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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Tuberculosis and poverty: the contribution of patient costs in sub-Saharan Africa-- a systematic review

Devra M Barter, Stephen O Agboola, Megan B Murray and Till Bärnighausen. BMC Public Health 2012, 12:980. Published: 14 November 2012.

Tuberculosis (TB) is known to disproportionately affect the most economically disadvantaged strata of society. Many studies have assessed the association between poverty and TB, but only a few have assessed the direct financial burden TB treatment and care can place on households...[Read More »](#)

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Context-specific, evidence-based planning for scale-up of family planning services to increase progress to MDG 5: health systems research

Abbey Byrne, Alison Morgan, Eliana Jimenez Soto and Zoe Dettrick. Reproductive Health 2012, 9:27. Published: 12 November 2012.

The barriers to, and successful strategies for, satisfying all demand for modern contraceptives are heavily influenced by context. Successfully overcoming this to increase the uptake of family planning is estimated to reduce the risk of maternal death by up to 58% as well as contribute to poverty reduction, women's empowerment and educational, social and economic participation, national development and environmental protection...

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Preventing preterm births: analysis of trends and potential reductions with interventions in 39 countries with very high human development index

Hannah H Chang MD, Jim Larson BA, Hannah Blencowe MRCPCH, Catherine Y Spong MD, Christopher P Howson PhD, Sarah Cairns-Smith PhD, Eve M Lackritz MD, Shoo K Lee FRCPC, Elizabeth Mason MD, Andrew C Serazin DPhil, Salimah Walani PhD, Prof Joe Leigh Simpson MD, Dr Joy E Lawn MRCP Paeds, on behalf of the Born Too Soon preterm prevention analysis group. The Lancet. Published: 16 November 2012.

The understanding of drivers and potential benefit of preventive interventions for preterm births is poor. We examined trends and estimate the potential reduction in preterm births for countries with very high human development index (VHDI) if present evidence-based interventions were widely implemented. This analysis is to inform a rate reduction target for Born Too Soon...[Read More »](#)

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An evaluation of the prevalence of HIV/AIDS on selected economies of sub-Saharan Africa

Raji Abdulghafar Bello, Gafar Tunde Ijaiya. Journal of Public Health in Africa Vol 3, No 2 (2012). Published: 22 October 2012.

This study has investigated the financial implications of treatment and the DALYs lost to HIV/AIDS from the perspective of sub-Saharan Africa covering thirty-five countries.

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Innovative financing for health: what are the options for South Africa?

Robert J. Fryatt. Journal of Public Health in Africa Vol 3, No 2 (2012). Published: 22 October 2012.

The paper assesses the options for additional innovative financing that could be considered in South Africa, covering both raising new funds and linking funds to results...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

UNAIDS reports a more than 50% drop in new HIV infections across 25 countries as countries approach the 1000 day deadline to achieve global AIDS targets

UNAIDS. Published: 20 November 2012.

A new World AIDS Day report: Results, by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), shows that unprecedented acceleration in the AIDS response is producing results for people. The report shows that a more than 50% reduction in the rate of new HIV infections has been achieved across 25 low- and middle-income countries—more than half in Africa, the region most affected by HIV....[Read More »](#)

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Stigma remains a concern

Health-e News. Published: 21 November 2012.

The world is making significant progress in coming to grips with the HIV epidemic, however in many countries stigma and lack of human rights remain...[Read More »](#)

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Less children HIV infected

Health-e News. Published: 21 November 2012.

South Africa has received global recognition for achieving a significant reduction in the number of children newly infected with HIV.

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Govt on track to reach ARV roll-out target

SANews. Published: 14 November 2012.

South Africa is on track to reach its target of supplying antiretroviral treatment (ARVs) to 2.5 million people by the year 2014, says the Minister of Social Development Bathabile Dlamini...[Read More »](#)

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New Global Fund executive director on the Fund's future

PlusNews. Published: 20 November 2012.

After months of headhunting and interviews, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria has appointed Mark Dybul, former director of the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), as its new executive director...

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HIV: Search for safe contraception receives a boost

Health-e News. Published: 15 November 2012.

Professor Janet Hapgood of the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of Cape Town has received US\$100 000 to pursue research into the best contraception for women at risk of HIV infection...

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Two-thirds of SA women use contraceptives – UN survey

Business Day. Published: 15 November 2012.

Research revealed that just short of two-thirds (60%) of South African girls and women aged 15-49 used modern contraceptives, a rate far higher than the sub-Saharan average of 20% and close to the global average of 57%...

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TB response failing children

Plus News. Published: 16 November 2012.

The global fight against tuberculosis (TB) has failed children: most TB programmes under-diagnose, under-treat or completely leave children with TB out, despite the increase in paediatric TB, and rising numbers of children who are infected with drug-resistant forms of TB strains, according to new research... [Read More »](#)

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Tutu TB research centre wins major award

Health-e News. Published: 13 November 2012.

The Desmond Tutu TB Centre (DTTC) at the University of Stellenbosch received an international award for its groundbreaking research into childhood TB and for its pioneering community-based approaches to TB and HIV care... [Read More »](#)

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Life plans for 1,000 more hospital beds

Business Day. Published: 19 November 2012.

South Africa's second-biggest private hospital group, Life Healthcare, was planning to open 1,000 more beds within the next four years, anticipating growing demand from an increasingly sick population... [Read More »](#)

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Department baffled by vaccination rates

Business Day. Published: 16 November 2012.

The Department of Health on Friday acknowledged it did not know how many babies were unvaccinated because it had only a hazy idea of the size of the population it was targeting. ... [Read More »](#)

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Free health services at stores

IOL. Published: 22 November 2012.

State patients can now access family planning and baby inoculation services free, at certain times, at private pharmacies... [Read More »](#)

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'Students will help NHI rollout after Cuba training'

The New Age. Published: 21 November 2012.

Premier Dr Zweli Mkhize says a group of medical students who left the province for medical training in Cuba will come back and assist with the rollout of the National Health Insurance (NHI) ... [Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

A.U. Launches Website On Maternal, Newborn Survival Program

<http://www.carmma.org>

CARMMA aims to renew and strengthen efforts to save the lives of women who should not have to die while giving life. CARMMA believes in ensuring accountability: every single loss of a mother's or child's life should be reported.

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E-learning Course: Our Cities, Our Health, Our Future: Urban Health

Course dates: 15 April 2013– 5 July 2013 (part-time, approx. 8-10 hours per week)

Deadline: 15 February 2013

This course starts with a discussion of the demographic trends and prospects worldwide with respect to urbanisation and describes the health situation, including the inequalities in health status, of urban populations in developing countries [Click Here>>](#)

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Call for applications: Postdoctoral research position

African Centre for Migration & Society, University of the Witwatersrand

Dates: February 2013- January 2014

Closing date: 7th December 2012

The African Centre for Migration & Society (ACMS) at the University of the Witwatersrand is looking for a postdoctoral researcher to join its 'Illness, Boundaries and Health Systems' team. The position will contribute to a project exploring the impact of migration legislation, trafficking discourses and transnational networks on the feelings of belonging of migrant sex workers (MSWs) in The Netherlands and South Africa [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

Changes to South African Antiretroviral Treatment Guidelines 2012

Kwik Skwiz. Health Systems Trust. Published: 2012.

This issue summarises the changes to the National Antiretroviral Treatment Guidelines. The current guidelines were released in 2010. The changes summarised here were released and implemented in 2012. [Click Here»](#)

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UNAIDS Report on the global AIDS epidemic 2012

UNAIDS. Published: 2012.

Drawing on information provided by countries, this report summarizes the current situation in the effort to reach the 2015 targets set forth in the 2011 Political Declaration. [Click Here»](#)

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Memorandum: Initiation of ARV's to HIV positive children 5 years and under irrespective of CD4 count or WHO clinical staging

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2012.

This is the Department of Health's circular regarding the initiation of ARV's to HIV positive children 5 years and under irrespective of CD4 count and WHO clinical staging. [Click Here»](#)

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Childhood TB from Neglect to Action

ACTION. Published: 2012.

Even though it's preventable and treatable, tuberculosis (TB) is a top ten killer of children worldwide. ACTION has released its second brief on children and TB, issuing recommendations for the international community and affected countries to combat this neglected epidemic. [Click Here»](#)

State of World Population 2012

UNFPA. Published: 2012.

All human beings—regardless of age, sex, race or income—are equal in dignity and rights. Yet 222 million women in developing countries are unable to exercise the human right to voluntary family planning. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

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 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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SOMSA 2012 Congress

When: 4 - 7 December 2012

Venue: St George Hotel, Tshwane

URL: <http://www.midwivessociety.co.za/congress/congress.html>

The Society of Midwives of South Africa (SOMSA) invites you to attend the SOMSA 2012 Congress from 4 - 7 December 2012 in Tshwane, Guateng. The theme of this year's congress is "A new dawn in Midwifery: Seeking new approaches towards 2015 and beyond".

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Global Maternal Health Conference 2013

When: 15-17 January 2013

Venue: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

URL: <http://maternalhealthtaskforce.org/conference/conference-website>

GMHC2013 is a technical conference for scientists, researchers, and policy-makers to network, share knowledge, and build on progress toward eradicating preventable maternal mortality and morbidity by improving quality of 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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Stellenbosch University: South to South Programme for Comprehensive Family HIV Care & Treatment (Tygerberg Campus)

- **HIV/TB Nurse Advisor**
Closing date: 26 November 2012
- **Maternal, Child and Women's Health/PMTCT Clinical Advisor**
Closing date: 30 November 2012

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Senior Specialist Health

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