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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### **The health related quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa**

*Robberstad B, Olsen JA. Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation 2010, 8:5.  
Published: 16 April 2010.*

While health outcomes of HIV/AIDS treatments in terms of increased longevity has been the subject of much research, there appears to be very limited research on the improved health related quality of life (HRQL) that can be applied in cost-utility analyses in Africa south of the Sahara (SSA). Most of the literature that exist present HRQL measured by disease specific instruments, but such data is of little use as input to economic evaluations....[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.resource-allocation.com/content/pdf/1478-7547-8-5.pdf> (Size: 226 KB) [Accessed: 21 April 2010]

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### **Experiences in conducting multiple community-based HIV prevention trials among women in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa**

*Ramjee G, Coumi N, Dladla-Qwabe N, Ganesh S, Gappoo S, Govinden R, Guddera V, Maharaj R, Moodley J, Morar N, Naidoo S, Palanee T. AIDS Research and Therapy 2010, 7:10.  
Published: 23 April 2010*

South Africa, with its scientific capacity, good infrastructure and high HIV incidence rates, is ideally positioned to conduct large-scale HIV prevention trials. The HIV Prevention Research Unit of the South African Medical Research Council conducted four phase III and one phase IIb trials of women-initiated HIV prevention options in KwaZulu-Natal between 2003 and 2009. A total of 7046 women participated, with HIV prevalence between 25% and 45% and HIV incidence ranging from 4.5-9.1% per year. Unfortunately none of the interventions tested had any impact on reducing the risk of HIV acquisition; however, extremely valuable experience was gained, lessons learned and capacity built, while the communities gained associated benefits....[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsrestherapy.com/content/7/1/10> [Accessed: 28 April 2010]

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## Educating leaders in hospital management: a new model in sub-Saharan Africa

Kebede S, Abebe Y, Wolde M, Bekele B, Mantopoulos J, Bradley EH. *International Journal for Quality in Health Care* 2010 22(1):39-43.

Published: 1 December 2009.

The vast majority of health system capacity-building efforts have focused on enhancing medical and public health skills; less attention has been directed at developing hospital managers despite their central role in improving the functioning and quality of health-care systems.... [Read More »](#)

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## Recent News

### Mixed reaction to public service appointments

*Business Day*. Published: 23 April 2010

The government yesterday announced a number of senior government and parastatal appointments, including four directors-general, following the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday. Parmosivea Bobby Soobrayan was appointed director-general in the Department of Basic Education, Thabane Zulu was appointed director-general of Human Settlements, Lucas Mahlasela Makhubela that of the Department of Tourism, and Precious Matsoso that of the Department of Health.... [Read More »](#)

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### South Africa redoubles efforts against AIDS

*The New York Times*. Published: 25 April 2010

South Africa, trying to overcome years of denial and delay in confronting its monumental AIDS crisis, is now in the midst of a feverish build-up of testing, treatment and prevention that United Nations officials say is the largest and fastest expansion of AIDS services ever attempted by any nation. The undertaking will be expensive and difficult to pull off, but in the past month alone the government has enabled 519 hospitals and clinics to dispense AIDS medicines, more than it had in all the years combined since South Africa began providing antiretroviral drugs to its people in 2004.... [Read More »](#)

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### WDI 2010 show progress on achieving MDGs

*The Post Online*. Published: 20 April 2010

The World Development Indicators (WDI) 2010 has given a statistical progress toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Briefing the press on the WDI 2010 in Washington DC, World Bank chief economist and senior vice president for development economics Justin Lin said considerable progress had been made towards achieving some of the MDGs.... [Read More »](#)

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## Reports

### Global report on preterm birth and stillbirth: the foundation for innovative solutions and improved outcomes

*The GAPPS Review Group BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth* 2010, 10(Suppl 1):S1 Published: 23 February 2010.

This report provides a comprehensive assessment of what is known, what needs to be known and what can be done to improve pregnancy outcomes. [Click Here for Full Report »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2393/10?issue=S1> [Accessed: 28 April 2010]

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## Publications

### The EU role in global health

*European Commission*. Published: March 2010

Global health is a term for which no single definition exists. It is about worldwide improvement of health, reduction of disparities, and protection against global health threats. Addressing global health requires coherence of all internal and external policies and actions based on agreed principles.. [Click Here for Publication »](#)

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## Conferences

### Eastern Cape health conference - have your say

10 -12 May 2010

URL: <http://www.health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20032757>

There has been a lot of talk about health system reform, including the National Health Insurance (NHI) system. But the voices of ordinary people who use the government clinics and hospitals every day are missing. The Black Sash, University of Cape Town Health Economics Unit and Health-e are hosting the first provincial health conference in Port Elizabeth to make sure the voices of communities are heard.

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## Training and Resources

### Awards for action on HIV/AIDS and human rights

Nominations for the Awards for Action on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights are accepted for any individual or non-profit organisation whose work has directly contributed to addressing HIV/AIDS and human rights issues. Anyone may submit a nomination.

Source: [http://www.aidslaw.ca/EN/about\\_us/what\\_we\\_do/call\\_for\\_nominations.htm](http://www.aidslaw.ca/EN/about_us/what_we_do/call_for_nominations.htm)

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### Contribute to the alternative World Health Report: call for case studies and testimonies

The Global Health Watch requests the submission of country or region specific case studies and testimonies. These case studies and testimonies will form part of the electronic platform of the alternative world health report and selected case studies shall also be incorporated into the final document of Global Health Watch 3 – scheduled for publication in 2011. Please write back to [asengupta@phmovement.org](mailto:asengupta@phmovement.org)

Source: <http://www.ghwatch.org/>

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### Funds for NGOs

Funds for NGOs.org, is an online initiative, working for the sustainability of NGOs by increasing their access to donors, resources and skills. It uses online technologies to spread knowledge about organisational sustainability, promote creative ideas for long-term generation of institutional funds for development interventions, improve professional efforts in resource mobilisation and advocate for increased allocation of donor resources for building the skills and capacities of NGOs.

Source: <http://www.fundsforngos.org/about-us/#ixzz0mO9DVM8a>

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### Spring School 2010: School of Public Health

University of Western Cape  
Date: 6 to 18 September 2010

This year, the series of Short Courses offered by the School will run in September, hence the new name of "Spring School". To secure your place in the interesting course of programmes, book by 25 June 2010. Please access the following link for more information.

Source: <http://tinyurl.com/2bttsbz>

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## Job Opportunities

### Project administrative coordinator

School of Public Health –University of Western Cape  
Closing date: 12 May 2010

The Administrative Coordinator provides administrative and management support to the project through the Management and Monitoring component and reports to the Overall Project Director/ Director of the Centre for HIV and AIDS Research. Located in the UWC Centre for HIV and AIDS Research, the Project Administrative Coordinator holds overall responsibility for the coordination of the project, and works in close collaboration with Project Leaders in the ten sub-projects as well as with the Project Management and Administration teams of the School of Public Health.

Job details: <http://www.hst.org.za/news/20041987>

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### **Monitoring and evaluation officer**

*School of Public Health -UWC*

*Closing date: 12 May 2010.*

The M & E Officer holds responsibility for promoting successful outcomes of the strategic vision of the project, strengthening linkages and learning across projects within the COAG and with other activities in South Africa. The aim is increasingly to move beyond single initiatives to build the foundations for institutionalization, sustainability and context-responsive scale up of the capacity strengthening activities supported through the discrete projects. The M&E strategy led by the M&E officer is an integral part of these efforts to foster linkages and create conditions favourable to sustainability and scale up. Working in close collaboration with Project Leaders, the Project Administrative Coordinator and the Director of the Centre the M and E Officer will pay particular attention at sub-project level to problematic challenges, synergistic collaboration and broadening the involvement and impact of project outcomes.

Job details: <http://www.hst.org.za/news/20041987>

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### **Women and Girls Campaign Coordinator**

*World AIDS Campaign*

*Closing date: 7 May 2010*

We are seeking a Women and Girls Programme Coordinator to take a leadership role in ensuring that women's rights issues are at the centre of the World AIDS Campaign programmes and partnerships. Through this position, we will highlight key human rights issues and significantly contribute to the implementation of UNAIDS Agenda for Accelerated Action on Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV as a fundamental tool to bring together stakeholders and urgently mobilise so that the response to HIV truly responds to the needs of women and girls.

Job details: <http://www.worldaidscampaign.org/en/Women-and-Girls-Campaign-Coordinator>

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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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