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 - Director – South Africa

Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Child Development in Developing Countries Series 2

The Lancet. Published: 23 September 2011.

Four years after The Lancet published a first Series on early child development, the challenge of supporting 200 million children under five years to reach their developmental potential remains. A new Series of two papers and a Comment now documents progress worldwide. The Series aims to identify gaps in implementation and coverage of interventions, calculate the economic costs of missed investment in early learning programmes, and present new evidence on the causes and effects of developmental inequities in early childhood ...[Read More »](#)

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Progress towards Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 on maternal and child mortality: an updated systematic analysis

Rafael Lozano, Haidong Wang, Kyle J Foreman, Julie Knoll Rajaratnam, Mohsen Naghavi, Jake R Marcus, Laura Dwyer-Lindgren, Katherine T Lofgren, David Phillips, Charles Atkinson, Alan D Lopez, Christopher JL Murray. *The Lancet* (11)61337-8. Published: 20 September 2011.

With 4 years until 2015, it is essential to monitor progress towards Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 4 and 5. Although estimates of maternal and child mortality were published in 2010, an update of estimates is timely in view of additional data sources that have become available and new methods developed. Our aim was to update previous estimates of maternal and child mortality using better data and more robust methods to provide the best available evidence for tracking progress on MDGs 4 and 5....[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736%2811%2961337-8/abstract> [Accessed: 28 September 2011]

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The Relationship between Intimate Partner Violence, Rape and HIV amongst South African Men: A Cross-Sectional Study

Rachel Jewkes, Yandisa Sikweyiya, Robert Morrell, Kristin Dunkle. *PLoS ONE* 6(9): e24256. Published: 14 September 2011.

The objective of this study was to investigate the associations between intimate partner violence, rape and HIV among South African men. The study tested the hypotheses that perpetration of physical intimate partner violence and rape were associated with prevalent HIV infections in a cross-sectional household study of 1229 South African men aged 18–49...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0024256> [Accessed: 29 September 2011]

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Exploring antiretroviral treatment adherence in an urban setting in South Africa

Jane Goudge and Bulelwa Ngoma. *Journal of Public Health Policy* (2011) 32, S52–S64. Published: July 2011.

Antiretroviral treatment requires high levels of adherence to be effective. This qualitative study explores the reasons for poor adherence among 22 purposively selected poor urban participants in South Africa. Over a 4-month period in 2009, we prospectively investigated experiences of HIV diagnosis and treatment, adherence, and withdrawal from treatment...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

HIV/AIDS: Setback for PrEP as branch of trial is halted

PlusNews. 29 September 2011.

Hopes for a female-controlled HIV prevention tool have been dealt a blow by the termination of one part of a large African trial after it failed to show effectiveness. But the independent Data and Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) last week recommended that women assigned to the tenofovir tablet should discontinue use because the study would be unable to show a difference in effectiveness between the drug and a placebo. The trial's remaining two parts will continue as planned... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.plusnews.org/report.aspx?reportid=93847> [Accessed: 29 September 2011]

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Moves towards a healthy lifestyle

Health-e News. Published: 19 September 2011.

The National Health Department has taken a tough stand to promote proper and healthy eating habits in an attempt to prolong the life of South Africans. Fast food and alcohol advertisements could soon be a thing of the past, especially during children's television programmes...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.co.za/news/article.php?uid=20033262> [Accessed: 19 September 2011]

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Diseases that are just as serious as HIV/AIDS

Business Day. Published: 23 September 2011.

A UN meeting has finally alerted the world to what SA's medical professionals have long suspected — the burden of cancer, heart disease, diabetes and chronic lung disease is as serious a threat as HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis to social and economic development...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.businessday.co.za/articles/Content.aspx?id=154201> [Accessed: 22 September 2011]

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How the health department has failed SA's women

Mail and Guardian. Published: 23 September 2011.

South Africa's Health Department has "failed women" by not making it easy to access contraception, said Dr Eddie Mhlanga, the department's head of Maternal Child and Women's Health...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2011-09-23-how-the-health-department-has-failed-sas-women/> [Accessed: 24 September 2011]

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Little change in SA's child mortality rate

IOL. Published: 20 September 2011.

South Africa continues to lag behind in reducing the child mortality rate, while poorer or war-torn countries have made more progress than it has in cutting the number of deaths, a UN report has revealed....[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/lifestyle/family/kids/little-change-in-sa-s-child-mortality-rate-1.1141463> [Accessed: 15 September 2011]

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R198m boost for maternal, child health care

Buaneews. Published: 19 September 2011.

The South African Ministry of Health has secured an additional R198 million from the Department for International Development (DFID) in the UK to help the country strengthen maternal and child health service delivery...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.buaneews.gov.za/news/11/11091910051001> [Accessed: 19 September 2011]

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NHI plan needs clarity on the "how"

Health-e. Published: 22 September 2011.

South Africa's healthcare reform is being dissected by private hospitals at its annual conference taking place in Cape Town this week under the banner of "Reform side by side"...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.co.za/news/article.php?uid=20033266> [Accessed: 23 September 2011]

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NHI to cut national spend on health care

IOL. Published: 23 September 2011.

South Africa was spending about 8 percent of its gross domestic product (GDP) on the health sector and this would likely be reduced to around 6 percent once the National Health Insurance (NHI) system was running, Olive Shisana, the chairwoman of the health ministerial advisory committee, said...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/business/business-news/nhi-to-cut-national-spend-on-health-care-1.1143201> [Accessed: 24 September 2011]

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Doctor shortage to hit NHI

IOL. Published: 25 September 2011.

The shortage of doctors is likely to seriously hamper the government's National Health Insurance (NHI) plan, with medical experts saying the country needs to double the number of doctors it trains each year...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/sundayindependent/doctor-shortage-to-hit-nhi-1.1144133> [Accessed: 26 September 2011]

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Introduction of NHI taxes not immediate: Treasury

TimesLive. Published: 23 September 2011.

A tax to fund the government's National Health Insurance system will not be introduced in the short term, deputy director-general public finance in the National Treasury, Andrew Donaldson, was reported as saying this week. The Hospital Association of South Africa (Hasa) said on Friday that Donaldson had indicated that considering South Africa's constrained fiscus it would be difficult to raise additional taxes at this stage...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.timeslive.co.za/politics/2011/09/23/introduction-on-nhi-taxes-not-immediate-treasury> [Accessed: 24 September 2011]

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'Health synergy needs a shot in the arm'

TimesLive. Published: 23 September 2011.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi has presented an olive branch to managers of private hospitals at the Hospital Association of South Africa conference in Cape Town...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.timeslive.co.za/local/2011/09/23/health-synergy-needs-a-shot-in-the-arm> [Accessed: 15 September 2011]

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Disappointing results from two peer education projects in southern Africa

Aidsmap. Published: 20 September 2011.

Two large HIV prevention programmes that recruited people to educate their friends and classmates have both failed to make an impact on sexual behaviour, researchers report in two separate articles published online ahead of print in *AIDS and Behavior*...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://aidsmap.com/Disappointing-results-from-two-peer-education-projects-in-southern-Africa/page/2077261/> [Accessed: 21 September 2011]

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Mobile testing units show success in linking people to HIV care and treatment

Aidsmap. Published: 23 September 2011.

Linkage to facility-based HIV care from a mobile testing unit is feasible, South African researchers report in the advance online edition of the *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://aidsmap.com/Mobile-testing-units-show-success-in-linking-people-to-HIV-care-treatment/page/2083348/> [Accessed: 24 September 2011]

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UNAIDS Executive Director official visit to South Africa

UNAIDS. Published: 28 September 2011.

UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibé started a seven-day visit to South Africa on 27 September which will focus on the country's efforts to ending new HIV infections amongst children by 2015, HIV integration services and bridging the science and implementation divide...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2011/september/20110928mohsa/> [Accessed: 29 September 2011]

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Integrating human rights, gender equality and HIV prevention in national HIV responses

UNAIDS. Published: 27 September 2011.

UNAIDS brought together nearly 60 participants from 12 countries across Eastern and Southern Africa to a 3-day training workshop on expanding human rights, gender and HIV prevention programmes in national responses to HIV. The workshop took place in Johannesburg from 20 – 23 September....[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2011/september/20110927hrnsp/>
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Training and Resources

2012 STARS Impact Awards

STARS Foundation has announced the launch of the 2012 STARS Impact Awards recognising outstanding organisations working in children's health, education and protection. Organisations working with children in Africa, the Middle East, Asia or Pacific are invited to apply. This year, thanks to a partnership with the Ashmore Foundation, STARS is able to increase the number of Awards it intends to offer to 14. Of these, 6 Awards are made up of US\$100,000 of unrestricted funding and additional consultancy support and the other 8 Awards will range in value from US\$15,000 to US\$60,000.

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New web-based tool to help combat malnutrition

WHO launched a new web-powered initiative that clarifies guidance on life-saving nutrition interventions, and assists governments and healthcare providers to better scale up action against all forms of malnutrition. The WHO e-Library of Evidence for Nutrition Actions (eLENA) prioritizes and presents the latest advice on tackling the three main forms of malnutrition: undernutrition, vitamin and mineral deficiencies, and overweight and obesity.

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WHO database: outdoor air pollution in cities

The database contains results of urban outdoor air pollution monitoring from almost 1100 cities in 91 countries. Air quality is represented by annual mean concentration of fine particulate matter.

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Reports and Publications

Closing the gap: Policy into practice on social determinants of health

Discussion Paper. WHO. Published: September 2011.

The Discussion Paper will inform proceedings at the World Conference on Social Determinants of Health about how countries can implement action on social determinants of health, including the recommendations of the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health...[Click Here for Full Report »](#)

Source: http://www.who.int/sdhconference/discussion_paper/en/ [Accessed: 29 September 2011]

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No child out of reach. Time to end the health worker crisis

Save the Children. Published: September 2011.

Health workers are undoubtedly the most important resource that we have in providing and improving the health and chances of survival of children, mothers and their families. In this new report, entitled "No Child out of reach - time to end the health worker crisis", Save the Children calls for urgent action to tackle the problem of the global health worker shortage and to firmly raise the issue on the international agenda. The report highlights the extent of the problem and how the most vulnerable children are denied access to healthcare services and trained healthcare professionals due to a massive shortfall of health workers in some of the poorest countries in the world.. [Click Here for Full Report »](#)

Source: <http://resourcecentre.savethechildren.se/content/library/documents/no-child-out-reach-time-end-health-worker-crisis>

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2012 World Development Report on Gender Equality and Development

Save the Children. Published: September 2011.

The 2012 World Development Report on Gender Equality and Development finds that women's lives around the world have improved dramatically, but gaps remain in many areas. The authors use a conceptual framework to examine progress to date, and then recommend policy actions....[Click Here for Full Report »](#)

Source: <http://www.worldbank.org/wdr2012> [Accessed: 28 September 2011]

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Analysing Commitments to Advance the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health

PMNCH, WHO. Published: September 2011.

This report seeks to further our collective understanding of the current Global Strategy commitments, facilitating more effective advocacy to advance the Every Woman, Every Child effort, as well as greater accountability in line with the recommendations of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health....[Click Here for Full Report »](#)

Source: http://www.who.int/pmnch/topics/part_publications/2011_pmnch_report/en/index.html
[Accessed: 25 September 2011]

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Better information for better mental health. Developing Mental Health Information Systems in Africa

Briefing document.

The Mental Health and Poverty Project (MHaPP) is a 5- year study of mental health policy development and implementation in four African countries: Ghana, South Africa, Uganda and Zambia. Following broad situation analyses in each of the four countries, three areas of intervention were identified... [Click Here for Full Report »](#)

Source: http://www.dfid.gov.uk/R4D/PDF/Outputs/MentalHealth_RPC/MHPB12.pdf [Accessed: 15 September 2011]

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Conferences

Disability and citizenship In South Africa : A public debate and seminar series

Disablist Hate Crimes and Violence: New Oppressions or Changing Sensibilities?'

Venue: River Club, Observatory.

Date: 19:00 – 21:00, 6 October 2011

URL: <http://www.hst.org.za/events/disability-and-citizenship-south-africa-public-debate-and-seminar-series-disablist-hate-crime>

An invitation to attend a discussion organized by Stellenbosch University and the UN special rapporteur on disability as part of our seminar series on disability and citizenship on 6th Oct 2011. The focus is on hate crimes against disabled people. The speaker will be Prof Alan Roulstone from the University of Northumbria who has written a book on the subject and our discussant Ms Vuyisa Kama. All researchers and activists working in the area of alleviating hate crimes in SA (e.g. corrective rape) are encouraged to attend the discussion.

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Climate and Health Summit

Venue: Tropicana Hotel, Durban, South Africa.

Date: December 4 2011.

URL: <http://climateandhealthcare.org/action/climate-and-health-summit/>

On December 4, 2011, Health Care Without Harm is co-organizing the First Climate and Health Summit, which will take place parallel to the UNFCCC meetings at the Tropicana Hotel in Durban, South Africa. The event will bring key health sector actors from around the world together to discuss the impacts of climate change on public health and solutions that promote greater health, as well as economic equity between and within nations.

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2011 Gender Symposium

When: 1-3 November 2011

Venue: Cairo, Egypt

URL: <http://www.codesria.org>

In line with its mandate to promote high-level scientific and academic debates on various aspects of socioeconomic development in Africa, the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) hereby announces the 2011 edition of its Gender Symposium which will be held from 1st to 3rd November, 2011 in Cairo, Egypt. The Gender Symposium is a forum organized annually by CODESRIA to discuss gender issues in Africa, and the theme of this year's edition is Gender and the Media in Africa.

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7th PHASA 2011 Conference

When: 28 - 30 November 2011

Venue: Sandton Convention Centre, Gauteng, South Africa

URL: <http://www.phasaconference.org.za/index.html>

The 2011 PHASA conference will have as its focus, a scientific debate and discussion on health inequities and the role of public health leadership, education and practice in reducing health equity gaps. The theme of the conference is "Closing the health equity gap: Public health leadership, education and practice". An exciting programme of local and international speakers is being put together. Speakers will include policy-makers, leading local and international academics and representatives of international organizations.

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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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International GBV Project Co-ordinator to coordinate UN Tru

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