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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Mines, migration and HIV/AIDS in southern Africa

The World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 5966. Corno, Lucia; de Walque, Damien. Published: 01 February 2012.

Swaziland and Lesotho have the highest HIV prevalence in the world. They also share another distinct feature: during the last century, they sent a large numbers of migrant workers to South African mines. This paper examines whether participation in mining in a bordering country affects HIV infection rate....[Read More »](#)

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The ARV roll-out and the disability grant: A South African dilemma?

Marina M de Paoli, Elizabeth A Mills and Arne B Groeningsaeter. Journal of the International AIDS Society 2012, 15:6. Published: 16 February 2012.

Prior to the antiretroviral (ARV) drug roll out in 2004, people living with HIV (PLHIV) in South Africa received disability grants when they were defined as "AIDS-sick". The disability grant is a critical component of South Africa's social security system, and plays an important role in addressing poverty among PLHIV...[Read More »](#)

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Positioning women's and children's health in African Union policy-making: A policy analysis

Kadiatou Toure, Rotimi Sankore, Shyama Kuruvilla, Elisa Scolaro, Flavia Bustreo and Babatunde Osotimehin. Globalization and Health 2012, 8:3. Published: 16 February 2012.

With Africa accounting for over half of the world's maternal and child deaths, the African Union (AU) has a critical role in prioritizing related policies and catalysing required investments and action. In this paper, the authors assess the evolution of African Union policies related to women's and children's health, and analyze how these policies are prioritized and framed...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/content/8/1/3/abstract> [Accessed: 1 March 2012]

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Recent News

Health Systems Trust releases findings of its latest publications

Health Systems Trust. Published: 23 February 2012.

Health Systems Trust released the findings of two of its most prominent publications, the District Health Barometer (DHB) and the South African Health Review (SAHR)...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.hst.org.za/> [Accessed: 17 February 2012]

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Serious need to clean up health

Health-e News. Published: 28 February 2012.

A preliminary audit report of South Africa's health facilities shows a majority of institutions to be dirty and also questions patient safety in these services...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20033455> [Accessed: 17 February 2012]

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Chronic disease and trauma plague SA health system

Mail & Guardian. Published: 24 February 2012.

HIV may be the most immediate threat to healthcare in the country but health data gathered from hospitals around the country shows that violence and lifestyle diseases are taking a grievous toll on the health system...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2012-02-24-chronic-disease-and-trauma-plague-sa-health-system/>

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Health minister wants service overhaul

IOL. Published: 23 February 2012.

The SA Health Review and District Health Barometer released on Thursday sketch a bleak picture of dirty hospitals, huge underspending and severe skills shortages...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/dailynews/news/health-minister-wants-service-overhaul-1.1241624>

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HIV/AIDS: Huge numbers

Health-e News. Published: 24 February 2012.

Last year alone, 376 000 people with HIV started antiretroviral medication— over 100 000 more than the previous year. Sadly, during that same year up to 450 000 people were infected with HIV, mostly due to "the lack of a co-ordinated and effective prevention response"...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20033445> [Accessed: 1 March 2012]

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New reports chart progress - and costs - in HIV fight

Plus News. Published: 27 February 2012.

Mothers, babies and newly diagnosed HIV patients are receiving more of the services they need but progress comes at a cost, according to a new report that predicts a funding shortfall for HIV treatment in South Africa...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.plusnews.org/report.aspx?reportid=94968> [Accessed: 1 March 2012]

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KZN winning the Aids battle

IOL. Published: 22 February 2012.

KwaZulu-Natal, known as the epicentre of the HIV/Aids pandemic, has shown signs that the battle against the scourge is slowly being won, with the province having reduced mother-to-child transmission of the virus from 22 percent in 2008 to 2.8 percent in 2010...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/mercury/kzn-winning-the-aids-battle-1.1240227> [Accessed: 1 March 2012]

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Global Fund monies finally released

Plus News. Published: 22 February 2012.

More than seven months overdue, the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria grant will finally be released to key South African AIDS organizations that have been struggling to survive...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.plusnews.org/report.aspx?reportid=94927> [Accessed: 1 March 2012]

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SA gets boost to fight killer diseases

IOL. Published: 23 February 2012.

A finance package has been thrown at SA's biggest killers – HIV/Aids, tuberculosis and a range of child-killing diseases. Documents tabled with Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan's Budget on Wednesday, showed that

R121.9 billion had been set aside for health...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/dailynews/news/sa-gets-boost-to-fight-killer-diseases-1.1240875> [Accessed: 1 March 2012]

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Health spending gap narrowing

IOL. Published: 24 February 2012.

The gap between South African public and private health expenditure is narrowing as the public sector plays catch up. Public spending is expected to exceed private sector spending in the future...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/business/business-news/health-spending-gap-narrowing-1.1241692> [Accessed: 1 March 2012]

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Lack of hospital transformation plan 'of concern', say Treasury

Health-e News. Published: 23 February 2012.

Treasury officials have criticised the health department's lack of detail about how it aims to transform public hospitals in preparation for the National Health Insurance (NHI) scheme...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20033446> [Accessed: 1 March 2012]

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R1bn pumped towards NHI

BuaNews. Published: 23 February 2012.

Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan yesterday, 22 February, announced an allocation of R1 billion to the scheme's pilot projects...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bizcommunity.com/Article/196/334/71190.html> [Accessed: 1 March 2012]

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Med scheme tax credit a step towards NHI

IOL. Published: 26 February 2012.

Tax credits for medical aid contributions is a first taxation step towards the introduction of the National Health Insurance, SA Revenue Service commissioner Oupa Magashula said on Thursday...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/> [Accessed: 1 March 2012]

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Mkhize breathes life into NHI

Times Live. Published: 22 February 2012

KwaZulu-Natal would roll out the National Health Insurance in two districts this year, premier Zweli Mkhize announced during his state of the province address...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.timeslive.co.za/local/2012/02/22/mkhize-breathes-life-into-nhi> [Accessed: 1 March 2012]

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KZN districts overtakes E Cape as most deprived

Health-e News. Published: 23 February 2012.

Six of the country's 10 most deprived districts are in KwaZulu-Natal, with Umzinyathi and Umkhanyakude being the poorest in the country...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20033444> [Accessed: 1 March 2012]

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Free State: Health sector to be revitalised with 10-Point Plan

The New Age. Published: 17 February 2012.

Health MEC Fezi Ngubentombi and her department kicked off the 2011-2012 financial year on a high note, promising to revitalise the health sector and inject new funds in the health sector that previously saw hospitals and clinics running out of essential drugs...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.thenewage.co.za/43639-1018-53-Health_sector_to_be_revitalised_with_10point_plan
[Accessed: 1 March 2012]

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Gauteng premier announces health restructuring

Business Day. Published: 21 February 2012.

The Gauteng health and social development department is to be separated into two entities, Nomvula Mokonyane, the premier, announced on Monday in her state of the province address in Mamelodi, east of Pretoria...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.businessday.co.za/articles/Content.aspx?id=165367>
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Training and Resources

"The Struggle for Health" - A short-course for young health activists

The International People's Health University (IPHU) of the People's Health Movement (PHM) jointly with the International Budget Partnership (IBP), South Africa and PHM-South Africa

Where: Cape Town, South Africa.

When: 25 June - 4 July 2012.

The course is geared towards young health activists and practitioners working on the issues of health, gender and human rights and particularly including those involved or wish to be involved in the People's Health Movement (PHM) and the International Budget Partnership (IBP).[Click here»](#)

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Reports and Publications

South African Health Review 2011

Health Systems Trust. Published: 2011

The SAHR 2011 provides valuable policy and empirical information on a range of issues that are related to and impact on the Negotiated Service Delivery Agreement and primary health care re-engineering as envisaged by the National Department of Health (NDoH).

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The District Health Barometer 2010/11

Health Systems Trust. Published: 2012.

The District Health Barometer's goal is to improve the quality of and access to primary health care services, by monitoring and measuring important performance indicators of the health system at district level.

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Criteria for the Selection of NHI Pilot Districts

South African Department of Health. Published: 2012.

The implementation of NHI is aimed at ensuring universal access to quality healthcare on a more sustainable and equitable basis than currently exists for the entire population. The implementation of NHI is a priority of Government as articulated in Government's Programme of Action as well as the Negotiated Service Delivery Agreement

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The State of the World's Children 2012

UNICEF. Published: 2012

More than half of the world's 7 billion people now live in urban areas. What does this mean for children? UNICEF has dedicated the 2012 edition of its flagship report to the situation of children growing up in urban settings
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Health Policy and Systems Research: A Methodology Reader

World Health Organization. Published: 2012..

Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR) is often criticized for lacking rigour, providing a weak basis for generalization of its findings and, therefore, offering limited value for policy-makers. This Reader aims to address these concerns through supporting action to strengthen the quality of HPSR.

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Righting the Global Fund

Center For Strategic and International Studies(CSIS). Published: 2012.

This report recounts the adversity faced by the Geneva-based Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria over the course of 2011 and suggests potential strategies for addressing these challenges going forward.

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Conferences

Healthcare in Africa

When: 6-7 March 2012

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://cemea.economistconferences.com/event/healthcare-africa>

Healthcare in Africa will bring together influential healthcare stakeholders from government, providers, suppliers and patient groups to confront and explore key issues around healthcare systems in Africa. You'll be able to participate in interactive brainstorming sessions, hear cutting-edge case studies, and hear from a range of inspiring speakers.

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Forum 2012

When: 24-26 April 2012

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.forum2012.org/>

Forum 2012 is the beginning of an exciting new series of the well-known and respected Global Forum for Health Research meetings. Under the theme of "Beyond Aid... Research and Innovation as key drivers for Health, Equity and Development", COHRED and the Global Forum for Health Research will focus on potentials, solutions, and developing capacities –specifically in low- and middle-income countries and emerging economies.

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3rd SA TB Conference

When: 12-15 June 2012

Venue: ICC, Durban, South Africa

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

The 3rd TB Conference will build on the momentum of the previous TB conferences and give communities an opportunity to assess progress towards reaching TB/HIV targets. Thus, giving meaning to the theme for the 2012 TB Conference: "Reaching the target".

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Third People's Health Assembly

When: 6-11 July 2012

Venue: University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.phmovement.org/en/pha3>

The People's Health Assembly (PHA), organised by the People's Health Movement (PHM), is a global event bringing together health activists from across the world to share experiences, analyse global health situation, develop civil society positions and to develop strategies which promote health for all.

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Second Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

When: 31 October-3 November 2012

Where: Beijing, People's Republic of China

URL: <http://www.hsr-symposium.org>

The Second Global Symposium on Health Systems Research call for abstracts is now open. The Symposium will focus on the science to accelerate universal health coverage around the world. It will cover three main themes: Knowledge Translation, State-of-the-Art Health Systems Research, and Health Systems Research Methodologies.

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Job Opportunities

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.

The following positions with AHP are currently available:

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

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Managing Director

OneVoice

Closing date: 6 March 2012

OVSA seeks to appoint a Managing Director, based in Durban.

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/content/managing-director>

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mHealth Project Coordinator for maternal health

Cell-Life

Closing date: 9 March 2012

The position will involve running Cell-Life's maternal-health work, and undertaking other mhealth projects

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/content/contract-position-mhealth-project-coordinator-maternal-health>

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Executive Director

Paediatric AIDS Treatment for Africa

Closing date: 15 March 2012

PATA seeks to appoint an Executive Director, based in Mowbray, Cape Town.

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/content/hiv-prevention-train>

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