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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

The health related quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa

Robberstad B, Olsen JA. Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation 2010, 8:5.

Published: 16 April 2010.

While health outcomes of HIV/AIDS treatments in terms of increased longevity has been the subject of much research, there appears to be very limited research on the improved health related quality of life (HRQL) that can be applied in cost-utility analyses in Africa south of the Sahara (SSA). Most of the literature that exist present HRQL measured by disease specific instruments, but such data is of little use as input to economic evaluations....[Read More »](#)

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Experiences in conducting multiple community-based HIV prevention trials among women in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Ramjee G, Coumi N, Dladla-Qwabe N, Ganesh S, Gappoo S, Govinden R, Guddera V, Maharaj R, Moodley J, Morar N, Naidoo S, Palanee T. AIDS Research and Therapy 2010, 7:10.

Published: 23 April 2010

South Africa, with its scientific capacity, good infrastructure and high HIV incidence rates, is ideally positioned to conduct large-scale HIV prevention trials. The HIV Prevention Research Unit of the South African Medical Research Council conducted four phase III and one phase IIb trials of women-initiated HIV prevention options in

KwaZulu-Natal between 2003 and 2009. A total of 7046 women participated, with HIV prevalence between 25% and 45% and HIV incidence ranging from 4.5-9.1% per year. Unfortunately none of the interventions tested had any impact on reducing the risk of HIV acquisition; however, extremely valuable experience was gained, lessons learned and capacity built, while the communities gained associated benefits.....[Read More »](#)

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Educating leaders in hospital management: a new model in sub-Saharan Africa

Kebede S, Abebe Y, Wolde M, Bekele B, Mantopoulos J, Bradley EH. International Journal for Quality in Health Care 2010 22(1):39-43. Published:1 December 2009.

The vast majority of health system capacity-building efforts have focused on enhancing medical and public health skills; less attention has been directed at developing hospital managers despite their central role in improving the functioning and quality of health-care systems.....[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Mixed reaction to public service appointments

Business Day. Published: 23 April 2010

The government yesterday announced a number of senior government and parastatal appointments, including four directors-general, following the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday. Parmosivea Bobby Soobrayan was appointed director-general in the Department of Basic Education, Thabane Zulu was appointed director-general of Human Settlements, Lucas Mahlasela Makhubela that of the Department of Tourism, and Precious Matsoso that of the Department of Health.... [Read More »](#)

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South Africa redoubles efforts against AIDS

The New York Times. Published: 25 April 2010

South Africa, trying to overcome years of denial and delay in confronting its monumental AIDS crisis, is now in the midst of a feverish build-up of testing, treatment and prevention that United Nations officials say is the largest and fastest expansion of AIDS services ever attempted by any nation. The undertaking will be expensive and difficult to pull off, but in the past month alone the government has enabled 519 hospitals and clinics to dispense AIDS medicines, more than it had in all the years combined since South Africa began providing antiretroviral drugs to its people in 2004.... [Read More »](#)

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WDI 2010 show progress on achieving MDGs

The Post Online. Published: 20 April 2010

The World Development Indicators (WDI) 2010 has given a statistical progress toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Briefing the press on the WDI 2010 in Washington DC, World Bank chief economist and senior vice president for development economics Justin Lin said considerable progress had been made towards achieving some of the MDGs..... [Read More »](#)

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Reports

Global report on preterm birth and stillbirth: the foundation for innovative solutions and improved outcomes

The GAPPs Review Group BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2010, 10(Suppl 1):S1 Published: 23 February 2010.

This report provides a comprehensive assessment of what is known, what needs to be known and what can be done to improve pregnancy outcomes. [Click Here for Full Report »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2393/10?issue=S1> [Accessed: 28 April 2010]

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Publications

Universal access by 2010: scaling up for success

International AIDS Society. Published: March 2010

This is a defining moment in global health: 2010 is the deadline established by the international community to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment and care for all those in need. The commitment was first made in 2005 at the Group of Eight (G8) Summit in Gleneagles, Scotland. It was endorsed by all United Nations (UN) Member States three months later at the UN Millennium Review Summit, and incorporated, with a firm commitment to monitor progress toward the universal access goal, in the 2006 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS. [Click Here for Publication »](#)

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[Accessed: 12 April 2010]

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Will we end the HIV epidemic? The impact of HIV treatment on HIV prevention and implications for the 2010 replenishment of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and malaria

International AIDS Society. Published: March 2010.

Since the 2005 commitment by G8 leaders – and then all UN Member States – to work towards universal access to HIV treatment, prevention and care by 2010, many resource-limited countries have been highly successful in decreasing AIDS-related morbidity and mortality and slowing down the spread of HIV. The efforts to achieve this scale up have been driven by governments and civil society in these countries, with much of the resources provided by external partners, in particular the US PEPFAR2 and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB) and Malaria (the Global Fund). Since its inception in 2002, the investments made through the Global Fund are estimated to have saved 5 million lives, including through the provision of HIV treatment to 2.5 million people. The question now facing donors to the Global Fund is how many more lives they are prepared to save in the next three years – and whether they will make the bold investments required to make a real change to the future course of the HIV epidemic. [Click Here for Publication »](#)

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Improving the structure and performance of national health information systems

Technical Series on Information for Decision-Making. Published: 2009.

In complement to existing technical literature this document provides an operational approach and strategic recommendations to guide in the search for better National Health Information Systems (NHIS), through improving their structure and performance. The rationale for NHIS improvement is the needs for better availability, effectiveness and timeliness of information, in support of policy and decision-making in the health sector. [Click Here for Publication »](#)

Source: <http://new.paho.org/chi/images/PDFs/national%20health%20information%20%20systems-final%20.pdf> (802 KB) [Accessed: 15 April 2010]

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Conferences

2nd Tuberculosis Conference

1-4 June 2010. ICC Durban, South Africa

URL: <http://www.tbconference.co.za>

The 2nd SA TB Conference in Durban, South Africa from 1 to 4 June 2010 will focus on partnerships and how solidarity among the state, private sector and civil society at all levels and structures can increase access to services and prevent people dying from a curable disease. Forging Strategic Partnerships to Fight TB and HIV is the theme for this Conference, which will build on the awareness and commitment made by 1657 people that contributed to the success of the 1st SA TB Conference in 2008.

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XVIII International AIDS Conference

18-23 July 2010. Vienna, Austria.

URL: <http://www.aids2010.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=169>

The International AIDS Conference is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the pandemic. It is a chance to assess where we are, evaluate recent scientific developments and lessons learnt, and collectively chart a course forward.

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The 26th International Paediatric Association Congress

4-9 August 2010. Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa

URL: <http://www.kenes.com/ipa/mailshot/ms3.htm?ref3=db1>

Three leading paediatric associations, IPA, SAPA, and UNASPA, are uniting to host the 26th International Paediatric Association Congress of Paediatrics. More than 5,000 participants are expected to attend this landmark event, the first IPA Congress to be held in sub-Saharan Africa.

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MedInfo 13th World Congress on Medical and Health Informatics 2010

12-15 September 2010. Cape Town, South Africa.
For more information: <http://www.medinfo2010.org/>

This will be the first time MEDINFO is held in Africa. It promises to boost exposure to grassroots healthcare delivery and the underpinning health information systems. This will open the door to new academic partnerships into the future and help to nurture a new breed of health informaticians.

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First Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

16-19 November 2010, Montreux, Switzerland.
For more information: <http://www.hsr-symposium.org/>

The World Health Organization and partners will convene the inaugural global symposium on health systems research on 16-19 November 2010. Researchers, policy-makers, funders, and other stakeholders representing diverse constituencies will gather in Montreux, Switzerland to share evidence, identify significant knowledge gaps, and set a research agenda that reflects the needs of low and middle-income countries. The first symposium will be dedicated to improving the scientific evidence needed by health policy-makers and practitioners to inform their decisions related to accelerating universal health coverage.

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Job Opportunities

Internship

Women's Net
Closing date: 16 April 2010

Women's Net internship programme provides the opportunity for South African women to develop their ICT skills and gain valuable experience for a six-month period.

Job details: <http://www.hst.org.za/news/20041974>

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Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor Strategic Health Programme

National Department of Health
Closing Date: 17 April 2010.

The Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor will provide technical support to the strategic health programme branch and related clusters. Clusters include (HIV Care and Treatment, TB, Maternal, Child and Woman's Health).

Job details: <http://www.hst.org.za/news/20041971>

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Communications Manager

World Vision International
Closing date: 20 April 2010

This position is part of the World Vision Chad leadership team. Its purpose is to provide strong and strategic communications direction and support to World Vision Chad.

Job details: <http://www.hst.org.za/news/20041970>

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People and Culture Director

World Vision International
Open until position is filled

This is a critical and very tough position requiring an individual with strong HR, administrative, and legal skills who can assist in the rebuilding and reorganising of World Vision and its programme in Chad.

Job details: <http://www.hst.org.za/news/20041972>

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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.

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

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