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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Monitoring pro-poor health-policy success in the SADC region

Ana B. Amaya, Khuteletso Bagapi, Isaac Choge, Philippe De Lombaerde, Stephen Kingah, Irene Kwape, Mubita Luwabelwa, Onkemetse Mathala, Enock Mhehe, Themba Moeti, Lillian Mookodi, Zubeda Ngware and Molefe Phirinyane. *PRARI Policy Brief 1*. Published: April 2015.

Monitoring pro-poor health policies at the regional level can support both the countries and the regional bodies themselves by identifying gaps in addressing poverty and health, strengthening the link between regions and member states, holding actors accountable to their commitments...[Read More »](#)

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Disability Grant: A precarious lifeline for HIV/AIDS patients in South Africa

Veloshnee Govender, Jana Fried, Stephen Birch, Natsayi Chimbindi, Susan Cleary. *BioMed Health Services Research*. Published: 9 June 2015.

In South Africa, HIV/AIDS remains a major public health problem. In a context of chronic unemployment and deepening poverty, social assistance through a Disability Grant (DG) is extended to adults with HIV/AIDS who are unable to work because of a mental or physical disability...[Read More »](#)

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Addressing the socio-development needs of adolescents living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria: A call for action

Morenike O Folayan, Morolake Odetoynbo, Brandon Brown, Abigail Harrison. *African Journal of Reproductive Health*. Published: September 2014.

The widespread use of antiretroviral therapy and remarkable success in the treatment of paediatric HIV infection has changed the face of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) epidemic in children from a fatal disease to that of a chronic illness...[Read More »](#)

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Do antenatal care visits always contribute to facility-based delivery in Tanzania? A study of repeated cross-sectional data

Seung-Ah Choe, Jinseob Kim, Saerom Kim, Yukyung Park, Siril Michael Kullaya, Chang-yup Kim. *Health Policy and Planning*. Published: 6 June 2015.

There is a known high disparity in access to perinatal care services between urban and rural areas in Tanzania. This study analysed repeated cross-sectional (RCS) data from Tanzania to explore the relationship between antenatal care (ANC) visits, facility-based delivery and the reasons for home births in women who had made ANC visits...[Read More »](#)

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Determining the competences of community based workers for disability-inclusive development in rural areas of South Africa, Botswana and Malawi

T Lorenzo, E van Pletzen, M Booyens. *Rural and Remote Health*. Published: 5 June 2015.

Persons with disabilities and their families still live with stigma and a high degree of social exclusion especially in rural areas, which are often poorly resourced and serviced. Community-based workers in health and social development are in an ideal position to assist in providing critical support for some of those most at risk of neglect in these areas...[Read More »](#)

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Critical maternal health knowledge gaps in low- and middle- income countries for post-2015: Researchers' perspectives

T Kendall. *Women and Health Initiative Working Paper No. 2*. Published: January 2015.

Between June and October 2014, the Maternal Health Task Force at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health consulted 26 international maternal health researchers to gather perspectives on the most critical and neglected areas for knowledge generation to improve maternal health in low- and middle-income countries...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Emergency medicines flown in to plug gap

BDlive. Published: 8 June 2015.

The Department of Health is set to fly in an emergency stock of 20 key medicines from global suppliers to fill the gap while pharmaceutical manufacturers, unable to fulfil contracts, resolve their issues, it emerged on Sunday...[Read More »](#)

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'Don't send us to the bush' say nurses

City Press. Published: 1 June 2015.

If you live in a predominantly urban province such as Gauteng or areas of the Western Cape, you are less likely to stand in long queues to get help from a nurse - unlike those people living in largely rural provinces such as the Eastern Cape...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/Dont-send-us-to-the-bush-say-nurses-20150601>[Accessed: 12 June 2015]

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Report: NHI far from reality but progress made in improving public health

Health-e News. Published: 1 June 2015.

One common medical aid for all South Africans, as envisaged by government's proposed National Health Insurance (NHI) scheme, is many years away, but many of the country's 10 pilot sites are making progress...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/06/01/nhi-far-from-reality-but-progress-made-in-improving-public-health/>[Accessed: 12 June 2015]

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NHI: New system lets patients pick up medicine from shops

Health-e News. Published: 1 June 2015.

Patients in rural KwaZulu-Natal are able to pick up their medicine from a wide range of local pick-up points, in a national experiment aimed at cutting the long queues at hospital pharmacies.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/06/01/new-system-lets-patients-pick-up-medicine-from-shops/>[Accessed: 12 June 2015]

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Many South African women become infected with HIV during pregnancy posing high risk of transmission to their infants

aidsmap. Published: 1 June 2015.

There is a high risk of HIV seroconversion during pregnancy for women in South Africa, investigators report in the online journal PLOS One...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/Many-South-African-women-become-infected-with-HIV-during-pregnancy-posing-high-risk-of-transmission-to-their-infants/page/2971288/>[Accessed: 12 June 2015]

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Condom use higher in young HIV-positive women with gender-equal views

Medical News Today. Published: 2 May 2015.

HIV-positive women under the age of 26 with more gender-equal views were more likely to have used a condom in their most recent sexual encounter, the study found.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/293252.php>[Accessed: 12 June 2015]

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450 South African nurses to undergo diabetes training as epidemic mounts

Health24. Published: 2 June 2015.

Nurses have an important role to play in public health at every level of the healthcare system. In South Africa where diabetes is quickly becoming an epidemic, the role of our nurses is even more critical.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health24.com/Medical/Diabetes/About-diabetes/450-South-African-nurses-to-undergo-diabetes-training-as-epidemic-mounts-20150602>[Accessed: 12 June 2015]

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A nurse and a family kit help save children's lives

UNICEF. Published: 29 May 2015.

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, a UNICEF-supported programme providing families with medicine and advice at home is a positive step towards reducing child mortality.[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/drcongo_82141.html[Accessed: 12 June 2015]

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Training and Resources

HIV Clinical Guidelines app

National Department of Health

Launched by the Department of Health yesterday, this free app puts South Africa's HIV guidelines at the fingertips of health workers and patients. [Click Here»](#)

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Primary Care 101

National Department of Health. Published: 2013/2014.

Primary Care 101 is a symptom-based integrated clinical management guideline using an algorithmic approach for the management of common symptoms and chronic conditions in adults. The guidelines are intended for use by all health care practitioners working at primary care level in South Africa. [Click Here»](#)

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

Call for submissions - Emerging Public Health Practitioner Award

Health Systems Trust

The South African Health Review Emerging Public Health Practitioner Award is offered to South African candidates under the age of 35 to submit a chapter dealing with public health or policy in South Africa for publication in the South African Health Review... [Click Here»](#)

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PEPFAR 3.0: Controlling the epidemic - delivering on the promise of an AIDS-free generation

PEPFAR. Published: December 2014.

When PEPFAR was launched in 2003, the word "emergency" in its name actually understated the problem. The world was facing a crisis, particularly in Africa where people were dying by the thousands because the antiretroviral therapy (ART) that was being used in the United States (U.S.) was not available in Africa. [Click Here»](#)

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Annual Report 2014

Medicines Patent Pool. Published: 20 May 2015.

The Medicines Patent Pool's (MPP) latest annual report documents progress in 2014 to improve access to HIV medicines for people living with the virus in developing countries. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences and Events

Global Health Congress

When: 25-27 June 2015

Venue: Oxford, England

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

Chaired by Professor Angela Coulter of Oxford University's Nuffield Department of Population Health, this Oxford-based conference aims to bring together researchers who aim to promote health and wellbeing through improved health services in Europe and around the world.

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3rd International Association of Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV (ASSHH) Conference

When: 6-9 July 2015

Venue: Stellenbosch, South Africa

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

A warm welcome to the 3rd Conference of the Association for the Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV (ASSHH). As Conference Co-chairs, we have worked hard to develop an exciting programme for the meeting, which will bring together critically informed and theoretically engaged scholars and practitioners from a wide range of social science and humanities disciplines.

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Public Health Conference (PHC) 2015

When: 11-13 July 2015

Venue: Bangkok, Thailand

URL: <http://www.publichealth-conference.org>

The conference is organized by Tomorrow People Organization - internationally recognized non-profit organisation with head quarters in Belgrade, Serbia. The official language of the conference is English. Attendance of delegates from more than 40 countries is expected.

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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. AIDSImpact first convened in Amsterdam in 1991. Now, in 2015 the 12th AIDSImpact conference returns to the city.

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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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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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6th Child Health Priorities Conference: Walk the Talk

When: 3-5 December 2015

Venue: University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg Campus, South Africa

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The theme of the conference this year is "Walk the Talk" and the focus will be the recommendations that have arisen from the Ministerial Committees looking at Maternal, Newborn and Child Mortality.

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Job Opportunities

FHI 360: Data Capturers

Closing Date: 19 June 2015

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/data-capturers-0>

Child Welfare SA: Registered Social Worker

Closing Date: 20 June 2015

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/registered-social-worker-0>

Living Hope: Home Based Co-ordinator

Closing Date: 25 June 2015

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/home-based-care-co-ordinator>

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