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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### Equity in financing and use of health care in Ghana, South Africa, and Tanzania: implications for paths to universal coverage

Anne Mills, John E Ataguba, James Akazili, Jo Borghi, Bertha Garshong, Suzan Makawia, Gemini Mtei, Bronwyn Harris, Jane Macha, Filip Meheus, Di McIntyre. *The Lancet, Early Online Publication. Published: 15 May 2012.*

Universal coverage of health care is now receiving substantial worldwide and national attention, but debate continues on the best mix of financing mechanisms, especially to protect people outside the formal employment sector. Crucial issues are the equity implications of different financing mechanisms, and patterns of service use. We report a whole-system analysis – integrating both public and private sectors – of the equity of health-system financing and service use in Ghana, South Africa, and Tanzania...[Read More »](#)

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### Allocating scarce resources strategically - An evaluation and discussion of the Global Fund's pattern of disbursements

David McCoy and Kelvin Kinyua. *PLoS One. 2012; 7(5): e34749. Published: 9 May 2012.*

The Global Fund is under pressure to improve its rationing of financial support. This study describes the GF's pattern of disbursements in relation to total health expenditure (THE), government health expenditure (GHE), income status and the burden of HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria. It also examines the potential for recipient countries to increase domestic public financing for health...[Read More »](#)

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### Challenges in the management of HIV-infected malnourished children in sub-Saharan Africa

Indi Trehan, Bernadette A. O'Hare, Ajib Phiri, and Geert Tom Heikens. *AIDS Res Treat. 2012; 2012: 790786. Published: 1 March 2012.*

Infection with HIV, and oftentimes coinfection with TB, complicates the care of severely malnourished children in sub-Saharan Africa. These superimposed infections challenge clinicians faced with a population of malnourished children for whose care evidence-based guidelines have not kept up...[Read More »](#)

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### The sexual behaviour of adolescents in sub-Saharan Africa: patterns and trends from national surveys

Aoife M. Doyle, Sue Napierala Mavedzenge, Mary L. Plummer, David A. Ross. *Tropical Medicine & International Health Vol. 17, Issue 6. Published: 18 May 2012.*

Using DHS/AIS data (2000–2010), nine indicators of adolescent behaviour and one of adult attitudes towards condom education for adolescents were described for 24 countries. Indicators were disaggregated by gender, urban/rural residency and educational status, and time trends were described...[Read More »](#)

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## Recent News

### **North West: Praise for new clinics**

*The New Age. Published: 14 May 2012*

The communities of Mammutla, near Taung, Tlapeng and Moshwana villages, outside Ganyesa, sang and danced a welcome to a new life of decent health. This was after health MEC Magome Masike officially opened new clinics in the areas...[Read More »](#)

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### **Sama threatens health takeover**

*Business Day. Published: 24 May 2012.*

The Eastern Cape health department yesterday insisted there was no moratorium on filling posts, but conceded it did not have enough budget to hire all the staff it needed. The department's comments came as the South African Medical Association (Sama) threatened to call for the provincial health department to be placed under national administration if the problem of unpaid doctors and community healthcare workers was not resolved within a week...[Read More »](#)

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### **ARV supplies run low across SA**

*IOL. Published: 14 May 2012.*

HIV activists and health workers are demanding an inquiry into shortages of critical antiretrovirals (ARVs) that are central to the government's treatment programme. The shortages endanger the lives of the patients who have been placed on regimens containing these drugs....[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/news/south-africa/arv-supplies-run-low-across-sa-1.1295950> [Accessed: 25 May 2012]

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### **UNAIDS and PEPFAR bring together Health Ministers and partners to advance progress in ending new HIV infections in children**

*UNAIDS. Published: 23 May 2012.*

Ministers of Health and representatives from the 22 countries with the most new HIV infections in children have come together to report on progress towards achieving zero new HIV infections in children by 2015 and find ways of stepping up action...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2012/may/20120523whaq/>[Accessed: 25 May 2012]

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### **South Africa exceeds 2007-11 treatment targets by 50%**

*Aidsmap. Published: 17 May 2012.*

South Africa exceeded national targets for new patients starting antiretroviral treatment (ART) by around 50% between 2007 and 2011 – achieving treatment coverage of close to 80% of eligible adults – according to new research...[Read More »](#)

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### **Northern Cape: HIV fight continues**

*The New Age. Published: 23 May 2012*

A total of 213725 people in the province were tested for HIV between April 2011 and March. During this period,

16053 tested HIV-positive while 24495 have been on ARV treatment since the beginning of the ARV rollout by government...[Read More »](#)

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### **Northern Cape: Mine asked to help NHI**

*The New Age. Published: 22 May 2012.*

The Department of Health has successfully negotiated with one of the large mining houses in the province, Kumba Resources, for a donation to help assist the implementation of National Health Insurance's (NHI's) pilot project...[Read More »](#)

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### **North West to spend R11m on NHI pilot**

*BuaNews. Published: 16 May 2012*

The North West Health Department has allocated an amount of R11.5 million to be spent on a special conditional grant to fund the National Health Insurance (NHI) pilot in Dr Kenneth Kaunda District...[Read More »](#)

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### **Minister checks on preparations for NHI rollout**

*The New Age. Published: 14 May 2012.*

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi has completed a three-day visit to the National Health Insurance (NHI) pilot project in Pixley ka-Seme district, where he met stakeholders and checked preparations for the rollout of NHI in the area...[Read More »](#)

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### **Cancer services take strain in Gauteng**

*Health-e News. Published: 15 May 2012.*

Cancer services in Gauteng are facing an emergency with regular reports of broken equipment, drug stock outs, long waiting lists for treatment and delayed diagnosis...[Read More »](#)

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### **Patents vs access to drugs**

*Health-e News. Published: 14 May 2012.*

Lifesaving drugs under disputed patents could become more easily available in future depending on the outcome of a case before the Supreme Court of Appeal in Bloemfontein...[Read More »](#)

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## **Training and Resources**

### **Research Internship Opportunities**

*School of Public Health, University of the Witwatersrand  
Closing Date: 28 May 2012*

The School of Public Health at the University of the Witwatersrand has the opportunity to host three South African research interns, each for a year, to build their research skills [Click here for more information»](#)

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## **Interactive Impact Modeling Tool**

*International AIDS Vaccine Initiative*

This model predicts the impact that preventive AIDS vaccines could have on HIV epidemics at both national and global levels. Such projections can assist policymakers, vaccine developers, advocates and funders make informed decisions and effective resource allocations. The model shows that a vaccine could avert millions of new HIV infections and play a crucial role in ending the AIDS pandemic, even if current targets for access to HIV prevention, treatment and care are reached before a vaccine is introduced. [Click here to access»](#)

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## **A web-based course for the public health workforce: Roots of health inequality**

*National Institutes of Health*

This course provides an online learning environment from which to explore root causes of inequity in the distribution of disease, illness, and death. Funded by the National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health, its audience is primarily the local public health workforce.... [Click here for more information»](#)

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## **Reports and Publications**

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### **Trends in Maternal Mortality: 1990-2010**

*UNFPA. Published: 2012.*

Globally, the total number of maternal deaths decreased by from 543 000 in 1990 to 287 000 in 2010. Likewise, the global maternal mortality ratio (MMR) declined from 400 maternal deaths per 100 000 live births in 1990 to 210 in 2010, representing an average annual decline of 3.1 per cent... [Click Here»](#)

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### **Africa Human Development Report 2012: Towards a Food Secure Future**

*United Nations Development Programme. Published: 2012.*

The 2012 Human Development Report for Africa explores why dehumanizing hunger remains pervasive in the region, despite abundant agricultural resources, a favorable growing climate, and rapid economic growth rates. [Click Here»](#)

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### **World Health Statistics 2012**

*World Health Organization. Published: 2012.*

World Health Statistics 2012 contains WHO's annual compilation of health-related data for its 194 Member States, and includes a summary of the progress made towards achieving the health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and associated targets.

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### **Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the National Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) Programme on Infant HIV measured at Six Weeks Postpartum in South Africa**

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

Within ten years of implementing the national Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT) programme in South Africa interventions to prevent mother-to-child transmission (MTCT) of HIV are now offered in more than 95% of public antenatal and maternity facilities country-wide.

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### **Gender, Poverty and Environmental Indicators on African Countries**

*African Development Bank. Published: 2012.*

This is the twelfth volume of Gender, Poverty and Environmental Indicators on African Countries published by the Statistics Department of the African Development Bank Group. The publication also provides some information on the broad development trends relating to gender, poverty and environmental issues in the 53 African countries.

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## Conferences

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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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### **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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### **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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## Job Opportunities

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### **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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### **PHC Re-engineering Manager**

*Health Systems Trust*

*Closing date: 31 May 2012*

Health Systems Trust wishes to appoint a PHC Re-engineering Manager to coordinate the PHC Re-engineering in the district and support Operation Sukuma Sakhe in the Zululand District.

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/content/phc-re-engineering-manager>

### **Regional Programme Leader - West Coast Winelands - Western Cape**

*New loveLife Trust*

*Closing date: 31 May 2012*

The New loveLife Trust seeks to appoint a Regional Programmes Leader - Field Services, based in West Coast Winelands, Western Cape.

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/content/regional-programme-leader-west-coast-winelands-western-cape>

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### **Epidemiologist**

*Wits Health Consortium*

*Closing date: 1 June 2012*

The WHC seeks to appoint an Epidemiologist, based in Johannesburg.

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<http://www.hst.org.za/content/epidemiologist>

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