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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Is healthcare a 'necessity' or 'luxury'? - an empirical evidence from public and private sector analyses of South-East Asian countries

Jahangir AM Khan, Rashidul Alam Mahumud. *Health Economics Review*. Published: 11 February 2015.

South-East Asian Regional (SEAR) countries range from low- to middle-income countries and have considerable differences in mix of public and private sector expenditure on health. This study intends to estimate the income-elasticities of healthcare expenditure in public and private sectors separately for investigating whether healthcare is a 'necessity' or 'luxury' for citizens of these countries...[Read More »](#)

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Designing for action: Adapting and implementing a community-based newborn care package to affect national change in Uganda

Peter Waiswa, Gertrude Namazzi, Kate Kerber and Stefan Peterson. *Global Health Action*. Published: 31 March 2015.

There is a lack of literature on how to adapt new evidence-based interventions for maternal and newborn care into local health systems and policy for rapid scale-up, particularly for community-based interventions in low-

income settings. The Uganda Newborn Study (UNEST) was a cluster randomised control trial to test a community-based care package which was rapidly taken up at national level...[Read More »](#)

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Primary care quality among different health care structures in Tibet, China

Wenhua Wang, Leiyu Shi, Aitian Yin, Zongfu Mao, Elizabeth Maitland, Stephen Nicholas, and Xiaoyun Liu. *BioMed Research International*. Published: 3 March 2015.

A self-administered questionnaire survey (including Primary Care Assessment Tool - Tibetan version) was used to obtain data from a total of 1386 patients aged over 18 years in the sampling sites in two prefectures in Tibet...[Read More »](#)

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Safe male circumcision in Botswana: Tension between traditional practices and biomedical marketing

Masego Katisia, Marguerite Daniela. *Global Public Health*. Published: 11 April 2015.

Botswana has been running Safe Male Circumcision (SMC) since 2009 and has not yet met its target. Donors like the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Africa Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Partnership (funded by the Gates Foundation) in collaboration with Botswana's Ministry of Health have invested much to encourage HIV-negative men to circumcise...[Read More »](#)

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Acceptability of the female condom

Anny Peters, Francien van Driel, Willy Jansen. *African Journal of Reproductive Health*. Published: December 2014.

Sub-Saharan African women are affected disproportionately highly by AIDS, while experiencing lack of choice for devices which protect them against sexual transmitted diseases, including HIV. One should expect that global policy makers react positive to the female condom, a contraceptive device which offers dual protection. However, those policy makers often argue that the female condom is not acceptable to its users...[Read More »](#)

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Nursing and midwife staffing needs in maternity wards in Burkina Faso referral hospitals

Antarou Ly, Séni Kouanda, Valéry Ridde. *Human Resources for Health*. Published: 12 May 2014.

One of the challenges facing developing countries, particularly in Africa, in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) is the availability of health human resources. Not only do these countries have a shortage of human resources, but their distribution is often uneven, especially between urban and rural areas...[Read More »](#)

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Health 2020 – achieving health and development in today's Europe

Zsuzsanna Jakab and Agis D. Tsouros. *WHO*. Published: 15 March 2015.

Health and well-being are universal human goals that are currently considered to be vital human rights; major components of equitable human, economic and social development; and a resource for everyday life. These goals are increasingly seen as central to human development and security...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Easy access to chronic medication in NHI districts

Health Systems Trust. Published: 17 April 2015.

Once every month, the elderly Maggie Mogati used to jump out of bed before five, to catch a taxi from her home in Tshing township to the local clinic in Ventersdorp in the North West Province. Just a few minutes' delay could make the difference between getting a good place in the queue, or sitting there for the better part of the day...[Read More »](#)

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Discovering another interoperability challenge in health information exchange

EurekAlert. Published: 7 April 2015.

Health information exchange enables clinicians to have secure access to a patient's medical record including details on care received at other locations, but an important piece of information is typically missing from the electronic medical record: detailed identification of the facilities at which past care was received...[Read More »](#)

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Anti-HIV antibody shows promise in first human study

EurekAlert. Published: 8 April 2015.

A single infusion of an experimental anti-HIV antibody called 3BNC117 resulted in significantly decreased HIV levels that persisted for as long as 28 days in HIV-infected individuals, according to Phase 1 clinical trial findings published online today in Nature...[Read More »](#)

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African ministers of finance call for increased investment to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030

UNAIDS. Published: 1 April 2015.

African ministers of finance and key partners in the AIDS response meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, have called for increased national investment to end the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2015/april/20150331_africanfinance[Accessed: 17 April 2015]

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TB: Taxis' deadly passenger

Health-e News. Published: 9 April 2015.

Millions of South Africans rely on minibus taxis daily, but South Africa's most widely used mode of public transport could also be ferrying a deadly passenger...[Read More »](#)

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Almost 5,000 awaiting surgery at Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital

Health-e News. Published: 9 April 2015.

Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital will begin scheduling surgeries on Saturday to attempt to address the almost 5,000 patients awaiting surgeries...[Read More »](#)

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Caesarean births can be dangerous - report

Independent Online. Published: 14 April 2015.

A new investigation into Caesarean-section deaths shows that this method is dogged by problems and could be riskier than natural birth...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/lifestyle/family/birth/caesarean-births-can-be-dangerous-report-1.1844849#.VS4G6fDy3q4>[Accessed: 17 April 2015]

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Empty Ebola clinics in Liberia are seen as misstep in U.S. relief effort

New York Times. Published: 11 April 2015.

Monrovia, Liberia – As bodies littered the streets and the sick lay dying in front of overwhelmed clinics last year, President Obama ordered the largest American intervention ever in a global health crisis, hoping to stem the deadliest Ebola epidemic in history...[Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

Gender Equality Assessment of Provincial Strategic and Operational Plans on HIV, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and Tuberculosis (TB) Report

South African Department of Social Development. Published: March 2015.

The Gender Equality Assessment of Provincial Strategic and Operational Plans on HIV, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and Tuberculosis (TB) investigates South Africa's progress towards achieving the UN High-Level Target 7 of the Millennium Development Goals: eliminate gender inequalities; eliminate gender-based violence (GBV); and increase capacities of women and girls. The assessment was aimed at reducing women's vulnerability to HIV, recognising the role that gender inequalities and associated sociocultural factors play in perpetuating the HIV epidemic and its impact on women and girls. [Click Here»](#)

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

SA SURE Project – Stories of Change

Health Systems Trust

HST announces the first edition of the SA SURE Project's Stories of Change – a quarterly publication presenting case stories that describe how SA SURE Project teams partner with Health Department personnel to apply policy in contextual practice in facilities across the country, and thus achieve sustainable responses to HIV, AIDS and TB. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences and Events

7th SA AIDS Conference: Reflection, Refocus and Renewal

When: 9-12 June 2015

Venue: Durban International Convention Centre, South Africa

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

This Conference comes at a critical time in global health, as 2015 marks the end of the MDGs and the beginning of the post-2015 sustainable development agenda. The theme of the Conference this year: Reflection, Refocus and Renewal provides a unique opportunity to reflect on what we have done across the entire spectrum of our programmes in the response to HIV, including the structural and social determinants which fuel this epidemic.

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3rd International Association of Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV (ASSHH) Conference

When: 6-9 July 2015

Venue: Stellenbosch, South Africa

URL: <http://www.asshhconference.org/>

A warm welcome to the 3rd Conference of the Association for the Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV (ASSHH). As Conference Co-chairs, we have worked hard to develop an exciting programme for the meeting, which will bring together critically informed and theoretically engaged scholars and practitioners from a wide range of social science and humanities disciplines. Our goal as in previous meetings is to ask the kinds of critical questions it is sometimes difficult to pose in other settings, and to contribute to new and creative ways of thinking about the HIV epidemic.

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AIDSImpact 2015 – 12th International Conference

When: 28-31 July 2015

Venue: Amsterdam, Netherlands

URL: <http://www.aidsimpact.com/2015/>

AIDSImpact is an international behavioral and psychosocial science conference that addresses issues related to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care, focusing both globally and on specific communities and countries hardest hit by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. AIDSImpact first convened in Amsterdam in 1991. Now, in 2015 the 12th AIDSImpact conference returns to the city.

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Global Forum on Research and Innovation for Health 2015

When: 24-27 August 2015

Venue: Manila, Philippines

URL: <http://www.forum2015.org>

Forum 2015 is a unique global platform to promote the role of research and innovation in creating better health, enhancing equity and stimulating development. Join other policy-makers, business and non-profit leaders, international organizations, academic and research institutions, social entrepreneurs and key stakeholders, as we work together to shape the global health research agenda locally, regionally and globally.

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5th Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators

When: 2-4 September 2015

Venue: University of Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://isc2015.org/>

The 5th Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators will be held on 2-4 September 2015 in the Kramer Law Building, University of Cape Town. Researchers, practitioners, policy makers and child advocates from across the world will gather for three days to share and discuss the latest child indicator research and implications for policy and interventions. The theme of the conference is: "From Welfare to Well-being: Child indicators in research, policy and practice."

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SVRI Workshops

When: 15-17 September 2015

Venue: Stellenbosch, South Africa

URL: <http://www.svri.org/forum2015/>

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative is proud to announce the 4th international conference, the SVRI Forum 2015. The Forum brings together researchers, gender activists, funders, policy makers, service providers, practitioners and survivors from around the world and will showcase innovation to end sexual violence, intimate partner violence and child abuse, and strengthen responses to survivors in low- and middle-income countries. The SVRI Forum is a key platform for sharing research, innovation and networking.

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Rural Doctors Association of South Africa (RuDASA)

When: 23-26 September 2015

Venue: Mpumalanga, South Africa

URL: <http://www.rudasa.org.za/>

An annual RuDASA conference has been organised almost every year since 1996, and attracts a range of rural health professionals from all over the country. The conference is a much-anticipated, vibrant forum which combines a mixture of sessions ranging from clinical skills updates for and by a wide range of health professionals to emotive discussions and workshops on issues such as justice and equity. The conference is ideal for exchanging ideas and is ideal for networking. Younger colleagues and students are also encouraged to attend.

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Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) Conference

When: 7-9 October 2015

Venue: Southern Sun Elangeni, Durban, South Africa

URL: <http://www.phasaconference.org.za>

The 11th Annual Conference of the Public Health Association of South Africa takes place between 7-9 October 2015 in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal. With 2015 being the target date for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, the conference will provide an opportunity to reflect on the challenges faced by South Africa and Africa in trying to achieve the MDGs. The focus of the conference though will be on moving forward and identifying potential solutions both within and outside the health system in order to improve the health status of our population. This is reflected in the theme of conference "Health and Sustainable Development: The Future".

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9th Action Learning, Action Research (ALARA) and 13th Participatory Action Research World Congress

When: 4-7 November 2015

Venue: St. George Hotel and Conference Centre, Centurion (Pretoria), South Africa

URL: <http://www.alarassociation.org/pages/events/alara-world-congress-2015>

The theme of this World Congress is a challenge to Action Learning / Action Research practitioners the world over, whether working in resource rich or more socio-economically challenged contexts, to explain how they are contributing to the creation of a fairer world.

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Job Opportunities

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