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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Missing and accounted for: Gaps and areas of wealth in the public health review literature

Daiva Tirilis, Heather Husson, Kara DeCorby and Maureen Dobbins. *BMC Public Health* 2011, 11:757.
Published: 3 October 2011.

High-quality review evidence is useful for informing and influencing public health policy and practice decisions. However, certain topic areas lack representation in terms of the quantity and quality of review literature available. The objectives of this paper are to identify the quantity, as well as quality, of review-level evidence available on the effectiveness of public health interventions for public health decision makers...[Read More »](#)

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Integration of priority population, health and nutrition interventions into health systems: systematic review

Rifat Atun, Thyra E de Jongh, Federica V Secchi, Kelechi Ohiri, Olusoji Adeyi and Josip Car. *BMC Public Health* 2011, 11:780. Published: 10 October 2011.

Objective of the study was to assess the effects of strategies to integrate targeted priority population, health and nutrition interventions into health systems on patient health outcomes and health system effectiveness and thus to compare integrated and non-integrated health programmes...[Read More »](#)

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Health-care-associated infection in Africa: a systematic review

Sepideh Bagheri Nejad, Benedetta Allegranzi, Shamsuzzoha B Syed, Benjamin Ellis & Didier Pittet. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* 2011;89:757-765. Published: 20 July 2011.

Health-care-associated infection (HAI) is a major global safety concern for both patients and health-care professionals. HAI is defined as an infection occurring in a patient during the process of care in a hospital or other health-care facility that was not manifest or incubating at the time of admission. This includes infections acquired in the hospital and any other setting where patients receive health care and may appear even after discharge...[Read More »](#)

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Environment and health in South Africa: Gains, losses, and opportunities

Angela Mathee. *Journal of Public Health Policy* (2011) 32, S37–S43. Published: July 2011.

South Africans face a range of preventable environmental hazards to their health, many of which are rooted in the country's colonial and apartheid past, and ongoing poverty and inequality. Since the advent of democracy in the country, government has made considerable progress in improving living conditions and in developing the legal framework to prevent and manage environmental contamination...[Read More »](#)

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Hormonal contraception and HIV: an unanswered question

Charles S Morrison, Kavita Nanda. *The Lancet Infectious Diseases, Early Online Publication*. Published: 4 October 2011.

Most of the 16 million women currently living with HIV are in sub-Saharan Africa, where 60% of HIV infections occur in women. A high proportion of women in this region also use hormonal contraception, especially injectable depot-medroxyprogesterone acetate (DMPA). Since the first report of increased HIV acquisition in women taking oral contraceptives, whether hormonal contraception increases the risk of HIV acquisition remains a crucial unanswered question...[Read More »](#)

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HIV Risk and Associations of HIV Infection among men who have sex with men in Peri-Urban Cape Town, South Africa

Stefan Baral, Earl Burrell, Andrew Scheibe, Ben Brown, Chris Beyrer and Linda-Gail Bekker. *BMC Public Health* 2011, 11:766. Published: 5 October 2011.

The HIV epidemic in Sub Saharan Africa has been traditionally assumed to be driven by high risk heterosexual and vertical transmission. However, there is an increasing body of data highlighting the disproportionate burden of HIV infection among MSM in the generalized HIV epidemics across of Southern Africa. In South Africa specifically, there has been an increase in attention focused on the risk status and preventive needs of MSM both in urban centers and peri-urban townships. The study presented here represents the first evaluation of HIV prevalence and associations of HIV infection among MSM in the peri-urban townships of Cape Town...[Read More »](#)

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Promoting male involvement to improve PMTCT uptake and reduce antenatal HIV infection: a cluster randomized controlled trial protocol

Deborah Jones, Stephen M Weiss and Elisa Shikwane. *BMC Public Health* 2011, 11:778. Published: 10 October 2011..

Despite the availability of a dual therapy treatment protocol and infant feeding guidelines designed to prevent mother to child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV, of the over 1 million babies born in South Africa each year, only 70% of those born to HIV positive mothers receive dual therapy...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Billions for hospitals to pave way for state's NHI

Business Day. Published: 12 October 2011.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi yesterday announced plans to build six new academic hospitals and medical schools in the next decade, in a bid to address SA's pressing shortage of well-trained healthcare professionals...[Read More »](#)

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Health minister promises more doctors and nurses

Mail & Guardian. Published: 11 October 2011.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi on Tuesday announced a healthy R1.24-billion would be spent to "revitalise nursing colleges" and improve infrastructure to train more nurses, as part of the department's new human resource policy...[Read More »](#)

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HIV counselling not available for the disabled

IOL. Published: 11 October 2011.

The organisation Disabled People of South Africa has asked the government to make use of its skills to help counsel deaf and blind people living with HIV/Aids. The plea was made by Disabled People of South Africa chairman Muzi Nkosi during a media briefing at the Disabled People's International 8th World Assembly, in the presence of the Women, Children and People with Disabilities... [Read More »](#)

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Prevention revolution

Health-e News. Published: 11 October 2011

The world is at the "hot edge" of developing groundbreaking HIV prevention interventions and on many fronts South Africa is in the thick of things, according to a leading clinical researcher. "We are truly seeing a prevention revolution," Professor Linda-Gail Bekker, principal investigator at the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre at the University of Cape Town told a media gathering in Cape Town yesterday (Monday)... [Read More »](#)

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KwaZulu Natal adopts a holistic approach to HIV

UNAIDS. Published: 30 September 2011.

The Province of Kwazulu Natal, South Africa, has been widely acknowledged as leading the provincial response to HIV in the country. Its integrated approach to service delivery means that people who are accessing services are those who need them the most... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2011/september/20110930aintegrationsa/>
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King Goodwill Zwelethini commended on his visionary response to HIV in Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa

UNAIDS. Published: 30 September 2011.

During his seven-day visit to South Africa, the UNAIDS Executive Director, Michel Sidibé had the opportunity to meet His Majesty King Goodwill Zwelethini, in his home province of Kwazulu Natal. The King is a key figure in the response to HIV in the Province, home to the Zulu nation. In what was lauded as a bold move, in mid-2009 the King called for Zulu men and boys to undergo medical male circumcision (MMC) in a bid to protect themselves against HIV... [Read More »](#)

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Researchers explain VOICE study changes

Health-e News. Published: 29 September 2011.

VOICE, an HIV prevention trial evaluating two antiretroviral (ARV)-based approaches for preventing the sexual transmission of HIV in women – daily use of one of two different ARV tablets or of a vaginal gel – will be dropping one of the oral tablets from the study. Read statement here... [Read More »](#)

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Call to spread word about contraception

Cape Argus. Published: 3 October 2011.

The number of abortions among women older than 18 has increased steadily in the Western Cape in the past two years, according to Health MEC Theuns Botha. Responding recently in the legislature on the impact that illegal abortions have on public health care facilities, Botha said such abortions continued to take place, despite the service that was offered at more than 30 health care centres in the province... [Read More »](#)

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Health minister outlines NHI plan

IOL. Published: 5 October 2011.

The cost of health care is more ruthlessly profit-driven than it was during the apartheid era, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi believes. Competition between medical aids was still ferocious, he said on Monday... [Read More »](#)

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Auditor-general not happy with Health Department's books

IOL. Published: 4 October 2011.

While it is expected to improve the country's health services, the Health Department's books are anything but healthy. The auditor-general has given the department a qualified opinion for the 2010/11 financial year – a step back for a department, which last year received its first unqualified report in seven years... [Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

2012 Oppenheimer Fund Scholarships

University of Oxford.
Closing date: 6 January 2012.

University of Oxford is seeking applications from students ordinarily resident in South Africa for the 2012 Oppenheimer Fund Scholarships to pursue graduate studies in a variety of fields at Oxford. The Oppenheimer Fund Scholarships are available for ordinarily resident South African students wishing to start any new degree bearing course, with the exception of Post Graduate Certificate and Post Graduate Diploma courses, at the University of Oxford.

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Call for proposals to render certain social development services in the Western Cape for 2012/13 financial year.

Western Cape Department of Social Development
Closing date: 4 November 2011.

Registered and eligible non-profit organizations are encouraged to apply for this funding to render following services related to social development on behalf of the department:

- Children and Families: Child care and protection, care and support to families, HIV/AIDS;
- Special Programs: Substance abuse, older persons, disability;
- Social Crime Prevention: Crime prevention, victim empowerment;
- Community Development: Youth development, sustainable livelihood;
- Partnership Development: Institutional capacity building.

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Reports and Publications

Human Resources for Health: HRH Strategy for the Health Sector: 2012/13 – 2016/17

National Department of Health South Africa. Published: October 2011.

The policy context provides the framework for the development of the HRH Strategy. The Minister of Health, in his Budget Speech in May 2011, announced the re-engineering of the Primary Health Care system and the overhaul of the health system.... [Click Here for Full Report](#) »

Source: <http://www.doh.gov.za/list.php?type=Strategic%20Documents> [Accessed: 14 October 2011]

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Global Tuberculosis Control 2011

World Health Organization. Published: October 2011.

This is the sixteenth global report on tuberculosis (TB) published by WHO in a series that started in 1997. It provides a comprehensive and up-to-date assessment of the TB epidemic and progress in implementing and financing TB prevention, care and control at global, regional and country levels using data reported by 198 countries that account for over 99% of the world's TB cases.... [Click Here for Full Report](#) »

Source: http://www.who.int/tb/features_archive/global_report2010_launch_11nov10/en/index.html [Accessed: 12 October 2011]

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Mental Health Atlas

World Health Organization. Published: October 2011.

The WHO Mental Health Atlas 2011 represents the latest estimate of global mental health resources available to prevent and treat mental disorders and help protect the human rights of people living with these conditions. [Click Here for Full Report](#) »

Source: http://www.who.int/mental_health/publications/mental_health_atlas_2011/en/

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WHO report on the global tobacco epidemic, 2011: warning about the dangers of tobacco

World Health Organization. Published: October 2011.

This report is the third in a series of WHO reports on the status of global tobacco control policy implementation. All data on the level of countries, achievement for the six MPOWER measures have been updated through 2010, and additional data have been collected on warning the public about the dangers of tobacco. The report examines in detail the two primary strategies to provide health warnings – labels on tobacco product packaging and anti-tobacco mass media campaigns... [Click Here for Full Report](#) »

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Global Atlas on cardiovascular disease prevention and control

World Health Organization. Published: October 2011.

As the magnitude of cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) continue to accelerate globally, the pressing need for increased awareness and for stronger and more focused international and country responses is increasingly recognized. This atlas on cardiovascular disease prevention and control is part of the response to this need... [Click Here for Full Report](#) »

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Global Hunger Index 2011

International Food Policy Research Institute. Published: October 2011.

This year's Global Hunger Index (GHI) shows that global hunger has declined since 1990, but not dramatically, and remains at a level characterized as "serious." Across regions and countries, GHI scores vary greatly. The highest GHI scores occur in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. South Asia reduced its GHI score substantially between 1990 and 1996, but this fast progress could not be maintained... [Click Here for Full](#)

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Conferences

2011 Gender Symposium

When: 1-3 November 2011
Venue: Cairo, Egypt
URL: <http://www.codesria.org>

In line with its mandate to promote high-level scientific and academic debates on various aspects of socioeconomic development in Africa, the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) hereby announces the 2011 edition of its Gender Symposium which will be held from 1st to 3rd November, 2011 in Cairo, Egypt. The Gender Symposium is a forum organized annually by CODESRIA to discuss gender issues in Africa, and the theme of this year's edition is Gender and the Media in Africa.

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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.

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Climate and Health Summit

When: 4 December 2011
Venue: Tropicana Hotel, Durban, South Africa
URL: <http://climateandhealthcare.org/action/climate-and-health-summit/>

On December 4, 2011, Health Care Without Harm is co-organizing the First Climate and Health Summit, which will take place parallel to the UNFCCC meetings at the Tropicana Hotel in Durban, South Africa. The event will bring key health sector actors from around the world together to discuss the impacts of climate change on public health and solutions that promote greater health, as well as economic equity between and within nations.

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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.

The following positions with AHP are currently available:

Please view the website for more details <http://www.ahp.org.za> or contact on 011 328 1300

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International GBV Project Co-ordinator to coordinate UN Trust Fund Multi-Country Men and GBV project in Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Kenya

Sonke Gender Justice (Cape Town or Johannesburg based).
Closing date: 15 October 2011.

Sonke is looking for a committed and innovative individual to join its International Programme Unit as the International GBV Project Co-ordinator. He/she will provide project management and technical input for a new gender-based violence (GBV) project funded by the UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women.

Please view our website for more details
<http://www.hst.org.za/content/international-gbv-project-co-ordinator-coordinate-un-trust-fund-multi-country-men-and-gbv-pr>

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Director - South Africa

Human Rights Watch.
Closing date: 16 October 2011.

Human Rights Watch (HRW) is one of the world's leading independent organisation dedicated to defending and protecting human rights. HRW seeks to appoint a Director – South Africa, based in Johannesburg, to coordinate its efforts.

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