



CATEGORIES

[Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles](#)

[Recent Public Health News](#)

[Training and Resources](#)

[Publications and Reports](#)

[Conferences and Events](#)

[Job Opportunities](#)

ACADEMIC AND PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

The problem of 'trickle-down science' from the Global North to the Global South

BMJ Global Health | Published: 24 July 2019.

Daniel D Reidpath, Pascale Allotey

Countries in the Global South continue to struggle to train and retain good researchers and practitioners to address local, regional and global health challenges. As a result, there is an ongoing reliance on the Global North for solutions to local problems and an inability to develop alternative approaches to problem solving that take local (non-northern) contexts into account.

Current paradigms of scientific advancement provide no long-term models to challenge the status quo or privilege knowledge that is generated primarily in the Global South. This has major impacts on access to funding which perpetuates the problem. There needs to be a concerted and demonstrable shift to value

and promote the development of research and scientific traditions that are borne out of the reality of local contexts that complement knowledge and evidence generated in the Global North.

Correlates of HIV infection in adolescent girls and young women in Lesotho: results from a population-based survey

The Lancet HIV | Published: 14 August 2019.

Andrea Low, Kyaw Thin, Stefania Davia, Joanne Mantell, Masebeo Koto, Stephen McCracken, Puleng Ramphalla, Limpho Maile, et al

HIV acquisition remains high among adolescent girls and young women (AGYW, aged 15–24 years) in sub-Saharan Africa. [The authors] aimed to estimate prevalence and incidence of HIV in AGYW and to identify correlates of HIV infection by using data from the Lesotho Population-based HIV Impact Assessment (LePHIA).

Long-acting or extended-release antiretroviral products for HIV treatment and prevention in infants, children, adolescents, and pregnant and breastfeeding women: knowledge gaps and research priorities

The Lancet HIV | Published: 12 July 2019.

Sharon Nachman, Claire L Townsend, Elaine J Abrams, Moherndren Archary, Edmund Capparelli, Polly Clayden, Shahin Lockman, Patrick Jean-Philippe et al

Antiretroviral agents with long-acting properties have potential to improve treatment outcomes substantially for people living with HIV. In November 2017, the Long acting/Extended Release Antiretroviral Resource Program (LEAP) convened a workshop with the aim of shaping the research agenda and promoting early development of long-acting or extended release products for key populations: pregnant and lactating women, children aged up to 10 years, and adolescents aged 10–19 years.

Priority setting for new systematic reviews: processes and lessons learned in three regions in Africa

BMJ Global Health | Published: 26 July 2019.

Emmanuel E Effa, Olabisi Oduwole, Anel Schoonees, Ameer Hohlfeld, Solange Duraõ, Tamara Kredo, Lawrence Mbuagbaw, Martin Meremikwu, et al

Priority setting to identify topical and context relevant questions for systematic reviews involves an explicit, iterative and inclusive process. In resource-constrained settings of low-income and middle-income countries, priority setting for health related research activities ensures efficient use of resources. In this paper, we critically reflect on the approaches and specific processes adopted across three regions of Africa, present some of the outcomes and share the lessons learnt while carrying out these activities. Priority setting for new systematic reviews was conducted between 2016 and 2018 across three regions in Africa.

Expectations of healthcare quality: A cross-sectional study of internet users in 12 low- and middle-income countries

PlosOne | Published: 7 August 2019.

Sanam Roder-DeWan , Anna D Gage, Lisa R Hirschhorn, Nana AY Twum-Danso, Jerker Liljestrand, Kwanele Asante-Shongwe, Viviana Rodríguez, Talhiya Yahya, Margaret E Kruk

High satisfaction with healthcare is common in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), despite widespread quality deficits. This may be due to low expectations because people lack knowledge about what constitutes good quality or are resigned about the quality of available services.

[The authors] fielded an internet survey in Argentina, China, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, and South Africa in 2017 (N = 17,996). It included vignettes describing poor-quality services—inadequate technical or interpersonal care—for 2 conditions. Majorities of the internet-using public in 12 LMICs have low expectations of healthcare quality as evidenced by high ratings given to poor-quality care.

The need for comprehensive and multidisciplinary training in substandard and falsified medicines for pharmacists

BMJ Global Health | Published: 18 July 2019.

Alessandra Ferrario, Ebiowei Samuel F Orubu,, Moji Christianah Adeyeye, Muhammad H Zaman, Veronika J Wirtz

The global burden of substandard and falsified (SF) medicines is only beginning to be better understood. A 2017 literature review by WHO estimated a 10.5% observed failure rate of the analysed medical product samples in low-income and middle-income countries. The report also estimated that between 72 430 and 169 271 deaths in children under 5 with pneumonia could be attributed to the use of SF antibiotics and between 31 000 and 116 000 estimated deaths from malaria in sub-Saharan Africa could be due to SF antimalarials... The true prevalence of SF medicines is unknown due to methodological limitations affecting a number of published studies (eg, inadequate sampling techniques and inadequate analytical procedures), varying or unclear definition of what constitutes a substandard or falsified medicine, uneven coverage of geographical and therapeutic areas and limited availability of up-to-date data. Even so, the available evidence illustrates the fact that SF medicines are a threat to individual and public health, can undermine trust in the healthcare system and waste resources.

[\(Return to Top\)](#)

RECENT PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

ANALYSIS: The National Health Insurance – What it means and the fights we can expect

News24 | 8 August 2019.

Medical aids as we know them will disappear by 2026 under the National Health Insurance (NHI) Bill released today. Health Minister Zweli Mkhize unveiled the bill today in Pretoria. Under the NHI, the

government will provide a package of comprehensive health services for free at private and public health facilities as part of its bid to more equitable access to quality healthcare.

The NHI is not a punishment: health minister

Business Tech | 14 August 2019.

Minister of Health Dr Zweli Mkhize published the draft NHI Bill on Thursday (8 August), providing the first details on how universal healthcare will work in South Africa.

Don't share ARVs, health workers warn

Health-e News | 12 August 2019.

For many living in rural areas who are HIV positive, sharing antiretroviral drugs (ARVs) has become a norm. But health officials say no one should share their medication.

The “nice work” of transforming the health workforce

The Lancet | 10 August 2019.

At a medical conference, a friend apologised for missing my session on inclusion and equity in health care. He had attended a talk on sepsis instead, choosing this “life and death” topic over what seemed to him a more niche issue. “But I really think you're doing such nice work”, he said.

Doing the ‘tramadol dance’: What this latest music craze says about Africa’s pill addiction

Bhekisisa | 13 August 2019.

The illicit trade in this prescription pain killer has become the stuff of ballads and dance halls but its abuse is threatening to condemn those in real need to a life of chronic pain. Laura Salm-Reifferscheidt takes a look at the global sensation that's topping the charts in Africa's effort to curb drug abuse.

Western Cape health services paint bloody picture of gun violence

GroundUp | 8 August 2019.

A massive increase in gun violence in the Western Cape is putting critical health services under pressure. This emerged at a press conference in Cape Town on Thursday.

Professor Andy Nicol, head of the Groote Schuur Hospital trauma centre, said the centre attended to 37 gunshot victims per month on average in 2012. This number has increased to 73. About a quarter of gunshot victims which are seen at the hospital are return patients.

[\(Return to Top\)](#)

TRAINING AND RESOURCES

Kader Asmal Fellowship

Closing date: 11 September 2019.

The Embassy of Ireland in South Africa in partnership with Canon Collins Trust invites applications for scholarships for postgraduate study in Ireland commencing in September 2020.

Eligible health programmes include:

- MSc in Health Economics
- MSc in Community Health
- Master of Public Health (MPH)
- Master of Public Health (MPH)
- MSc in Nursing Studies

Please note applicants already in possession of a Master's degree are not eligible

[\(Return to Top\)](#)

PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

National Health Insurance Bill

Republic of South Africa | 8 August 2019.

The Bill aims:

To provide mandatory prepayment health care services in the Republic in pursuance of section 27 of the Constitution; to establish a National Health Insurance Fund and to set out its powers, functions and governance structures; to provide a framework for the active purchasing of health care services by the Fund on behalf of users; to create mechanisms for the equitable, effective and efficient utilisation of the resources of the Fund to meet the health needs of users; to preclude or limit undesirable, unethical and unlawful practices in relation to the Fund and its users; and to provide for matters connected herewith.

[\(Return to Top\)](#)

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

HPCSA Conference 2019

18-20 August 2019

Emperor's Palace, Kempton Park, Johannesburg, South Africa

Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning for Global Health Projects

3-7 December 2019

Singapore

Principles of Tuberculosis Care and Prevention: Translating Knowledge to Action

16-25 March 2020
Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

[\(Return to Top\)](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Please click on the job title for more information.

Health Systems Trust: CCMDD Financial Administrators

Closing Date: 19 August 2019

Health Systems Trust: Accounts Assistant

Closing Date: 19 August 2019

Health Systems Trust: Code 10 Drivers

Closing Date: 28 August 2019

Health Systems Trust: Post-Basic Pharmacist Assistants

Closing Date: 28 August 2019

[\(Return to Top\)](#)



Copyright © 2019 HEALTH SYSTEMS TRUST, All rights reserved.

Our mailing address is:

hst@hst.org.za

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#)

This email was sent to <<Email Address>>
[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)
Health Systems Trust · 34 Essex Terrace · Westville · Durban, KZN 3630 · South Africa

