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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Global Burden of Disease Study 2010

The Lancet. Published: 13 December 2012.

The Global Burden of Disease Study 2010 (GBD 2010) is the largest ever systematic effort to describe the global distribution and causes of a wide array of major diseases, injuries, and health risk factors...[Read More »](#)

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Incentivising private specialists to work in the public health sector: Expanding ‘session work’ in South Africa

Ashmore, J. HEU Policy Brief. Cape Town, Health Economics Unit, University of Cape Town. Published: November 2012.

This policy brief aims to understand whether or how session work in hospitals could be expanded to help achieve universal health coverage. It explores how common session work is, what it implies, and why it is attractive to some at present; how willing other private specialists might be to work in the public sector in future; and how session work might be incentivised for expansion...[Read More »](#)

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The emergence of global attention to health systems strengthening

Tamara Hafner and Jeremy Shiffman. Health Policy Plan. (2013) 28 (1): 41-50. Published: January 2013.

After a period of proliferation of disease-specific initiatives, over the past decade and especially since 2005 many organizations involved in global health have come to direct attention and resources to the issue of health systems strengthening...[Read More »](#)

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Info-gap management of public health policy for TB with HIV-prevalence and epidemiological uncertainty

Yakov Ben-Haim, Clifford C Dacso and Nicola M Zetola. BMC Public Health 2012, 12:1091. Published: 19 December 2012.

The aim of this study is to demonstrate the advantages of info-gap theory, a non-probabilistic approach to severe uncertainty when worst cases cannot be reliably identified and probability distributions are unreliable or unavailable. Info-gap is applied here to mathematical modelling of epidemics and analysis of public health decision-making...[Read More »](#)

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How the global call for elimination of pediatric HIV can support HIV-positive women to achieve their pregnancy intentions

Corinne I. Mazzeo, Elizabeth H. Flanagan, Emily A. Bobrow, Christian S. Pitter, Richard Marlink *Reproductive Health Matters Volume 20, Issue 39, Supplement , Pages 90-102. Published: December 2012.*

This paper presents a literature review on the interface between pediatric HIV elimination and the pregnancy intentions of HIV-positive women, focusing on the four prongs of prevention of mother-to-child transmission: primary prevention of HIV infection in women; preventing unintended pregnancies in HIV-positive women; preventing transmission of HIV from infected women to their infants; and providing care, support and treatment to HIV-positive women, their children and their families...[Read More »](#)

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How countries cope with competing demands and expectations: perspectives of different stakeholders on priority setting and resource allocation for health in the era of HIV and AIDS

*Françoise Jenniskens, Georges Tiendrebeogo, Anne Coolen, Lucie Blok, Seni Kouanda, Fuseini Sataru, Andriamampianina Ralisimalala, Victor Mwapasa, Mbela Kiyombo and David Plummer
BMC Public Health 2012, 12:1071. Published: 11 December 2012.*

Drawing on a study conducted in five African countries, this paper explores different stakeholders perceptions of health priorities, how priorities are defined in practice, the process of resource allocation for HIV and Health and how different stakeholders perceive this... [Read More »](#)

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Recent News

South African medical school seeks to combat shortage of rural doctors

The Guardian. Published: 9 January 2013.

A South African medical school has become the first in Africa to address the continent's chronic shortage of rural doctors by sending students to spend their final year among the vineyard workers and fruit-pickers of the Western Cape... [Read More »](#)

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Eastern Cape Health Department recruits more doctors

SABC News. Published: 2 January 2013.

In an attempt to address the chronic shortage of doctors and nurses in the Eastern Cape, the provincial Department of Health has recruited more than 100 doctors... [Read More »](#)

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Council nod to little-tested killer-TB drug

Business Day. Published: 8 January 2013.

The Medicines Control Council (MCC) has granted patients with extremely drug-resistant tuberculosis (XDR-TB) access to Johnson & Johnson's experimental drug bedaquiline, even though it has yet to be registered in South Africa... [Read More »](#)

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UN adopts 'momentous' resolution on universal healthcare

The Guardian. Published: 13 December 2012.

The resolution, adopted by consensus in the general assembly, urged member states to develop health systems that avoid significant direct payments at the point of delivery and to have a mechanism for pooling risks to avoid catastrophic healthcare spending and impoverishment... [Read More »](#)

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Department of Health publishes baby milk ad controls

Business Day. Published: 13 December 2012.

The Department of Health has finalised its regulations for the way infant formula milk is promoted, banning images of jolly bottle-fed babies and making it illegal for companies to make negative claims about breastfeeding.

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SA health system still stuck in Polokwane

Business Day. Published: 12 December 2012.

Five years ago, delegates to the African National Congress's elective conference in Polokwane agreed on a list of measures to improve South Africa's health system, encompassing both ideological positions and broad policy

goals. Progress made in implementing the 17 health resolutions they passed has been sketchy... [Read More »](#)

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Gauteng takes over health 'turnaround'

Business Day. Published: 11 December 2012.

Gauteng's treasury and an "administrative team" made up of medical and supply management professions are intervening to turn around the province's health department, which has been struggling for years to build and maintain hospitals and pay its bills... [Read More »](#)

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Rising fees at public hospitals hit patients hard

Business Day. Published: 10 December 2012.

For 10 years the government has neglected to adjust the means test for patients using public hospitals, leaving more and more poor people without medical aid to foot their own bills... [Read More »](#)

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State to focus on areas of HIV prevalence

Business Day. Published: 11 December 2012.

The government's latest survey of HIV among pregnant women, released on Monday 10 December 2012, has highlighted tremendous variation on how the epidemic has affected South Africa's 52 health districts, with prevalence ranging from 5% in the Northern Cape's Namakwa to 46% in Gert Sibande in Mpumalanga.

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MSF step in to handle ARV crisis in Eastern Cape

Health-e News. Published: 10 December 2012.

More than 50 000 HIV positive patients in the Eastern Cape as at risk of antiretroviral (ARV) treatment interruption due to ongoing drug supply shortages... [Read More »](#)

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AIDS drugs cut SA's maternal death rate

Business Day. Published: 10 December 2012.

Maternal deaths are falling for the first time in a decade primarily because of the government's increased provision of AIDS drugs, according to research by the Department of Health... [Read More »](#)

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Optimizing health worker roles to improve access to key maternal and newborn health interventions through task shifting

<http://www.optimizeMNH.org/>

This website presents the OptimizeMNH recommendations in an interactive format. Users can browse the recommendations by type (for example, whether WHO recommends the intervention, or recommends against the intervention) or by type of intervention (for example, whether the intervention is delivered during pregnancy or delivered after birth). For each recommendation, users can also obtain more information on the justification provided by WHO and can obtain the full text of the recommendation, including the evidence base and implementation considerations.

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National Health Scholars Programme: PhD Scholarships

National Health Research Committee (NHRC)

Deadline: 20 January 2013

Applications are invited from eligible health professionals. Scholarships are available for the 2013/2014 round of applications. The PhD Scholarships will be awarded to health professionals for doctoral research to be conducted in South Africa or abroad. The scholarship will be awarded for a period ranging from one to four years

as a tax free scholarship for full-time study in a chosen field. [Click Here>>](#)

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Call for applications: Research Methods Course in Sexual and Reproductive Health, HIV and Gender-Based Violence

Course dates: 12th – 28th August 2013

Are you a clinician, researcher or other professional in the field of sexual and reproductive health or HIV looking to improve your research skills? The Research Methods Course in Sexual and Reproductive Health, HIV and Gender-Based Violence will give you a unique opportunity to strengthen your research skills and your contribution to increased capacity for SRH and HIV research on the African continent. [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

The 2011 National Antenatal Sentinel HIV & Syphilis Prevalence Survey in South Africa

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2012.

The HIV sentinel surveillance data has helped to map the epidemic and monitor HIV infection trends in the country and has served as an advocacy tool, resulting in the mobilization of partners, resources and development of innovative approaches by the national response to HIV and AIDS. [Click Here»](#)

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World Malaria Report 2012

World Health Organization. Published: 2012.

The World Malaria Report 2012 summarizes information received from 104 malaria-endemic countries and other sources, and updates the analyses presented in the 2011 report. [Click Here»](#)

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Prevention and treatment of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections for sex workers in low- and middle- income countries

World Health Organization. Published: 2012.

The World Health Organization (WHO) in partnership with UNFPA, UNAIDS, and the Global Network of Sex Work Projects, have developed new guidelines to better protect sex workers from HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs). [Click Here»](#)

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Women Out Loud: how women living with HIV will help the world end AIDS

UNAIDS. Published: 2012.

UNAIDS explores the impact of HIV on women and the instrumental role women living with the virus are playing to end AIDS. It includes the latest data and commentary from some of the leading advocates on women and HIV. [Click Here»](#)

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Gender Violence and HIV – Perceptions and Experiences of Violence and Other Rights Abuses against Women Living with HIV in the Eastern Cape, KwaZulu Natal and Western Cape, South Africa

AIDS Legal Network (ALN). Published: 2012.

Gender inequality and violence against women constitute one of the key drivers of the HIV epidemic. Violence against women and HIV are also mutually reinforcing. [Click Here»](#)

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UNDP Strategy on HIV, Health and Development

United Nations Development Programme. Published: 2012.

The strategy elaborates UNDP's response to address social, cultural and economic determinants of HIV and Health. UNDP has an important role in supporting health outcomes by helping countries to address the social, cultural and economic determinants of HIV and health. [Click Here»](#)

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Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: Guidelines for primary health care in low resource settings

World Health Organization. Published: 2012.

The primary goal of the guideline is to improve the quality of care and the outcome in people with type 2 diabetes in low-resource settings. It recommends a set of basic interventions to integrate management of diabetes into primary health care. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

Global Maternal Health Conference 2013

When: 15-17 January 2013

Venue: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

URL: <http://maternalhealthtaskforce.org/conference/conference-website>

GMHC2013 is a technical conference for scientists, researchers, and policy-makers to network, share knowledge, and build on progress toward eradicating preventable maternal mortality and morbidity by improving quality of care.

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5th Annual HIV-in-Context Research Symposium: Urbanisation, Inequality and HIV

When: 13 March 2013 - 15 March 2013

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.hst.org.za/events/>

This year's HIV in Context Research Symposium looks beyond biomedicine at some of the social determinants of HIV, and of responses to HIV, within and outside the health sector. This 5th Annual Symposium examines the links between HIV, inequality and the dynamics and impacts of urbanisation – dynamics which play out between settings as people move permanently or temporarily to urban centres, and within the highly unequal spaces constituting South African cities.

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6th South African AIDS Conference

When: 18-21 June 2013

Venue: ICC Durban, South Africa

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

The 6th South African AIDS Conference will be held in Durban from 18-21 June 2013 and the conference theme is "Building on our successes: Integrating responses".

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Programme Manager: Health Systems Research Unit

Health Systems Trust

Closing date: 28 January 2013

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Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

The Women's Health Research Unit, University of Cape Town

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