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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### **Socio-economic inequality and HIV in South Africa**

*Njeri Wabiri and Negussie Taffa. BMC Public Health 2013, 13:1037. Published: 4 November 2013.*

The linkage between the socio-economic inequality and HIV outcomes was analysed using data from a population-based household survey that employed multistage-stratified sampling. The goal is to help refocus attention on how HIV is linked to inequalities... [Read More »](#)

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### **Intersectoral action for health equity: a rapid systematic review**

*Sume Ndumbe-Eyoh and Hannah Moffatt. BMC Public Health 2013, 13:1056. Published: 9 November 2013.*

Action on the social determinants of health is considered a necessary approach to improving health equity. Most of the social determinants of health lie outside the sphere of the health sector and thus collaboration with governmental and non-governmental sectors outside of health are required to develop policies and programs to improve health equity... [Read More »](#)

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### **Lessons from reproductive health to inform multipurpose prevention technologies: Don't reinvent the wheel**

*Martha Bradya, Judy Manning. Antiviral Res. 2013 Oct 18. pii: S0166-3542(13)00267-2. Published: 1 November 2013.*

This paper presents the public health rationale for multipurpose prevention technologies (MPTs) for sexual and reproductive health (SRH) based on regional trends in demographic and SRH indicators... [Read More »](#)

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### **Localization of health systems in low- and middle-income countries in response to long-term increases in energy prices**

*Sarah L Dalglish, Melissa N Poulsen and Peter J Winch. Globalization and Health 2013, 9:56. Published: 7 November 2013.*

External challenges to health systems, such as those caused by global economic, social and environmental changes, have received little attention in recent debates on health systems' performance in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs)... [Read More »](#)

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### **Contribution of community-based newborn health promotion to reducing inequities in healthy newborn care practices and knowledge: evidence of improvement from a three-district pilot program in Malawi**

*Jennifer A Callaghan-Koru, Bareng AS Nonyane, Tanya Guenther, Deborah Sitrin, Reuben Ligowe, Emmanuel Chimbalanga, Evelyn Zimba, Fannie Kachale, Rashed Shah and Abdullah H Baqui. BMC Public Health 2013, 13:1052. Published: 7 November 2013.*

Inequities in both health status and coverage of health services are considered important barriers to achieving Millennium Development Goal 4. Community-based health promotion is a strategy that is believed to reduce inequities in rural low-income settings. This paper examines the contributions of community-based programming to improving the equity of newborn health in three districts in Malawi... [Read More »](#)

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## Recent News

### Parliament's help sought in health crisis

*BDLive. Published: 7 November 2013.*

The Eastern Cape Health Crisis Action Coalition turned up the pressure on the province's health department, urging Parliament to intervene to help fix the province's collapsing health system...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2013/11/07/parliaments-help-sought-in-health-crisis>[Accessed: 15 November 2013]

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### Healthcare probe: storm looms for hospitals, funders

*BDLive. Published: 3 November 2013.*

The government has given the clearest indication yet on just how wide the parameters of the looming Competition Commission probe into healthcare will be an investigation likely to hit JSE-listed hospital groups such as Netcare and Mediclinic as well as medical aids like Discovery...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/business/healthcare/2013/11/03/healthcare-probe-storm-looms-for-hospitals-funders>[Accessed: 15 November 2013]

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### South Africa 'seeks balance' between intellectual property, public health

*BDLive. Published: 6 November 2013.*

The government's policy on intellectual property (IP), currently under discussion, would seek to strike a balance between the needs of public health and the interests of innovative pharmaceutical companies, Trade and Industry Minister Rob Davies said...[Read More »](#)

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### R30m of expired meds found in Eastern Cape depot

*The Citizen. Published: 6 November 2013.*

Expired medication worth about R30 million was discovered in an unauthorised medical depot in Libode, Mthatha, this week, the Eastern Cape's health department said...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://citizen.co.za/81154/r30m-expired-meds-found-escape-depot/>[Accessed: 15 November 2013]

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### Earlier HIV treatment could save South Africa money

*Health-e News. Published: 6 November 2013*

Starting HIV patients on antiretrovirals (ARV) earlier may save South Africa money in the short-term, but doctors caution such a move may risk patients...[Read More »](#)

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### New TB vaccine trial in SA

*Times Live. Published: 12 November 2013.*

A trial of a new vaccine hoped to prevent tuberculosis has begun in South Africa. An estimated 500 000 people contract TB in the country every year, one of the highest rates in the world...[Read More »](#)

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### Revolutionary test for TB poses some challenges

*Desmond Tutu TB Centre, Stellenbosch University. Published: 6 November 2013.*

A revolutionary new way of testing for tuberculosis (TB), the GeneXpert can dramatically reduce the time it takes to get a diagnosis for multi-drug resistant TB, but bottlenecks in the health system are making it difficult to get patients on treatment quickly, a study has found... [Read More »](#)

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### Funding for TB research drops sharply

Desmond Tutu TB Centre, Stellenbosch University. Published: 5 November 2013.

Funding for tuberculosis research and development has dropped worldwide, with South Africa also taking a severe knock... [Read More »](#)

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### **A long wait to get treated for MDR-TB**

Desmond Tutu TB Centre, Stellenbosch University. Published: 5 November 2013.

Many people are still taking an extremely long time to get onto treatment for multi-drug resistant TB (MDR-TB) in KwaZulu-Natal, despite concerted efforts to bring health services closer to the people, a study has shown...

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### **War on TB far from won**

Times Live. Published: 4 November 2013.

South Africa is in a race against time to reduce its high rate of TB infections and deaths. Yogan Pillay, head of the HIV, TB and mother-and-child programmes in the Department of Health says he is committed to reaching the Millennium Development Goal of bringing down the high tuberculosis mortality rate by the end of 2015... [Read More »](#)

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### **Edendale Hospital turns over new leaf**

Health-e News. Published: 1 November 2013.

After years of patient complaints and alleged bad service, KwaZulu-Natal's Edendale Hospital may have turned over a new leaf. Located in Pietermaritzburg in KwaZulu-Natal's Umgungundlovu District, Edendale Hospital wasn't always the first place patients turned for medical help - if they could avoid it... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2013/11/01/edendale-hospital-turns-new-leaf/>[Accessed: 15 November 2013]

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### **Teenage pregnancies and contraception access under spotlight at global summit**

Guardian. Published: 12 November 2013.

Reducing the number of teenage pregnancies and ensuring young women have access to contraception will be the focus of the largest global summit on family planning... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2013/nov/12/teenage-pregnancies-contraception-global-summit>[Accessed: 15 November 2013]

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## **Training and Resources**

### **World AIDS Day 2013: Putting the "i" in HIV**

University of KwaZulu-Natal

When: 12h00 to 14h00, 26 November 2013

Where: New Medical School Lecture Theatre L7, Umbilo Road, Durban

The University of KwaZulu-Natal's College of Health Sciences in partnership with CAPRISA, HEARD, K-RITH, Health Systems Trust and the National Health Laboratory Service invite you to a panel discussion to mark World AIDS Day 2013. Enquiries: Emma-Louise Mackie on 031-260 4955 or MaryAnn Francis on francism@ukzn.ac.za [Click Here>>](#)

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### **Annual Helen Kanzira Lecture: 'The Power of Advocacy' presented by Mr Stephen Lewis**

When: 9 December 2013

Where: Musaion, Hatfield Campus, University of Pretoria

This public lecture on 'The Power of Advocacy' will be presented by Mr Stephen Lewis, who will draw on his extensive international experience to illustrate the power of advocacy in the fight for social justice, reproductive rights, global health and gender equality. He is the co-founder and co-director of AIDS-Free World ([www.aidsfreeworld.org](http://www.aidsfreeworld.org)), which is an international advocacy organisation that works to promote more urgent and more effective global responses to HIV/AIDS. [Click Here>>](#)

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## **Global Health and Human Rights Database**

The Global Health and Human Rights Database is a free and fully searchable online database of more than 1000 judgments, constitutions and international instruments on the intersection between health and human rights. [Click Here>>](#)

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### **Linkages across the continuum of HIV services for key populations affected by HIV**

USAID

Closing Date: 16 December 2013

USAID invites applications to carry out a five year, \$72 million, global program to strengthen the capacity of governments and civil society in partner countries to implement high quality, sustainable, evidence-based and comprehensive HIV and AIDS prevention, care and treatment services with key populations at scale. <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> opportunity #SOL-OAA-14-000013 [Click Here>>](#)

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## **Reports and Publications**

### **Documenting good practices in the public health sector of South Africa: from policy to practice**

Health Systems Trust. Published: 2013.

Published for the first time in 2013, this report presents valuable insights into the range of exciting initiatives currently taking place within the South African public health sector. The publication represents a rare opportunity to actively facilitate understanding about good practice identification and the sharing of knowledge towards improved management and delivery of public healthcare services. [Click Here»](#)

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### **Programming strategies for postpartum family planning**

World Health Organization. Published: 2013.

This publication is designed to be used by programme planners and managers as a resource when designing interventions to integrate postpartum family planning into national and subnational strategies. Postpartum family planning should not be considered a 'vertical' programme, but rather as an integrated part of existing maternal and child health and family planning efforts. [Click Here»](#)

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### **A Universal Truth: No Health Without a Workforce - Third Global Forum on Human Resources for Health Report**

World Health Organisation. Published: 2013.

This report is intended to inform proceedings at the Third Global Forum on Human Resources for Health and to inform a global audience and trigger momentum for action. It aims to consolidate what is known on human resources for health and how to attain, sustain and accelerate progress on universal health coverage. [Click Here»](#)

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### **2013 Report on Tuberculosis Research Funding Trends, 2005-2012**

TAC. Published: 2013

Over the last eight years, Treatment Action Group (TAG) has tracked annual spending on tuberculosis research and development (TB R&D) and compared investments in six areas of research with the corresponding annual funding targets called for by the Stop TB Partnership's 2011-2015 Global Plan to Stop TB (2011-2015 Global Plan). [Click Here»](#)

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### **HIV and Aging: A special supplement to the UNAIDS report on the global AIDS epidemic 2013**

UNAIDS. Published: 2013

The United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) has released a supplement to the 2013 UNAIDS Report on the global AIDS epidemic focused on the issue HIV and aging. [Click Here»](#)

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## **Conferences**

### **The 3rd Structural Drivers of HIV Conference**

When: 5 - 6 December 2013

Venue: The Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.heard.org.za/workshops/3rd-structural-drivers-of-hiv-conference>

The aim of this conference is to consider the contextual complexities that researchers and programmers across the HIV and AIDS field wrestle with when planning and implementing HIV programmes.

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### **6th International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development (ICTD 2013)**

*When: 7-10 December 2013*

*Venue: University of Cape Town, Cape Town*

*URL: <http://ictd.cs.uct.ac.za/index.html>*

ICTD 2013 will provide an international forum for scholarly researchers exploring the role of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in social, political, and economic development.

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### **ICASA Conference 2013**

*When: 7-11 December 2013*

*Venue: CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.icasa2013southafrica.org/>*

The ICASA conference remains one of the most important events in the calendar of the year, contributing towards overcoming the HIV and TB epidemics that grip our region. Official 17th ICASA Conference 2013.

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### **Conference on Rights of Women in Africa**

*When: 9 - 10 December 2013*

*Venue: Pretoria, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www1.chr.up.ac.za/index.php/rights-of-women-in-africa.html/>*

One of the most important provisions of the Protocol is article 14, dealing with the health and reproductive rights of women. The Centre for Human Rights will host a conference on 9 and 10 December 2013 (in Pretoria, South Africa) to reflect on these and other innovative aspects of the Protocol.

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### **Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research**

*When: 30 September to 3 October 2014*

*Venue: Cape Town, South Africa*

*URL: <http://hsr2014.healthsystemsresearch.org/>*

The theme of the symposium is the science and practice of people-centred health systems, chosen to enable participants to address current and critical concerns of relevance across countries in all parts of the world. Researchers, policy-makers, funders, implementers and other stakeholders, from all regions and all socio-economic levels, will work together on the challenge of how to make health systems more responsive to the needs of individuals, families and communities.

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## **Job Opportunities**

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*Health Systems Trust*

*Closing Date: 25 November 2013*

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/junior-administrators-pietermaritzburg-and-welkom-offices>

### **National Programme Officer**

*United Nations World Food Programme*

*Closing Date: 25 November 2013*

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

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