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ACADEMIC AND PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Editorial: Research on community-based health workers is needed to achieve the sustainable development goals

Dermot Mahera & Giorgio Cometto | WHO Bulletin | Published: November 2016.

"Leaving no-one behind" is a rallying call to remind us of the need to ensure everybody benefits from the drive to achieve the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development goals (SDGs). Building on the considerable progress made regarding the millennium development goals, there is a need for a comprehensive and coordinated effort to scale up effective interventions. Achieving universal health coverage and scale up will require systems thinking that maximizes the potential of using all parts of the health system to ensure equitable delivery of curative and preventive services.

How do community health committees contribute to capacity building for maternal and child health? A realist evaluation protocol

Brynne Gilmore, Eilish McAuliffe, Fiona Larkan, Magnus Conteh, Nicola Dunne, Michele Gaudrault, et al British Medical Journal | Published: 2 November 2016.

The proposed research is part of ongoing operations research within World Vision's Access: Infant and Maternal Health Programme. This study aims to identify key context features and underlying mechanisms through which community health committees build community capacity within the field of maternal and child health. This may help to improve programme implementation by providing contextually informed and explanatory findings for *how* community health committees work, *what* works best and for *whom* do they work for best for. Though frequently used within health programmes, little research is carried out on such committees' contribution to capacity building—a frequent goal or proposed outcome of these groups.

Barriers, Facilitators and Priorities for Implementation of WHO Maternal and

Perinatal Health Guidelines in Four Lower-Income Countries: A GREAT Network Research Activity

Joshua P. Vogel, Julia E. Moore, Caitlyn Timmings, Sobia Khan, Dina N. Khan, Atkure Defar, et al
PlosOne | Published: 2 November 2016.

Health systems often fail to use evidence in clinical practice. In maternal and perinatal health, the majority of maternal, fetal and newborn mortality is preventable through implementing effective interventions. To meet this challenge, WHO's Department of Reproductive Health and Research partnered with the Knowledge Translation Program at St. Michael's Hospital (SMH), University of Toronto, Canada to establish a collaboration on knowledge translation (KT) in maternal and perinatal health, called the GREAT Network (Guideline-driven, Research priorities, Evidence synthesis, Application of evidence, and Transfer of knowledge). We applied a systematic approach incorporating evidence and theory to identifying barriers and facilitators to implementation of WHO maternal health recommendations in four lower-income countries and to identifying implementation strategies to address these.

Who Needs to Be Targeted for HIV Testing and Treatment in KwaZulu-Natal? Results from a Population-Based Survey

Helena Huerga, Gilles Van Cutsem, Jihane Ben Farhat, Matthew Reid, Malika Bouhenia, et al
Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes | Published: 1 December 2016.

The HIV epidemic does not affect populations homogeneously. Assessing the prevalence of HIV testing, antiretroviral therapy (ART), and viral suppression in the population and identifying specific groups with higher risk of being untested, unaware of their HIV-positive status, untreated and with a detectable viral load is essential to set priorities and design specific strategies targeting those not accessing HIV services. KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) is the province with the highest HIV prevalence and incidence in South Africa and high investment in terms of HIV testing and treatment. In 2012, HIV prevalence in this province was 27.9% in the age group 15–49 years and 37% of HIV-positive people had initiated ART.

Changing global policy to deliver safe, equitable, and affordable care for women's cancers

Ophira Ginsburg, Rajan Badwe, Peter Boyle, Gemma Derricks, Anna Dare, Tim Evans, et al
The Lancet | Published: 1 November 2016.

Breast and cervical cancer are major threats to the health of women globally, particularly in low-income and middle-income countries. Radical progress to close the global cancer divide for women requires not only evidence-based policy making, but also broad multisectoral collaboration that capitalises on recent progress in the associated domains of women's health and innovative public health approaches to cancer care and control. Such multisectoral collaboration can serve to build health systems for cancer, and more broadly for primary care, surgery, and pathology.

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RECENT NEWS

Underfunding 'nightmare' hampers the global TB battle

Health-e New | Published: 31 October 2016.

There is a "nightmare of underfunding" for tuberculosis (TB), described by experts as "the greatest infectious disease killer on the planet". Stephen Lewis, HIV advocate and former deputy director of UNICEF, reiterated this at the 47th Union World Conference on Lung Health currently taking place in Liverpool. TB is the deadliest infectious disease worldwide killing 1.8 million people in 2015, according to a recent report by the World Health Organisation (WHO) which found rates of the disease were much higher than previously thought.

GAFFI: Access to rapid diagnostics, antifungals could prevent over a million AIDS-related deaths by 2020

News Medical | Published: 25 October 2016.

Fungal infection causes around half of AIDS-related deaths, of which there were 1,100,000 in 2015. A first of its kind analysis – ‘Modelling reduction in AIDS deaths’ by the University of Manchester’s Professor David W Denning and published today in Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B – suggests that the opportunity to save lives is being missed.

Much shorter TB treatment offers hope

Health-e News | Published: 3 November 2016.

There is hope for people living with multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) as the “gruelling” two-year treatment with “terrible side-effects” such as deafness can now be successfully shortened to just nine months.

PrEP in South Africa

UNAIDS | Published: 4 November 2016.

There is strong demand for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) from many people at high risk of HIV infection, but in many areas it is not yet available. Where PrEP is not available through well-structured programmes, people may seek to obtain it through unofficial channels. Self-prescribing PrEP in this way would result in inadequate follow-up with no linkage to health service support and an increased risk of using substandard products, drug resistance and reduced impact.

Tekano: Novel Leadership Programme to Tackle South Africa’s Health Gap

Lead SA | Published: 27 October 2016.

A generous grant from The Atlantic Philanthropies, a US-based limited-life foundation, has given rise to a South African organisation dedicated to reducing the social inequalities that condemn large segments of the population to poor health.

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TRAINING AND RESOURCES

World Aids Day: Hands Up Campaign

UNAIDS | Published: November 2016.

In the lead-up to World AIDS Day 2016, the hands up for #HIVprevention campaign will explore different aspects of HIV prevention and how they relate to specific groups of people, such as adolescent girls and young women, key populations and people living with HIV.

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PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

90-90-90 Compendium Volume 1

Health Systems Trust | Published: October 2016.

This first volume of the 90-90-90 Compendium is targeted at a wide range of readers in South Africa, including community members and/ or politicians with no medical background. It is designed to assist all health sector role-players in understanding the context of the 90-90-90 strategy, as developed by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), and then the process for achieving the strategy’s targets. With South Africa’s adoption of the 90-90-90 strategy in December 2014, the country turned a corner in its approach to managing the dual epidemics of HIV and AIDS on the one hand and tuberculosis (TB) on the other. Together, the two epidemics form the leading cause of deaths in the country.

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CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

PE Pain Academy Conference

12 November 2016

The Boardwalk Convention Centre, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

World Psychiatric Association International Congress

18 - 22 November 2016

Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa

2016 2nd World Breastfeeding Conference

11 - 14 December 2016

Johannesburg, South Africa

South Africa Society of Medical Oncology Congress

10 - 12 February 2017

Cape Town, South Africa

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Business Development Specialist – Research and Proposal Writing

Employer: Health Systems Trust

Closing date: 14 November 2016

Leadership for Health Equity in South Africa (x10 Vacancies)

Employer: Tekano

Closing date: 18 November 2016.

Facilitator - Early Childhood Development

Employer: Midlands Community College

Closing date: 21 November 2016.

Research Manager

Employer: Heartlines

Closing date: 5 December 2016.



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