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Editorial: Financing for health: where there's a will

The Lancet

Published: October 2016.

The 2016 Africa Data Report released by the advocacy organisation ONE on the same day presents complementary findings, including an analysis of the amount spent on health per capita. The High-level Taskforce on Innovative International Financing for Health Systems calculated that the amount of spending necessary to provide a package of key basic health services in low-income countries is \$54 (in 2005 prices). The ONE report illustrates the vast range of current per-capita health spending across sub-Saharan Africa, with eight countries spending at least double this figure, but 29 countries spending less than half of it.

Global Burden of Disease Study 2015 provides GPS for global health 2030

K Srinath Reddy

The Lancet. Published: 8 October 2016.

The latest estimates and analyses from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2015 (GBD 2015) provide a vital link between the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2016–30. The GBD 2015 investigators report global and national trends in various health metrics, from 1990 to 2015, and their association with levels of national development measured through a Socio-demographic Index (SDI), and profile epidemiological and health transitions across the world. GBD 2015 also measures progress on specific MDG-related indicators and non-MDG-related indicators that are included in the SDGs.

Longer lives and unfinished agendas on child survival

Kevin Watkins

The Lancet. Published: 8 October 2016.

The Global Burden of Disease Study 2015 (GBD 2015) is a landmark event. Building on the earlier GBD studies it provides a detailed snapshot of the state of global health and an analytic approach to tracking this dynamic picture. As the international community embarks on the transition from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), GBD 2015 is a critical part of the toolkit for measuring progress and — critically — holding governments to account.

Achieving universal health coverage in South Africa through a district health system approach: conflicting ideologies of health care provision

Adam Fusheini, John Eyles

Biomed Central. Published: 7 October 2016.

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) has emerged as a major goal for health care delivery in the post-2015 development agenda. It is viewed as a solution to health care needs in low and middle countries with growing enthusiasm at both national and global levels. Throughout the world, however, the paths of countries to UHC have differed. South Africa is currently reforming its health system with UHC through developing a national health insurance (NHI) program. This will be practically achieved through a decentralized approach, the district health system, the main vehicle for delivering services since democracy.

Structural drivers and social protection: mechanisms of HIV risk and HIV prevention for South African adolescents

Lucie Dale Cluver, Frederick Mark Orkin, Franziska Meinck, Mark Edward Boyes, Lorraine Sheer

Journal of the International AIDS Society

Published: 15 April 2016.

Social protection is high on the HIV-prevention agenda for youth in sub-Saharan Africa. However, questions remain: How do unconditional cash transfers work? What is the effect of augmenting cash provision with social care? And can “cash plus care” social protection reduce risks for adolescents most vulnerable to infection? This study tackles these questions by first identifying mediated pathways to adolescent HIV risks and then examining potential main and moderating effects of social protection in South Africa.

Public accountability needs to be enforced – a case study of the governance arrangements and accountability practices in a rural health district in Ghana

Sara Van Belleand, Susannah H. Mayhew

Biomedical Central. Published: 12 October 2016.

Improving public accountability is currently high on the global agenda. At the same time, the organisation of health services in low- and middle-income countries is taking place in fragmented institutional landscapes. State and non-state actors are involved in increasingly complex governance arrangements. This often leads to coordination problems, confusion of roles and responsibilities and possibly accountability gaps. This study aimed at assessing the governance arrangements and the accountability practices of key health actors at the level of a Ghanaian health district with the aim to understand how far public accountability is achieved.

Scaling-up antiretroviral therapy in Malawi

Andreas Jahn, Anthony D Harries, Erik J Schouten, Edwin Libamba, Nathan Ford, Dermot Maherf & Frank Chimbwandiraa

WHO Bulletin. Published: October 2016.

Malawi is a low-income country with an estimated population of 16 million in 2012. In 2004, approximately 930 000 Malawians were thought to be infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), with an estimated 100 000 new HIV infections occurring annually and around 170 000 people in immediate need of antiretroviral therapy (ART). That year, the Malawian Ministry of Health decided to scale up ART nationwide.

Circle of care modelling: an approach to assist in reasoning about healthcare

change using a patient-centric system

Morgan Price

Biomedical Central. Published: 4 October 2016.

Many health system and health Information and Communication Technology (ICT) projects do not achieve their expected benefits. This paper presents an approach to exploring changes in the healthcare system to better understand the expected improvements and other changes by using a patient-centric modelling approach. Circle of care modeling (CCM) was designed to assist stakeholders in considering healthcare system changes using a patient centric approach

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RECENT NEWS

Healthcare innovations won't cure global health inequality - political action will

The Guardian

Published: 9 October 2016.

The science fiction author William Gibson famously quipped the future is here, it's just not evenly distributed. There is arguably no greater manifestation of our uneven world than that of healthcare. In the wealthiest countries, thousands of people in their 60s and 70s are kept alive with cardiac pacemakers that are remotely monitored over the internet, and adjusted by algorithms with no human intervention. In poorer states, three-quarters of a million children under five are dying each year because of s**t in their water.

Silky strawberry is the best condom fit for South Africans

Bhekisisa

Published: 10 October 2016.

Strong, but thin, and with a touch of strawberry. That's how South Africans like their condoms. This is what people had to say about the government's Choice condoms, which it distributed for free until earlier this year, according to a qualitative study commissioned by the health department.

South Africa battles health burden from both infectious and non-communicable diseases

Health-e News

Published: 7 October 2016.

South Africans are living longer lives than they were 10 years ago, according to a new scientific analysis of more than 300 diseases and injuries in 195 countries. However, this progress is threatened by increasing numbers of people suffering from serious health challenges related to unsafe sex, high body mass index, and high blood sugar.

Premature to claim cure for HIV/Aids

IOL

Published: 8 October 2016.

The hope is strong as researchers from the UK said a patient in their new trial showed a good reaction to treatment, which could potentially lead to finding a cure. But world-renowned HIV/Aids expert, Professor Salim Abdool Karim, said it was premature to speculate on outcomes based on one patient. Karim is the director for the Centre for the Aids programme of research in SA (Caprisa) which is based in Durban.

Press Release: 40th World Hospital Congress to address patient-centred care and safety

National Department of Health

Published: 10 October 2016.

The Department of Health, in partnership with the International Hospital Federation (IHF), and supported by the Hospital Association of South Africa (HASA) and Board of Healthcare Funders (BHF), will host the

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TRAINING AND RESOURCES

Improving Public Health Management for Action (IMPACT)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The tools of public health have advanced rapidly in recent years with the development of improved vaccines, drugs, diagnostic techniques, combined interventions, communications, and technologies. In low- and middle-resource countries, there is a shortage of middle and senior public health officials who possess the management competencies needed to run programs and ensure efficient and effective health system operations. Without strong management, critical global health initiatives fall short of their goals. Improving Public Health Management for Action (IMPACT) will grow a cadre of highly trained public health managers in partner countries to work with scientists, advance health agendas, and improve health outcomes using the newest tools of public health

The Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders Internship

The Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, in 2017, the Fellowship will provide up to 1,000 outstanding young leaders from Sub-Saharan Africa with the opportunity to hone their skills at a U.S. college or university with support for professional development after they return home.

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CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

National Pharmacy Conference

21 - 24 October 2016

International Convention Centre, Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

IFH Durban 40th World Hospital Congress

30 October - 3 November 2016

International Convention Centre, Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Cape Town 4th International Conference on Medical, Medicine and Health Sciences 2016

3 - 4 November 2016

The Westin Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa

2016 2nd World Breastfeeding Conference

11 - 14 December 2016

Birchwood Conference Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa

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Health Systems Trust: Communications Specialist

Closing date: 28 October 2016

Health Systems Trust: Communications Assistant

Closing date: 14 October 2016

Health Systems Trust: Business Development Analyst

Closing date: 14 October 2016

Health Systems Trust: CCMDD Provincial Co-ordinators

Closing date: 28 October 2016

Health Systems Trust: CCMDD District Technical Support

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