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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Towards an improved investment approach for an effective response to HIV/AIDS

Bernhard Schwartländer, John Stover, Timothy Hallett, Rifat Atun, Carlos Avila, Eleanor Gouws, Michael Bartos, Peter D Ghys, Marjorie Opuni, David Barr, Ramzi Alsallaq, Lori Bollinger, Marcelo de Freitas, Geoffrey Garnett, Charles Holmes, Ken Legins, Yogan Pillay, Anderson Eduardo Stanciole, Craig McClure, Gottfried Hirnschall, Marie Laga, Nancy Padian. The Lancet, Volume 377, Issue 9782, Pages 2031 - 2041. Published: 3 June 2011.

Substantial changes are needed to achieve a more targeted and strategic approach to investment in the response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic that will yield long-term dividends. Until now, advocacy for resources has been done on the basis of a commodity approach that encouraged scaling up of numerous strategies in parallel, irrespective of their relative effects. We propose a strategic investment framework that is intended to support better management of national and international HIV/AIDS responses than exists with the present system...[Read More »](#)

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Developing a matrix to identify and prioritise research recommendations in HIV Prevention

Sydney Anstee, Alison Price, Amanda Young, Katharine Barnard, Bob Coates, Simon Fraser and Rebecca Moran. BMC Public Health 2011, 11:381. Published: 24 May 2011.

HIV prevention continues to be problematic in the UK, as it does globally. The UK Department of Health has a strategic direction with greater focus on prevention as part of its World Class Commissioning Programme. There is a need for targeted evidence-based prevention initiatives. This is an exploratory study to develop an evidence mapping tool in the form of a matrix: this will be used to identify important gaps in contemporary HIV prevention evidence relevant to the UK. It has the potential to aid prioritisation in future research...[Read More »](#)

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Effects of an evidence service on health system policymakers' use of research evidence: A protocol for a randomized controlled trial

John N Lavis, Michael G Wilson, Jeremy M Grimshaw, R BRIAN Haynes, Steven Hanna, Parminder Raina, Russell Gruen and Mathieu Ouimet. *Implementation Science* 2011, 6:51. Published: 10 June 2011.

Health-system policy makers need timely access to synthesised research evidence to inform the policy-making process. No efforts to address this need have been evaluated using an experimental quantitative design. We developed an evidence service that draws inputs from Health Systems Evidence, which is a database of policy-relevant systematic reviews...[Read More »](#)

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The Joint Action and Learning Initiative: Towards a Global Agreement on National and Global Responsibilities for Health

Lawrence O. Gostin, Eric A. Friedman, Gorik Oom, Thomas Gebauer, Narendra Gupta, Devi Sridhar, Wang Chenguang, John-Arne Røttingen, David Sanders. *PLoS Med* 8(5): e1001031. Published: May 2011.

A coalition of civil society organizations and academics are initiating a Joint Action and Learning Initiative on National and Global Responsibilities for Health (JALI) to research key conceptual questions involving health rights and responsibilities, with the goal of securing a global health agreement and supporting civil society mobilization around the human right to health...[Read More »](#)

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Migration and Health: A Framework for 21st Century Policy-Making

Cathy Zimmerman, Lija Kiss, Mazeda Hossain. *London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, United Kingdom. PLoS Med* 8(5). Published: May 2011.

With an estimated 214 million people on the move internationally and approximately three-quarters of a billion people migrating within their own country, there can be little doubt that population mobility is among the leading policy issues of the 21st century...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Mother-to-child HIV transmission plummets

PlusNews. Published: 9 June 2011.

The rate of mother-to-child HIV transmission has fallen to 3.5 percent according to a national survey by the South African Medical Research Council (MRC) and researchers say the virtual elimination of vertical HIV transmission may now be possible by 2015...[Read More »](#)

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Top five recent successes in HIV

PlusNews. Published: 8 June 2011.

South Africa's HIV/AIDS programme has come a long way from the dark days of denialism and deadly treatment delays. Francois Venter, chairman of the country's bi-annual HIV conference, SA AIDS 2011, gave IRIN/PlusNews five reasons to be happy about the country's progress...[Read More »](#)

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UN member states agree on 'universal access' to AIDS treatment

Stephanie Nolen. *Globe and Mail*. Published: 8 June 2011.

The member states of the United Nations will call for "universal access" treatment for 15 million people with HIV and AIDS – by 2015, in a declaration to be signed Friday at a special summit on the disease. The treatment target, which activists have demanded for years, reflects ground-breaking new science that shows conclusively that the best way to stop transmission of the virus is to put people with HIV on antiretroviral drugs – even before they are critically ill, as had been the practice until recently...[Read More »](#)

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Proactive disease campaign 'results in cost savings'

Edward West. *Business Day*. Published: 8 June 2011.

National and provincial health departments and health sector partners have been on a massive house-to-house campaign since February to find cases of HIV and tuberculosis (TB). People diagnosed with TB, along with their families and other contacts, were screened for the disease in their homes as well as for HIV/AIDS, diabetes and hypertension, and were questioned about the state of healthcare and immunisation in the family...[Read More »](#)

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Govt ready to treat all people with CD4 of 350

Kerry Cullinan. *Health-e News*. Published: 6 June 2011.

On the 30th anniversary of the discovery of AIDS, the world has "a much fuller toolkit to deal with HIV prevention than a year ago", according to Professor Salim Abdool Karim. Abdool Karim, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of KwaZulu-Natal, was addressing a meeting of top scientists at a meeting of the Centre for the AIDS programme of Research in SA (Caprisa) in Durban yesterday...[Read More »](#)

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Plans to support microbicide trial

Kerry Cullinan. Health-e News. Published: 6 June 2011.

Since the discovery last year that a vaginal gel containing an antiretroviral called tenofovir can protect women from HIV, scientists have been working hard to support and fast-track the results... [Read More »](#)

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Review of hi-tech procurement in provinces

Tamar Kahn. Business Day. Published: 10 June 2011.

The Department of Health is planning to review the way provinces procure hi-tech equipment, Deputy Health Minister Gwen Ramokgopa said yesterday. "There is a lot of duplication among provinces and some of the industry are truant, by which I mean one province may pay more than another for the same technology," she said in a telephone interview... [Read More »](#)

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Health system revolution

Anso Thom. Health-e News. Published: 10 June 2011.

Every electoral district is set to have a primary health care nurse-driven team established in future with specialist doctor teams assigned to districts where maternal and child mortality is high, the health department has revealed... [Read More »](#)

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Infrastructure must be in place for NHI

TimesLive. Published: 2 June 2011.

The planned National Health Insurance (NHI) system could only work if sustainable solutions were found for developing the country's health infrastructure, the SA Municipal Workers Union said on Thursday... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.timeslive.co.za/local/article1099055.ece/Infrastructure-must-be-in-place-for-NHI> [Accessed: 9 June 2011]

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Motsoaledi calls for patience on NHI

Jacques Keet. IOL. Published: 1 June 2011.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi on Tuesday appealed to the public to be patient regarding the envisaged National Health Insurance (NHI) system, while at the same time providing further detail. Speaking in the National Assembly during debate on his budget vote, he said there were two different groups of people in this regard. Those who correctly and legitimately hoped that NHI would bring relief in their everyday hardships as far as their health care was concerned... [Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

Writing an abstract for a scientific conference - a skills-building workshop.

Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA)

As a lead up to the 2011 conference of the Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) and as part of a process to support young researchers and academics to increase the acceptance rate of their abstracts, PHASA will be hosting three abstract writing workshops, simultaneously. The workshop will use interactive methods, and will be facilitated by experienced public health professionals.

For more information: <http://www.hst.org.za/news/writing-abstract-scientific-conference-skills-building-workshop>

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Advanced Sexualities Studies Course (ASSC)

International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture and Society (IASSCS) and the Centre for Visual Methodologies, UKZN.

This course aims to provide advanced training in sexuality theory, issues and research methodology with a focus on sexual and reproductive health and sexual rights to 15 selected participants. The course is being jointly hosted by the International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture and Society (IASSCS) and the Centre for Visual Methodologies at UKZN, from 17-28 October 2011 at Palm Dune, Blythesdale, KZN.

For more information: <http://www.hst.org.za/news/advanced-sexualities-studies-course-assc>

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Reports and Publications

AIDS at 30: Nations at the crossroads

UNAIDS. Published: June 2011.

This report provides evidence of how much we have achieved and weighs that against our vision for the future: zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths. In these pages you will find scientific analysis, personal insights and the results of extensive national and regional consultations at the front lines of the AIDS response. While perspectives differ, one simple truth emerges: we cannot break the arc of this epidemic – where five people were newly infected for every three starting treatment in 2010 – if we adopt a 'business as usual' approach... [Click Here for Full Report »](#)

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Conferences

RuDASA Rural Health Conference 2011

When: 8-10 September 2011

Venue: Village of Rhodes in the Eastern Cape.

URL: <http://www.ruralhealthconference2011.co.za/>

This year's Rural Health Conference, titled 'Making Primary Health Care Better'. The conference will be focusing on primary health care and its integration into district systems, as well as on the role of the multidisciplinary team in primary health care. There will also be many practical skills sessions, as well as a track for student presentations and rural health advocacy. Abstracts for presentations and posters are welcomed from all medical and allied health practitioners, as well as students of these disciplines. Presentation topics should relate to rural health and primary health care. Closing date for abstract submissions is 16 July 2011.

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7th PHASA 2011 Conference

When: 28 - 30 November 2011

Venue: Sandton Convention Centre, Gauteng, South Africa

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

The 2011 PHASA conference will have as its focus, a scientific debate and discussion on health inequities and the role of public health leadership, education and practice in reducing health equity gaps. The theme of the conference is "Closing the health equity gap: Public health leadership, education and practice". An exciting programme of local and international speakers is being put together. Speakers will include policy-makers, leading local and international academics and representatives of international organizations. Abstract submission deadline is 4 July 2011.

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Job Opportunities

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 contact on 011 328 1300

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Project Coordinator: Enhancing State Responsiveness to Gender Based Violence

Heinrich Boell Stiftung

Closing Date: 15 June 2011.

Between July 2011 and June 2013, the Heinrich Boell Stiftung (HBS) and Tshwaranang Legal Advocacy Centre (TLAC) will jointly implement an EU supported project titled 'Enhancing State responsiveness to Gender Based Violence'. HBS seeks a project coordinator for overseeing the foundation's responsibilities. The position is a part time position (20 hr/ week) and will be available between July 2011 and June 2013.

Please view the website for more details <http://www.hst.org.za/news/project-coordinator-enhancing-state-responsiveness-gender-based-violence>

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