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ACADEMIC AND PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Outsourcing: How to reform WHO for the 21st century

Joel Negin, Ranu S Dhillon | British Medical Journal. Published: 12 September 2016.

“The HIV response is another area where WHO's work has potential overlap with the work performed by other agencies. The WHO lists 23 of its departments being involved in aspects of the HIV response,²² while a stand-alone cross-UN agency—UNAIDS—already exists and is supplemented by the Global Fund, considerable funding by the Gates Foundation as well as large numbers of NGOs and university technical groups. WHO could more actively accede its HIV-related activities to UNAIDS and similar world-leading agencies?”

Schools of Public Health in Low and Middle-income Countries: An imperative Investment for Improving the Health of Populations?

Fauziah Rabbani Shipton, Franklin White, Iman Nuwayhid, Leslie London, Abdul Ghaffar, Bui Thi Thu Ha, et al | BioMed Central. Published: 7 September 2016.

Public health has multicultural origins. By the close of the nineteenth century, Schools of Public Health (SPHs) began to emerge in western countries in response to major contemporary public health challenges. The Flexner Report (1910) emphasized the centrality of preventive medicine, sanitation, and public health measures in health professional education. The Alma Ata Declaration on Primary Health Care (PHC) in 1978 was a critical milestone, especially for low and middle-income countries (LMICs), conceptualizing a close working relationship between PHC and public health measures. The Commission on Social Determinants of Health (2005–2008) strengthened the case for SPHs in LMICs as key stakeholders in efforts to reduce global health inequities. This scoping review groups text into public health challenges faced by LMICs and the role of SPHs in addressing these challenges.

Offline: Africa — The Incarceration of a Continent

Richard Horton | The Lancet. Published: 3 September 2016.

What is the future for Africa? A bleak case is made powerfully by Tim Marshall in his book *Prisoners of Geography* (Elliott and Thompson, 2015). His premise is that the land on which we live shapes us all. "The physical realities that underpin national and international politics are too often disregarded", Marshall writes. Geography explains the why of nations. It is the "decisive factor in the course of human history". That truth is the reason geography is ignored by those concerned with improving health.

Knowledge, opinion, and practice of healthcare workers related to infant feeding in the context of HIV

Janse van Rensburg L, Nel R, Walsh C. | Health SA Gesondheid. Published: December 2016.

This study aimed to determine the knowledge, opinions and practices of healthcare workers in maternity wards in a regional hospital in Bloemfontein, Free State Province, South Africa, regarding infant feeding in the context of HIV.

Saving the World's Women from Cervical Cancer

Vien Tsu, José Jerónimo. | The New England Journal of Medicine. Published: 30 June 2016.

No woman should die of cervical cancer in this day and age, yet each year more than 260,000 women do, mostly in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). The dramatic disparity in incidence rates between high- and low-income countries is due primarily to differential access to effective screening and precancer, or preventive, treatment; similar disparities also exist within countries.

Child deaths in South Africa: Lessons from the child death review pilot

Shanaaz Mathews, Lorna J Martin, David Coetzee, Chris Scott, Yasheen Brijmohun | The South African Medical Journal. Published: August 2016.

South Africa (SA) has not met the child mortality target for the Millennium Development Goals, despite having invested substantially in programmes and policies to achieve these targets. The scale-up of the prevention of mother-to-child transmission programmes reduced HIV transmission from mother to child, but this has not been sustained owing to limitations in community-based child health services. Child mortality has declined, but has now plateaued. Children continue to die from preventable and treatable causes of death.

Men, masculinity, and engagement with treatment as prevention in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Natasha Gillespie, Nuala McGrath, Joanna Orne-Gliemann, Thembelihle Zuma | Aids Care. Published: July 2016.

Men's poorer engagement with healthcare generally and HIV care specifically, compared to women, is well-described. Within the HIV public health domain, interest is growing in universal test and treat (UTT) strategies. UTT strategies refer to the expansion of antiretroviral therapy (ART) in order to reduce onward transmission and incidence of HIV in a population, through a "treatment as prevention" (TasP). This paper focuses on how masculinity influences engagement with HIV care in the context of an on-going TasP trial.

United Nations meeting on antimicrobial resistance

Bulletin of the WHO | Published: September 2016.

Dr Abdul Ghafur, a consultant in infectious diseases in Chennai, had become alarmed by the number of multidrug-resistant infections in patients at major hospitals across India. In desperation, he and his colleagues issued the Chennai Declaration in 2012, calling on policy-makers to take action to address the growing problem in India. Four years later little has changed and now they fear that patients in India may be acquiring infections that are resistant to an antibiotic of last resort, colistin.

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RECENT NEWS

‘Strong leadership key to successful NHI’

IOL | Published: 5 September 2016.

Strong leadership and political presence were among the key factors in the implementation of a universal health-care system in the country. In addition to new care models, a sound payment system and empowered citizens, this could lead to the success to the National Health Insurance programme. "There are bold steps to be taken, and with most countries in the world under pressure to provide universal health care, South Africa has many global lessons to learn from," said KPMG chairman and partner of the Global Health Practice, Dr Mark Britnell.

SA’s bold new HIV programme

IOL | Published: 1 September 2016.

The South African government on Thursday started implementing the universal test and treat programme where every HIV positive person is put on treatment regardless of the CD4 cell count.

Moms with HIV set to get connected

Health-e News | Published: 8 September 2016.

From next week, many expectant mothers living with HIV will be able to sign up for, and receive, specialised information about the condition and their pregnancy, and how to prevent infection in their babies, as the Department of Health expands its Mom Connect service.

The female condom showdown: Lovers Plus Inner Condom, the Cupid and the V

Bhekisisa | Published: 6 September 2016.

The South African Department of Health is making female condoms more available. The government has already distributed 26-million of the condoms in this financial year, exceeding its own targets. By March 2017, the country aims to put four-million more femidoms in women’s hands.

Commission hears data on WHO report on high price of hospital care in SA

BDlive | Published: 30 August 2016.

THE Competition Commission’s healthcare market enquiry on Tuesday convened a special session in Pretoria, at which stakeholders were due to give oral presentations in response to a report by the World Health Organisation (WHO). The report concluded that the cost of hospital care in SA was high when measured against GDP per capita and that the driving forces were in-house hospital and specialist fees.

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TRAINING AND RESOURCES

Training for Data Collectors on PEPFAR Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Essential Survey Indicators: Facilitator’s Guide.

Measure Evaluation | Published: 2016.

As part of its monitoring, evaluation and reporting (MER) guidance, the US President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) launched a set of essential indicators for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) programmes. These outcome indicators reflect internationally accepted developmental milestones and collectively measure holistic wellbeing for children and their families over time.

Mom Connect Service

The National Department of Health | Published: 8 August 2016.

Mom Connect delivers text messages to women, with information geared towards their stage of pregnancy – and soon pregnant women with HIV will be able to receive specialised messages.

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PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

Global Health Sector Strategy on Sexually Transmitted Infections 2016-2021: Towards Ending STIs

WHO | Published: June 2016.

This global health sector strategy on sexually transmitted infections describes an important component of the health sector contribution towards the achievement of these targets. It outlines actions for countries and for WHO. If implemented, these actions will accelerate and intensify the sexually transmitted infections response so that progress towards ending the epidemics becomes a reality.

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CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

The Global Health Practitioner Conference 2016

13 - 14 October 2016

Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington DC, USA

<https://conference.coregroup.org/>

59th International Conference on Multidisciplinary Research

9 - 10 November 2016

Cape Town, South Africa

<http://www.academicsera.com/Conference/SouthAfrica/2/ICMRP/>

2016 2nd World Breastfeeding Conference

11 - 14 December 2016

Johannesburg, South Africa

<http://worldbreastfeedingconference.org/home.html>

3rd Building Children's Nursing for Africa Conference

28 - 30 March 2017

The River Club, Cape Town, South Africa

<http://www.buildingchildrensnursing.co.za>

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Health Systems Trust: Monitoring and Evaluation Officers

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Closing date: 23 September 2016

Health Systems Trust: Nurse Mentors

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