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ACADEMIC AND PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Editorial: HIV funding key for sustainable development

The Lancet | Published: November 2016.

With dire warnings about the state of global financing for the ongoing fight against HIV borne of fears that major donors would begin to scale down and withdraw contributions to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, the news from the fifth Global Fund Replenishment Conference in Montreal, Canada, Sept 15–16 offered a ray of hope. Donors to the Global Fund committed US\$12.9 billion for the period 2017–19, just shy of the \$13 billion the fund had hoped to mobilise.

No one left behind: how are we doing in the roll-out of PrEP as part of combination HIV prevention?

Carlos F Cáceres, Linda-Gail Bekker and Peter Godfrey-Faussett | *Journal of the International AIDS Society* | Published: 18 October 2016.

The 2015 World Health Organization (WHO) Guidelines on when to start antiretroviral (ARV) therapy and on pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV [1] made two landmark recommendations: 1) the offer of ARV treatment to anybody diagnosed with HIV infection, regardless of CD4 levels (i.e. “test and offer”); and 2) the offer of oral HIV PrEP with a tenofovir-containing scheme to any person at substantial risk.

Multi-Level, Multi-Component Approaches to Community Based Interventions for Healthy Living—A Three Case Comparison

Bent Egberg Mikkelsen, Rachel Novotny, Joel Gittelsohn | *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* | Published: 20 October 2016.

There is increasing interest in integrated and coordinated programs that intervene in multiple community

settings/institutions at the same time and involve policy and system changes. The purpose of the paper is to analyse three comparable cases of Multi Level, Multi Component intervention programs (ML-MC) from across the world in order to give recommendations for research, policy and practice in this field.

Community health worker in hard-to-reach rural areas of Myanmar: filling primary health care service gaps

Angkana Sommanustweechai, Weerasak Putthasri, Mya Lay Nwe, Saw Thetlya Aung, Mya Min Theint, Viroj Tangcharoensathien and San Shway Wynn | Human Resources for Health | Published: 21 October 2016.

Myanmar is classified as critical shortage of health workforce. In responses to limited number of trained health workforce in the hard-to-reach and remote areas, the MOH trained the Community Health Worker (CHW) as health volunteers serving these communities on a pro bono basis. This study aimed to assess the socio-economic profiles, contributions of CHW to primary health care services and their needs for supports to maintain their quality contributions in rural hard to reach areas in Myanmar.

Affordability of adult HIV/AIDS treatment in developing countries: modelling price determinants for a better insight of the market functioning

Luis Sagaon-Teyssier, Sauman Singh, Boniface Dongmo-Nguimfack, Jean-Paul Moatti | Journal of the International Aids Society | Published: 21 October 2016.

This study aims to provide a landscape of the global antiretroviral (ARV) market by analyzing the transactional data on donor-funded ARV procurement between 2003 and 2015, and the ARV price determinants.

Accounting for variations in ART program sustainability outcomes in health facilities in Uganda: a comparative case study analysis

Henry Zakumumpa, Modupe Oladunni Taiwo, Alex Muganzi, Freddie Ssengooba | Biomed Central. Published: 18 October 2016.

Uganda implemented a national ART scale-up program at public and private health facilities between 2004 and 2009. Little is known about how and why some health facilities have sustained ART programs and why others have not sustained these interventions. The objective of the study was to identify facilitators and barriers to the long-term sustainability of ART programs at six health facilities in Uganda which received donor support to commence ART between 2004 and 2009.

Barriers and facilitators of interventions for improving antiretroviral therapy adherence: a systematic review of global qualitative evidence

Qingyan Ma, Lai Sze Tso, Zachary C Rich, Brian J Hall, Rachel Beanland, Haochu Li, Mellanye Lackey, Fengyu Hu, Weiping Cai, Meg Doherty, Joseph D Tucker | Journal of the International Aids Society. Published: 17 October 2016.

Qualitative research on antiretroviral therapy (ART) adherence interventions can provide a deeper understanding of intervention facilitators and barriers. This systematic review aims to synthesize qualitative evidence of interventions for improving ART adherence and to inform patient-centred policymaking.

Health system's barriers hindering implementation of public-private partnership at the district level: a case study of partnership for improved reproductive and child health services provision in Tanzania

Denice Kamugumya and Jill Olivier | BioMed Central | Published: 21 October 2016.

Public-private partnership (PPP) has been suggested as a tool to assist governments in lower to middle income countries to fulfil their responsibilities in the efficient delivery of health services. In Tanzania, although the idea of PPP has existed for many years in the health sector, there has been limited coordination, especially at a district level – which has contributed to limited health gains or systems strengthening obviously seen as a result of PPP.

Building the capacity of policy-makers and planners to strengthen mental health systems in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review

Roxanne Keynejad, Maya Semrau, Mark Toynbee, Sara Evans-Lacko, Crick Lund, Oye Gureje, et al | *BioMed Central* | Published: 21 October 2016.

Little is known about the interventions required to build the capacity of mental health policy-makers and planners in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). We conducted a systematic review with the primary aim of identifying and synthesizing the evidence base for building the capacity of policy-makers and planners to strengthen mental health systems in LMICs.

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RECENT NEWS

Press Release: Taking African Science to the World: Knowledge Exchange Visit to UK for SA Women in Science

Newton Fund/British Council | Published: 21 October 2016.

Five South African young female researchers have been given a career building opportunity to meet with leading UK experts in science communication, which include the Royal Society and the British Science Writers Association. The researchers will attend the Best Practice in Science Communication UK study tour from 24-28 October 2016, a culmination of the Women in Science project, which is part of the British Council's Professional Development and Engagement (PDE)

Preventing Mother-To-Child Transmission of HIV

UNAIDS | Published: 24 October 2016.

Over the past five years, there has been a rapid scale-up of services to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV. This has reduced the annual number of new infections among children by 50% worldwide since 2010. Globally, an estimated 77% of pregnant or breastfeeding women living with HIV were receiving antiretroviral medicines to prevent transmission of HIV to their children in 2015, up from 50% in 2010.

Women report experimental vaginal ring for HIV prevention did not negatively affect sexual experience

News Medical | Published: 8 October 2016.

Most women who used an experimental vaginal ring for HIV prevention report that the physical act of sex was largely unaffected by using the product, which is inserted monthly for continuous wear. This finding is among several insights gleaned about experiences of women who used the ring during the ASPIRE study, also known as MTN-020, announced today at the HIV Research for Prevention (HIVR4P) meeting in Chicago.

WHO recommends tax on sugary drinks

Health e-News | Published: 14 October 2016.

The World Health Organization (WHO) this week recommended that governments should tax sugary drinks as part of the global campaign against obesity, type 2 diabetes and tooth decay. South Africa's Treasury plans to introduce a tax on sugary drinks next April, while this week Ireland announced it would also introduce a sugary drinks tax in 2018.

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TRAINING AND RESOURCES

Gender Assessment Tool for National HIV and TB Responses

UNAIDS | Published: 20 August 2016.

This tool, published by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the Stop TB Partnership, is intended to assist countries in assessing their HIV and tuberculosis (TB) epidemics and responses from a gender perspective, to ensure that the responses are gender-sensitive, transformative and effective in responding to HIV and TB. It is also designed to support countries in the submission of

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PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

HPV, HIV and Cervical Cancer: Leveraging Synergies to SA Women's Lives

UNAIDS | Published: 20 July 2016.

This report presents recent scientific evidence about the links between HIV, HPV and cervical cancer, and supplies relevant epidemiological, screening, vaccination and innovation data.

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CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

IFH Durban 40th World Hospital Congress

31 October - 3 November 2016.

International Convention Centre, Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

PE Pain Academy Conference

12 November 2016.

The Boardwalk Convention Centre, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Cape Town 4th International Conference on Medical, Medicine and Health Sciences 2016

3 - 4 November 2016.

The Westin, Cape Town, South Africa

2016 2nd World Breastfeeding Conference

11 - 14 December 2016.

Johannesburg, South Africa

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Technical Advisor (Independent Contractor)

Employer: Health Systems Trust

Closing Date: 28 October 2016

CCMDD Provincial Co-ordinators

Employer: Health Systems Trust

Closing Date: 28 October 2016

CCMDD District Technical Support

Employer: Health Systems Trust

Closing Date: 28 October 2016

Communications Specialist

Employer: Health Systems Trust

Closing Date: 28 October 2016

Junior Administrators

Employer: Health Systems Trust

Closing Date: 8 November 2016

Research Nurse (FRESH project)

Employer: Health Systems Trust

Closing Date: 8 November 2016

Business Development Specialist

Employer: Health Systems Trust

Closing date: 11 November 2016



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