnews.org/report/101638/mers-s-best-friend-is-ignorance-so-it-s-time-to-wise-up>[Accessed: 10 July 2015]

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Briefing notes: Managing contacts in the MERS-CoV outbreak in the Republic of Korea

WHO. Published: 1 July 2015.

In June 2015, WHO and the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Public Health and Welfare presented the results of their joint assessment of the MERS outbreak... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/mers/briefing-notes/update-1-july-2015/en/>[Accessed: 10 July 2015]

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Drug shortages send rural patients back to home remedies

Mail&Guardian. Published: 3 July 2015.

Once a month 73-year-old Masego Mmantlwa makes the short walk to her local clinic in the rural North West village of Mabeskraal. She is never in a rush... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2015-07-02-drug-shortages-send-rural-patients-back-to-home-remedies>[Accessed: 10 July 2015]

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Communicable diseases communiqué: Influenza data from Viral Watch

NICD/NHLS. Published: June 2015.

The influenza season that started in epidemiologic week 19 (week ending 10 May) continues. The number of specimens submitted by Viral Watch sites have continued to increase and have risen to an average of 75 per week during the last week of May and the first two weeks of June. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.nicd.ac.za/assets/files/Influenza%285%29.pdf>[Accessed: 10 July 2015]

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South Africa: Lower coverage of maternal HIV testing among adolescents leading to higher mother-to-child transmission

aidsmap. Published: 1 July 2015.

Adolescents have lower coverage of HIV testing and subsequent prevention of mother-to-child (PMTCT) services and significantly higher early vertical transmission rates compared with adults, according to findings from three South African national surveys... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/South-Africa-Lower-coverage-of-maternal-HIV-testing-among-adolescents-leading-to-higher-mother-to-child-transmission/page/2981306/>[Accessed: 10 July 2015]

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Stunting: A rarely discussed public health problem

BioMed Central. Published: 29 June 2013.

Recent research published in BMC Public Health looks at the prevalence of stunting in South African children over the past 40 years. Here, Daniel Hoffman talks more about the importance of raising awareness about this topic. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://blogs.biomedcentral.com/bmcseriesblog/2015/06/29/stunting-rarely-discussed-public-health-problem/>[Accessed: 10 July 2015]

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Meet the Khayelitsha compliers club

Mail&Guardian. Published: 26 June 2015.

Communities are bringing HIV monitoring and dispensing out of the clinics and into their homes. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2015-06-25-meet-the-khayelitsha-compliers-club>[Accessed: 10 July 2015]

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Nurses who moonlight strain the health system

BDlive. Published: 2 July 2015.

Between 2009 and 2010, the government spent about R1.49bn hiring nurses for the public health sector from nursing agencies. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/opinion/2015/07/02/nurses-who-moonlight-strain-the-health-system> [Accessed: 10 July 2015]

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SA has UN's HIV testing goal in sight

BDlive. Published: 3 July 2015.

SA will meet the United Nations (UN) goal of diagnosing 90% of HIV-positive adults by 2020 if it continues to test 10-million people a year, concludes research published in the journal, AIDS. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2015/07/03/sa-has-uns-hiv-testing-goal-in-sight> [Accessed: 10 July 2015]

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Standerton Hospital opens wellness clinic

Health-e News. Published: 25 June 2015.

Mpumalanga's Standerton Hospital opened a new wellness clinic to improve services and shorten wait times this week... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/06/25/standerton-hospital-opens-wellness-clinic/> [Accessed: 10 July 2015]

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Training and Resources

Health Care Workers' Handbook on Influenza

NICD/NHLS. Published: May 2015.

Influenza, commonly known as the "flu", is an acute viral infection of the respiratory tract caused by influenza virus. There are three types of seasonal influenza viruses – A, B and C. [Click Here»](#)

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e-huesped

e-huesped is an educational platform that contributes to the permanent updating of professionals in the health team improving information, education and prevention access in the fields of HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis and other transmissible diseases. [Click Here»](#)

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IUPHAR-Education Section/SASBCP/Toxicology SA: Workshop on developing authentic assessment for competence-based pharmacology curricula

When: 1 September 2015

Venue: The Wits Club, Wits University, Johannesburg, South Africa

The International Union of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (IUPHAR) is a voluntary, non-profit association representing the interests of pharmacologists around the world through co-operation, education and public awareness. [Click Here»](#)

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National Consolidated Guidelines for PMTCT and the Management of HIV in Children, Adolescents and Adults

SA National Department of Health. Published: April 2015.

The main purpose of these guidelines is to improve the clinical outcomes of people living with HIV, reduce morbidity due to TB/HIV co-infection, reduce HIV incidence and avert AIDS-related deaths in the most cost-efficient manner by ensuring that people living with HIV start with the right therapy at the right time. [Click Here»](#)

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

Morbidity and mortality patterns among the youth of South Africa, 2013

Statistics South Africa. Published: 29 June 2015.

Worldwide, the youth are faced by greater health risks including physical and psychological trauma from sexual abuse, gender-based violence and other forms of accidents. [Click Here»](#)

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International Drug Price Indicator Guide - 2014 edition

Management Sciences for Health. Published: 2015.

The guide provides a spectrum of prices for more than 1100 products from 25 sources, including pharmaceutical suppliers, international development organisations and government agencies. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences and Events

AIDSImpact 2015 – 12th International Conference

When: 28-31 July 2015

Venue: Amsterdam, Netherlands

URL: <http://www.aidsimpact.com/2015/>

AIDSImpact is an international behavioral and psychosocial science conference that addresses issues related to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care, focusing both globally and on specific communities and countries hardest hit by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

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Medicines Utilisation Research in Africa (MURIA Group) - Botswana Workshop and Symposium

When: 27-29 July 2015

Venue: University of Botswana

URL: <http://muria.nmmu.ac.za/Botswana-Workshop-and-Symposium-27-29-July-2015>

The workshop and symposium are intended to develop and progress medicines utilisation research in Africa. The workshop will cater for all personnel including those just starting research in this area and those already undertaking medicine utilisation research. This will be achieved through two workshop streams (parallel sessions) and a one day symposium for researchers to present their projects and findings.

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Global Forum on Research and Innovation for Health 2015

When: 24-27 August 2015

Venue: Manila, Philippines

URL: <http://www.forum2015.org>

Forum 2015 is a unique global platform to promote the role of research and innovation in creating better health, enhancing equity and stimulating development. Join other policy-makers, business and non-profit leaders, international organizations, academic and research institutions, social entrepreneurs and key stakeholders, as we work together to shape the global health research agenda locally, regionally and globally.

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5th Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators

When: 2-4 September 2015

Venue: University of Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://isc2015.org/>

The 5th Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators will be held on 2-4 September 2015 in the Kramer Law Building, University of Cape Town. Researchers, practitioners, policy makers and child advocates from across the world will gather for three days to share and discuss the latest child indicator research and implications for policy and interventions.

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South African Disability 2015 Expo and Conference

When: 17-19 September 2015

Venue: The Pavilion on the Waterfront, Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.ingadaevents.co.za/current/disability-cape-town>

It is the only public showcase on the African continent where people with any kind of disability, their caregivers, families and friends can find the manufacturers, distributors, suppliers and service providers that offer everything necessary to improve the quality of life. The event advocates the full equality and participation of persons with disabilities into society and to empower and equip people by making a meaningful contribution to their lives.

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Rural Doctors Association of South Africa (RuDASA)

When: 23-26 September 2015

Venue: Mpumalanga, South Africa

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

An annual RuDASA conference has been organised almost every year since 1996, and attracts a range of rural health professionals from all over the country. The conference is a much-anticipated, vibrant forum which combines a mixture of sessions ranging from clinical skills updates for and by a wide range of health professionals to emotive discussions and workshops on issues such as justice and equity.

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South African Association of Community Pharmacists (SAACP) Symposium

When: 25-26 September 2015

Venue: Birchwood Hotel and Conference Centre, Johannesburg

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

SAACP is the professional body representing the community pharmacy sector of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa, and needs to take the lead in marketing the unique role and contribution of community pharmacists in healthcare delivery now and in the future in South Africa. This Symposium is the first stepping stone in influencing policies and legislation governing the professional role of community pharmacists.

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Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) Conference

When: 7-9 October 2015

Venue: Southern Sun Elangeni, Durban, South Africa

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

The 11th Annual Conference of the Public Health Association of South Africa takes place between 7-9 October 2015 in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal. With 2015 being the target date for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, the conference will provide an opportunity to reflect on the challenges faced by South Africa and Africa in trying to achieve the MDGs.

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9th Action Learning, Action Research (ALARA) and 13th Participatory Action Research World Congress

When: 4-7 November 2015

Venue: St. George Hotel and Conference Centre, Centurion (Pretoria), South Africa

URL: <http://www.alarassociation.org/pages/events/alara-world-congress-2015>

The theme of this World Congress is a challenge to Action Learning / Action Research practitioners the world over, whether working in resource rich or more socio-economically challenged contexts, to explain how they are contributing to the creation of a fairer world.

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Job Opportunities

Health Systems Trust: SharePoint Administrator

Closing Date: 17 July 2015

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/sharepoint-administrator-0>

National Department of Health: Pharmaceutical Policy Specialist

Closing Date: 20 July 2015

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/pharmaceutical-policy-specialist>

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