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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Priorities for developing countries in the global response to non-communicable diseases

Dermot Maher, Nathan Ford and Nigel Unwin. Globalization and Health 2012, 8:14. Published: 11 June 2012.

The growing global burden of non communicable diseases (NCDs) is now killing 36 million people each year and needs urgent and comprehensive action. This article provides an overview of key critical issues that need to be resolved to ensure that recent political commitments are translated into practical action....[Read More »](#)

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Comparative performance of private and public healthcare systems in low- and middle-income countries: A systematic review

Sanjay Basu, Jason Andrews, Sandeep Kishore, Rajesh Panjabi, David Stuckler. PLoS Med 9(6): e1001244. Published: June 19, 2012.

Private sector healthcare delivery in low- and middle-income countries is sometimes argued to be more efficient, accountable, and sustainable than public sector delivery. Conversely, the public sector is often regarded as providing more equitable and evidence-based care. We performed a systematic review of research studies investigating the performance of private and public sector delivery in low- and middle-income countries...[Read More »](#)

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Newborn survival: a multi-country analysis of a decade of change

Joy E Lawn, Mary V Kinney, Robert E Black, Catherine Pitt, Simon Cousens, Kate Kerber, Erica Corbett, Allisyn C Moran, Claudia S Morrissey and Mikkel Z Oestergaard. Health Policy Plan. (2012) 27 (suppl 3): iii6-iii28. Published: June 2012

Neonatal deaths account for 40% of global under-five mortality and are ever more important if we are to achieve the Millennium Development Goal 4 (MDG 4) on child survival. We applied a results framework to evaluate global and national changes for neonatal mortality rates (NMR), healthy behaviours, intervention coverage, health system change, and inputs including funding, while considering contextual changes....[Read More »](#)

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Measuring and analyzing health care disparities

Special Issue. Edited by: Jacqueline S. Zinn and José J. Escarce. Health Services Research. Published: 2012.

Health Services Research has published a special issue on Measuring and analyzing health care disparities. Access the link for a collection of articles....[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

State patients to benefit as Roche is persuaded to cut price of cancer drug

Business Day. Published: 20 June 2012.

The Department of Health has persuaded pharmaceutical company Roche to halve the price of its cancer drug rituximab, opening the way for the government to provide it to more patients...[Read More »](#)

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Overcrowding fuels TB in prisons

PlusNews. Published: 19 June 2012.

Tuberculosis (TB) rates in South Africa's prisons could be cut by up to 94 percent if the country reduced overcrowded conditions in cells and implemented active TB case finding, according to research presented at the

recent South African TB Conference. ...[Read More »](#)

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New TB drug will work with ARVs

IOL. Published: 18 June 2012

International scientists have revealed a new tuberculosis regimen compatible with HIV/Aids medication which is set to reduce the length of treatment of the disease to just four months....[Read More »](#)

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Deaf or dead? Better drugs needed to stop drug-resistant TB

Health-e News. Published: 13 June 2012.

Cases of drug-resistant tuberculosis will continue to increase unless scientists develop more effective medicines with fewer side effects. This has emerged as one of the key issues at the third South African tuberculosis conference...[Read More »](#)

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First nurses trained to initiate MDR-TB treatment

Plus News. Published: 19 June 2012.

South Africa will increasingly move towards nurse-initiated treatment for multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) in the next five years, and a programme in KwaZulu-Natal Province, which has a high HIV/TB burden, is already training nurses to manage MDR-TB patients...[Read More »](#)

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Decentralizing care and treatment for drug-resistant TB

PlusNews. Published: 14 June 2012

South Africa's move to decentralize the treatment of drug-resistant tuberculosis (TB) has given rise to a crop of nurses equipped not only to initiate patients on HIV treatment, but also to prescribe for and monitor drug-resistant TB (DR-TB) patients...[Read More »](#)

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First efficacy trial of a microbicide ring to prevent HIV is underway

International Partnerships for Microcides. Published: 13 June 2012.

The International Partnership for Microbicides (IPM) today announced that a clinical trial called The Ring Study has been launched in Africa to determine whether a monthly vaginal ring containing the antiretroviral (ARV) drug dapivirine helps prevent HIV infection in women and is safe for long-term use...[Read More »](#)

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Lessons learned from Tenofovir shortage

Health-e News. Published: 17 June 2012.

The recent shortage of a crucial antiretroviral drug, Tenofovir, is but just a symptom of an underlying general problem of health management in South Africa. Part of this is the lack of oversight on drug supplies and availability by the national Health Department...[Read More »](#)

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Concern over high HIV/Aids figures

IOL. Published: 14 June 2012.

KwaZulu-Natal Premier Zweli Mkhize has expressed concern that there were 329 021 people who tested HIV-positive from April 2011 to March 2012 in the province...[Read More »](#)

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Domestic violence a driver of HIV

Mail and Guardian. Published: 22 June 2012.

There has been a glaring absence of awareness and appropriate action internationally to address the link between intimate-partner dysfunctionality and HIV infection. Yet the reality is that intimate-partner violence is a hidden driver of the HIV epidemic...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mq.co.za/article/2012-06-21-iolence-a-driver-of-hiv> [Accessed: 22 June 2012]

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North West gets ready for NHI

BuaNews. Published: 18 June 2012.

The North West provincial government has spent more than R21 million purchasing 65 vehicles in preparation for the implementation of the National Health Insurance (NHI). Addressing journalists in Mahikeng over the weekend, North West Health MEC Magome Masike said resources would be needed to effectively implement the NHI...[Read More »](#)

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Eastern Cape: 'Master plan' for rollout of NHI

The New Age. Published: 13 June 2012.

The OR Tambo district municipality is ready for the implementation of the National Health Insurance (NHI) after being chosen by the national Department of Health as the only pilot centre in the province. The acting general manager for HIV-Aids in the health department, Miyakazi Nokwe, said the district's primary focus was on revitalisation of hospitals in the district...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.thenewage.co.za/53497-1016-53-Master_plan_for_rollout_of_NHI [Accessed: 22 June 2012]

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Eastern Cape: Health staff 'jobs safe'

The The Herald Online. Published: 21 June 2012

The Eastern Cape Health Department was quick to assure municipal health workers that their jobs were safe as the controversial takeover of Nelson Mandela Bay's clinics became final yesterday..[Read More »](#)

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Pricing Commission to be set up

BuaNews. Published: 11 June 2012

A Pricing Commission is to be established to address the commercialisation of the health sector, says Health Minister, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi. Speaking on Sunday at a visit to the uMgungundlovu District, which has been selected to pilot the first phase of the NHI for the next five years..[Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

The Quality Rights Tool Kit

The World Health Organization

The WHO has launched the Quality Rights Tool Kit, which supports countries in their assessment and improvement of the quality and human rights of their mental health and social care facilities.

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UNESCO eAtlas series

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The new UNESCO eAtlas series provides users with a powerful new tool to visualize data on critical policymaking issues in the field of education as well as science and technology.

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Reports and Publications

World Atlas in Gender Equality in Education

UNESCO. Published: 2012.

With over 120 maps, charts and tables, the UNESCO World Atlas of Gender Equality in Education enables readers to visualize the educational pathways of girls and boys in terms of access, participation and progression from pre-primary to tertiary education. [Click Here»](#)

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Implementing Collaborative TB-HIV Activities: A Programmatic Guide

The International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease. Published: 2012

This guide summarises The Union's experience in developing approaches to integrated TB-HIV care for adults in resource-limited settings. It is recommended for health professionals at the implementation level and national programme staff in charge of policy and practices for collaborative TB-HIV activities. [Click Here»](#)

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Priority-Setting in Health: Building Institutions for Smarter Public Spending

Center for Global Development. Published: 2012

Health donors, policymakers, and practitioners continuously make life-and-death decisions about which type of patients receive what interventions, when, and at what cost. These decisions—as consequential as they are—often result from ad hoc, non-transparent processes driven more by inertia and interest groups than by science, ethics, and the public interest.

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Programmatic and research considerations for hormonal contraception for women at risk of HIV and women living with HIV

World Health Organization. Published: 2012.

Between 31 January and 2 February 2012, the World Health Organization (WHO) convened a meeting of experts to discuss recent research on use of hormonal contraception by women at high risk of HIV and those currently living with HIV and its implications.

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Conferences

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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11th World Down Syndrome Congress

When: 15-17th August 2012

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

URL: <http://www.wdsc2012.org.za/>

Down Syndrome International together with local hosts Down Syndrome South Africa take pride in hosting the next World Down Syndrome Congress for the first time on African soil, giving us the opportunity of learning and sharing experiences from across the globe. The aim of this congress is for all participants to gain experience on the latest developments and up to date knowledge and tools to improve the lives of people with Down syndrome.

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HASA 2012 Annual Conference and Exhibition

When: 19-21 September

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre

URL: <http://findavenue.co.za/Hasa/>

This year's conference will be running over the course of three days, 19 – 21 September, and will once again be held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre. The theme for the conference: "Policy. Practice. Progress" will encourage stakeholders in the public and private healthcare sectors to find common ground on the way forward and ensure that policy reforms, when implemented and practiced, do result in healthcare advancement and progress. This is particularly relevant at this current juncture in the South African healthcare policy reform discourse.

The 5th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights

When: 19-22 September 2012

Venue: Windhoek, Namibia.

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

The 5th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights will take stock of responses to sexual health and rights

on the continent since ICPD, and interrogate the status of sexual health and rights, with particular focus on women, girls, adolescents and youth.

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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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SA HIV Clinicians Society Conference 2012

When: 25 - 28 November 2012

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

URL: <http://www.hst.org.za/events/sa-hiv-clinicians-society-conference-2012>

The theme of the conference is 'Striving for Clinical Excellence'. The Conference will focus on clinical content, setting it apart from other conferences held to date in South Africa. Doctors, nurses, and pharmacists are welcome to attend the presentations of a stellar group of senior faculty from the region and abroad delivering talks relevant to clinical care.

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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.

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

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Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist

Medical Education Partnership Initiative

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Project Manager (Health Systems Strengthening Project)

Health Systems Trust

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