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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### Developing the African national health research systems barometer

*Joses Muthuri Kirigia, Martin Okechukwu Ota, Flavia Senkubuge, Charles Shey Wiysonge and Bongani M. Mayosi. Health Research Policy and Systems. Journal of the International AIDS Society. Published: 30 June 2016.*

A functional national health research system (NHRS) is crucial in strengthening a country's health system to promote, restore and maintain the health status of its population. Progress towards the goal of universal health coverage in the post-2015 sustainable development agenda will be difficult for African countries without strengthening of their NHRS to yield the required evidence for decision-making. [Read More »](#)

Source: <https://health-policy-systems.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12961-016-0121-4> [Accessed: 05 August 2016]

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**Transactional sex among young women in rural South Africa: prevalence, mediators and**

### **association with HIV infection**

*Meghna Ranganathan, Lori Heise, Audrey Pettifor, Richard J Silverwood, Amanda Selin, Catherine MacPhail, et al. Journal of the International AIDS Society. Published: 27 July 2016.*

Young adolescent women in sub-Saharan Africa are three to four times more likely to be HIV-positive than boys or men. One of the relationship dynamics that is likely to be associated with young women's increased vulnerability to HIV is transactional sex. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.jiasociety.org/index.php/jias/article/view/20749>[Accessed: 05 August 2016]

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### **Aspirations and realities in a North-South partnership for health promotion: lessons from a program to promote safe male circumcision in Botswana**

*Masego Katsi, Marguerite Daniel, Maurice B. Mittelmark. Globalization and Health. Published: 28 July 2016.*

International donors support the partnership between the Government of Botswana and two international organisations: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Africa Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Partnership to implement Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision with the target of circumcising 80% of HIV negative men in 5 years. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s12992-016-0179-3> [Accessed: 05 August 2016]

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### **Seasonality and Trend Forecasting of Tuberculosis Prevalence Data in Eastern Cape, South Africa, Using a Hybrid Model**

*Adeboye Azeez , Davies Obaromi , Akinwumi Odeyemi , James Ndege and Ruffin Muntabayi. International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health. Published: 26 July 2016.*

Tuberculosis (TB) is a deadly infectious disease caused by Mycobacteria tuberculosis. Tuberculosis as a chronic and highly infectious disease is prevalent in almost every part of the globe. More than 95% of TB mortality occurs in low/middle income countries. In 2014, approximately 10 million people were diagnosed with active TB and two million died from the disease. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/13/8/757>[Accessed: 05 August 2016]

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### **Developing a mHealth intervention to promote uptake of HIV testing among African communities in the conditions: a qualitative study**

*C. Evans, K. Turner, L. S. Suggs, A. Occa, A. Juma and H. Blake. BioMed Central. Published: 28 July 2016*

HIV-related mHealth interventions have demonstrable efficacy in supporting treatment adherence, although the evidence base for promoting HIV testing is inconclusive. Progress is constrained by a limited understanding of processes used to develop interventions and weak theoretical underpinnings. [Read More »](#)

Source: <https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-016-3278-4>[Accessed: 05 August 2016]

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### **Perception of quality of health delivery and health insurance subscription in Ghana**

*Joshua Amo-Adjei , Prince Justin Anku, Hannah Fosuah Amo, Mavis Osei Effah. BioMed Central. Published: 29 July 2016.*

National health insurance schemes (NHIS) in developing countries and perhaps in developed countries as well is a considered a pro-poor intervention by helping to bridge the financial burden of access to quality health care. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s12913-016-1602-4?view=classic>[Accessed: 05 August 2016]

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### **Global Forum 2015 dialogue on "From evidence to policy - thinking outside the box": perspectives to improve evidence uptake and good practices in the African Region**

*Joses Muthuri Kirigia, Charles Ok Pannenborg, Luis Gabriel Cuervo Amore, Hassen Ghannem, Carel Jsselmuiden and Juliet Nabyonga-Orem. BioMed Central. Published: 18 July 2016.*

The Global Forum 2015 panel session dialogue entitled "From evidence to policy - thinking outside the box" was held on 26 August 2015 in the Philippines to debate why evidence was not fully translated into policy and practice and what could be done to increase its uptake. [Read More »](#)

Source: <https://bmchealthservres.biomedcentral.com/>[Accessed: 05 August 2016]

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## Recent News

### **Next HIV plan needs to be based on latest evidence in HIV and AIDS**

*Health-e News. Published: 29 July 2016.*

We are on the brink of getting a new National Strategic Plan (NSP) for HIV, TB and STIs, and it is vital that the new plan avoids the mistakes of the past. [Read More »](#)

Source: <https://www.health-e.org.za/2016/07/29/notes-next-national-strategic-plan/>[Accessed: 05 August 2016]

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### **Aids research: High risk, top science.**

*Financial Mail. Published: 29 July 2016.*

SA is at the epicentre of the global HIV/Aids epidemic, and its scientists are at the very heart of the quest to stop it in its tracks. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.financialmail.co.za/features/2016/07/29/aids-research-high-risk-top-science>[Accessed: 05 August 2016]

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### **Family planning is a key development goal that needs greater investment**

*The Guardian. Published: 1 August 2016.*

Family planning is much more than a vital health and human rights intervention Investments in voluntary family planning are also investments in sustainable development, and therefore should be of as much of concern to ministers of finance as to ministers of health. [Read More »](#)

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/>[Accessed: 05 August 2016]

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### **AIDS2016: 20% of adults refuse HIV treatment**

*IOL. Published: 21 July 2016.*

Perceptions of their own health can lead people living with HIV to refuse treatment, a South African study has found. Over 1 000 people were enrolled in the study, conducted in Gugulethu and Soweto, which mapped their health over a six-month period. The average age of participants was 35 and 57 percent were unemployed. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/news/special-features/aids2016-20-of-adults-refuse-hiv-treatment-2048075>  
[Accessed: 05 August 2016]

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### **AIDS2016: HIV and hypertension a growing problem**

*IOL. Published: 22 July 2016.*

Three-quarters of people on antiretroviral treatment at a clinic in Khayelitsha were also being treated for hypertension. Yet there is not enough information about how HIV and common non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as hypertension and diabetes interact, or how medicines to treat them interact. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/news/special-features/>[Accessed: 05 August 2016]

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### **AIDS2016: How a rural community helps each other stay on HIV treatment**

*Bhekisisa. Published: 21 July 2016.*

An adherence club helped almost all patients stay on their treatment. It is mid-morning in the small town of Eshowe in Zululand. A group of women sit in a queue in front of King Dinizulu clinic. Next to the clinic, rows of yellow ANC posters with the smiling face of President Jacob Zuma are lined up along the netball court in front of the community hall. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://bhekisisa.org/article/>[Accessed: 05 August 2016]

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## Research charities help marry two major South African HIV/tuberculosis institutes

Science. Published: 18 July 2016.

As the International AIDS Conference kicked off in Durban, South Africa, today, two of the nation's most prominent biomedical research institutions announced that they will marry and combine resources to attack the raging coepidemic of tuberculosis (TB) and HIV in the region. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2016/07/>[Accessed: 05 August 2016]

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## Training and Resources

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### Short course: Facilitating and Leading Quality Improvement in Healthcare

When: 22 - 24 August 2016.

Stellenbosch University/ Centre for Health Systems and Services Research, Division of Community Health. [Click Here»](#)

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### Lecture Series: Ebola, Zika & Zoonotic Disease Threats in Africa

The Brenthurst Foundation.

When: 16, 17 and 24 August 2016.

Professor Janusz Paweska of the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) will present the main findings of the Brenthurst Foundation Special Report 'Unnecessary Ebola-Related Deaths' by Helen Epstein and especially the aspects on the West African Ebola outbreak response in which he was directly involved. [Click Here»](#)

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## Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

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### HIV prevention among adolescent girls and young women

UNAIDS. Published: 19 July 2016.

The number of new HIV infections among adolescent girls and young women in sub-Saharan Africa remains exceptionally high. In 2015, 450 000 [380 000-530 000] new infections occurred among adolescent girls and young women aged 15 to 24 years, which translates into approximately 8600 new infections per week (1). UNAIDS, its Cosponsors and its partners-including civil society and young people themselves-consider it a top priority to accelerate HIV prevention programming among adolescent girls and young women in line with respecting, protecting and fulfilling their rights and promoting gender equality. [Click Here»](#)

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## Conferences and Events

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### World Nutrition Congress

When: 30 August - 2 September 2016

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.wncapetown2016.com/>

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### Public Health Association of South Africa 2016 Conference

When: 19 - 22 September 2016

Venue: East London Convention Centre

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### 4th International Conference on HIV/AIDS, STDs and STIs

When: 3 - 5 October 2016

Venue: Orlando, Florida, USA

URL: <http://hiv-aids-std.conferenceseries.com/>

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### 8th World Health Summit 2016

When: 9 - 11 October 2016  
Venue: Berlin, Germany  
URL: <http://www.worldhealthsummit.org/about-whs/>

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### **Fourth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research**

When: 14 - 18 November 2016  
Venue: Vancouver, Canada  
URL: <http://www.csih.org/en/events/fourth-global-symposium-on-health-systems-research/>

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### **2016 International Leadership in Healthcare Conference**

When: 27 - 30 November 2016  
Venue: Cape Sun International Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa  
URL: <http://leadership2016.co.za>

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## **Job Opportunities**

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### **Health Policy Analyst (Pretoria)**

Closing date: 12 August 2016  
Please view our website for more details  
<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/health-policy-analyst-pretoria>

### **Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation: HCT Counsellor**

Closing date: 9 August 2016  
Please view our website for more details  
<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/hct-counsellor>

### **Save the Children South Africa: Child Protection Project Manager**

Closing date: 12 August 2016  
Please view our website for more details  
<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/child-protection-project-manager>

### **PhD-fellowships: West and Central African partnership for Health Policy and Systems strengthening to support Maternal, New born, Child and Adolescent Health**

Closing date: 30 September 2016  
Please view our website for more details  
<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/phd-research-fellowship>

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