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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### PEPFAR in Transition – Implications for HIV Care in South Africa

Ingrid T. Katz, Ingrid V. Bassett, and Alexi A. Wright. *N Engl J Med* 2013. Published: October 10, 2013.

The U.S. government has reached a turning point in its emergency response and has decided to reduce funding to many of these countries, including South Africa, recipient of the most PEPFAR dollars. In August 2012, the U.S. government announced it would cut South Africa's PEPFAR budget in half by 2017, making South Africa the first PEPFAR-funded country to transition to full ownership of – and financial responsibility for – its HIV program... [Read More »](#)

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### Towards a framework convention on global health

Lawrence O Gostin, Eric A Friedman, Kent Buse, Attiya Waris, Moses Mulumba, Mayowa Joel, Lola Dare, Ames Dhai & Devi Sridhar. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* 2013;91:790-793. Published: 10 September 2013.

What will it take to eliminate the gross health inequities that continue to plague the world, the unconscionable health gaps between the rich and poor? The eyes of the global health community are focused on the post-2015 sustainable development goals, with the World Health Organization (WHO) advocating for universal health coverage... [Read More »](#)

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### Strengthening capacity for AIDS vaccine research: analysis of the Pfizer Global Health Fellows Program and the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative

Taryn Vian, Sayaka Koseki, Frank G Feeley and Jennifer Beard. *BMC Health Services Research* 2013, 13:378. Published: 2 October 2013.

Industry partnerships can help leverage resources to advance HIV/AIDS vaccine research, service delivery, and policy advocacy goals. This often involves capacity building for international and local non-governmental organizations (NGOs). International volunteering is increasingly being used as a capacity building strategy, yet little is known about how corporate volunteers help to improve performance of NGOs in the fight against HIV/AIDS... [Read More »](#)

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### Improving utilization of and retention in PMTCT services: Can behavioral economics help?

Nicholas Kenji Taylor and Alison M Bittenheim. *BMC Health Services Research* 2013, 13:406. Published: 10 October 2013.

The most recent strategic call to action of the World Health Organization sets the elimination of pediatric HIV as a goal. While recent efforts have focused on building infrastructure and ensuring access to high-quality treatment, we must now turn our focus to the behavior change needed to eliminate vertical transmission... [Read More »](#)

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## Recent News

### Clean audits for health departments

*BDLive*. Published: 17 October 2013.

The financial management of provincial health departments is improving, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi assured MPs on Wednesday... [Read More »](#)

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### Violence puts pressure on Western Cape healthcare

*BDLive*. Published: 17 October 2013.

The rise of interpersonal violence in the Western Cape, especially among males, is placing state healthcare facilities under immense pressure, according to Western Cape MEC for finance, economic development and tourism Alan Winde...[Read More »](#)

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### **Government switches strategy on drugs**

*Health-e News. Published: 16 October 2013.*

After years looking to curb drug demand through police work and busts, South African is moving to increase access to drug rehabilitation services - signaling a shift in the country's war on drugs...[Read More »](#)

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### **Primary healthcare will be heartbeat of NHI, says health minister**

*BDLive. Published: 16 October 2013.*

Primary healthcare will be "the heartbeat" of South Africa's National Health Insurance (NHI), Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi told MPs. His comments hinted at the contents of the long-awaited White Paper on NHI, which he said would emphasise preventing disease by re-engineering the country's primary healthcare services...[Read More »](#)

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### **Change of mind on health gap cover**

*BDLive. Published: 16 October 2013*

The Treasury has revised its controversial draft regulations for health insurance products, and is now proposing that companies be allowed to continue selling gap cover and hospital cash plans under certain conditions...[Read More »](#)

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### **E Cape Health Department "misses" deadline**

*Health-e News. Published: 14 October 2013.*

The Eastern Cape Department of Health has missed a civil society deadline to release a plan to fix the province's crumbling health services, say activists...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2013/10/14/ec-health-department-misses-rescue-plan-deadline-2>[Accessed: 18 October 2013]

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### **E Cape health coalition wants premier to intervene**

*Mail&Guardian. Published: 14 October 2013.*

The Eastern Cape Health Crisis Action Coalition wants to approach the premier to intervene in its call for action to improve the healthcare system...[Read More »](#)

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### **R3bn boost for SA's fight against HIV**

*SANews.gov.za. Published: 9 October 2013.*

South Africa has received R3-billion from the Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe announced during a meeting of the South African National Aids Council (Sanac) in Rustenburg, North West province...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.southafrica.info/about/health/aids-091013.htm>[Accessed: 18 October 2013]

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### **Motsoaledi prioritises treatment of TB in prisons**

*SABC News. Published: 9 October 2013.*

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi says part of the money from the Global Fund will be used to fight TB in correctional facilities in the country...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sabc.co.za/news/a/b75867004163b504b27fb693343a19ea/Motsoaledi-prioritises-treatment-of-TB-in-prisons>[Accessed: 18 October 2013]

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### **The Desmond Tutu TB Centre on a quest to reduce childhood TB Deaths**

*Desmond Tutu TB Centre, Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, Stellenbosch University. Published: 9 October 2013.*

South African researchers have thrown their weight behind the first ever global action plan specifically targeted for children with tuberculosis (TB), in the hope of bringing down the country's extremely high childhood TB rate... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.hst.org.za/news/desmond-tutu-tb-centre-quest-reduce-childhood-tb-deaths>[Accessed: 18 October 2013]

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### **SA offers HIV vaccine research hope**

*Health-e News. Published: 9 October 2013.*

South Africa is the only country in the world where a large AIDS vaccine trial is being planned, as the global scientific community struggles to find a way to eradicate HIV... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2013/10/09/sa-offers-hiv-vaccine-research-hope/>[Accessed: 18 October 2013]

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### **Staunching SA's pregnancy wound**

*Mail&Guardian. Published: 8 October 2013.*

Unless the state's plan to curb maternal deaths is wholly implemented, it won't make a dent... [Read More »](#)

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## **Training and Resources**

### **Emerging Public Health Practitioner Award 2013**

*Health Systems Trust*

*Deadline: 15 December 2013.*

Award submissions are invited from South Africans under the age of 35. Entries will be assessed by a panel of public health experts. The winning entry will be published in the current edition of the SAHR. [Click Here>>](#)

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### **Masters of Philosophy in Health Systems and Services Research 2014**

*University of Stellenbosch*

*Closing date: 18 October 2013*

Health Systems & Services Research (HSSR) is a multidisciplinary field of inquiry that examines the use, costs, quality, accessibility, delivery, organization, financing, and outcomes of health care services to increase knowledge and understanding of the structure, processes, and effects of health services for individuals and populations. [Click Here>>](#)

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### **NGO Fund: 'The Cooperating Partners' Innovation Fund' (CPIF)**

*United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) Deadline: 15 November 2013*

This Fund aims to promote collaboration with NGOs in the design and development of new tools and approaches for food assistance. The focus of this Fund in 2013 is the 'Cash and Voucher' programming as a key opportunity for collaboration. There are up to \$1 million in total funds available for autumn 2013 awards. Within the available resources, there is no pre-determined maximum or minimum award. WFP reserves the right to carry over resources to a subsequent solicitation of proposals. [Click Here>>](#)

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## **Reports and Publications**

### **Using Law to Accelerate Treatment Access in South Africa: An Analysis of Patent, Competition and Medicines Law**

*United Nations Development Programme. Published: 2013.*

This study focuses on policy options available to South Africa through reform of three interrelated areas of law affecting access to HIV treatment and other essential medicines: patent, competition and medicines law. [Click Here>>](#)

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### **Snap shot survey report on substance abuse in nine provinces in South Africa**

*Department of Social Development (South Africa). Published: 2013.*

In 2010/11 South Africa's Central Drug Authority conducted a snap shot survey among about 7,800 people in several provinces. The survey details prevalence of substance abuse in homes as well as community members perceptions of impacts and risk factors. [Click Here»](#)

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### **A poor start in life predicts poor life outcomes: Investigating the potential impact of maternity and early child support in South Africa**

*WITS University. Published: 2013.*

Appropriate maternity and early child support could give children the best possible start in life, reduce inequities stemming from pregnancy and alleviate family poverty. [Click Here»](#)

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### **Universal Health Coverage: Why health insurance schemes are leaving the poor behind**

*Oxfam. Published: 2013.*

Universal health coverage (UHC) has the potential to transform the lives of millions of people by bringing life-saving health care to those who need it most. UHC means that all people get the treatment they need without fear of falling into poverty. [Click Here»](#)

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## **Conferences**

### **4th South African Child Health Priorities Conference**

*When: 31 October -2 November 2013*

*Venue: University of the Witwatersrand Medical School, Parktown, Johannesburg*

*URL: <http://childhealthpriorities.co.za>*

The theme of the conference is "Getting back to basics: Child Health in 2013", and will include sessions on successes in improving child survival globally and in South Africa, overcoming bottlenecks and barriers in child health programme delivery, achievements in primary health care re-engineering and seminars on early childhood development (ECD), child nutrition, and an essential child health care package.

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### **5th Annual Conference of the South African Statistical Association**

*When: 4-8 November 2013*

*Venue: Limpopo University, Polokwane, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.ul.ac.za/conf/sasa2013>*

The South African Statistical Association (SASA), in partnership with the School of Mathematical and Computer Sciences at the University of Limpopo - Turfloop Campus, is calling for papers for the 5th Annual Conference of the South African Statistical Association (SASA2013 Conference).

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### **Academic Conference on Disability Rights in Africa**

*When: 5 - 6 November 2013*

*Venue: University of Pretoria, South Africa*

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

The Centre for Human Rights at the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria is hosting an academic conference on disability rights in Africa on the theme 'Overcoming obstacles: towards the effective implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in Africa'. The conference will coincide with the launch of first issue of the African Yearbook on Disability Rights on the evening of 5 November.

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### **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.

### **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.

## **Job Opportunities**

### **Researcher/ Facilitator: Quality Improvement Project**

Employer: University of KwaZulu Natal  
Closing Date: 25 October 2013  
Please view our website for more details  
<http://www.hst.org.za>

### **Professional Nurse for Rural Health (Integrating services for impact and sustainability)**

Employer: University of KwaZulu Natal  
Closing Date: 25 October 2013  
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<http://www.hst.org.za>

### **Health Economist**

Employer: South African National AIDS Council  
Closing Date: 28 October 2013  
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<http://www.hst.org.za>

### **Programme Manager - Health Financing**

Employer: Clinton Health Access Initiative  
Closing Date: 31 October 2013  
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<http://www.hst.org.za>

### **Project / Logistics Assistant**

Employer: Jembi Health Systems  
Closing Date: 31 October 2013  
Please view our website for more details  
<http://www.hst.org.za>

### **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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