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ACADEMIC AND PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Attack rate, case fatality rate and determinants of measles infection during a measles outbreak in Ethiopia: systematic review and meta-analysis

BMC Infectious Diseases | 2 November 2023

Mengistie Kassahun Tariku, Daniel Tarekegn Worede, Abebe Habtamu Belete, Simachew Animen Bante & Sewnet Wongiel Misikir

Although Ethiopia is working towards measles elimination, a recurrent measles outbreak has occurred. To take appropriate measures, previously, many fragmented and inconsistent outbreak investigations were done, but there is no consolidated evidence on attack rate, case fatality rate, and determinants of measles infection during the measles outbreak. This systematic review and meta-analysis aimed to identify cumulative evidence on attack rate, case fatality rate, and determinants of measles infection during the outbreak.

Building an HIV Learning Health Care Community for Youth in Florida: Opportunities and Challenges

AIDS and Behavior | 3 November 2023

Iván C. Balán, Andrea Cheshure, Sara Green, Karin Coyle, Christa Cook, et al.

In Florida, 33% of new HIV infections among men and 21% of new infections among women are among those younger than 29 years of age. We describe the development of a Learning Health Care Community for youth (Y-LHCC) in Orange County, FL. Its core implementation team (iTeam) was composed of representatives from community agencies and academics, whose work was informed by data from the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) and regional research, in-depth interviews (IDIs) with agency representatives, and a pilot implementation of Tailored Motivational Interviewing (TMI) to improve service provision.

Symptomatic MERS-CoV infection reduces the risk of future COVID-19 disease; a

retrospective cohort study

BMC Infectious Diseases | 3 November 2023

Aiman El-Saed, Fatmah Othman, Henry Baffoe-Bonnie, Rawabi Almulhem, Muayed Matalqah, et al.

The general human immune responses similarity against different coronaviruses may reflect some degree of cross-immunity, whereby exposure to one coronavirus may confer partial immunity to another. The aim was to determine whether previous MERS-CoV infection was associated with a lower risk of subsequent COVID-19 disease and its related outcomes.

Strategies to improve the care of older adults 50 years and above living with HIV in Uganda

Aids Research and Therapy | 4 November 2023

Scovia Nalugo Mbalinda, Derrick Amooti Lusota, Martin Muddu, David Musoke & Mathew Nyashanu, et al.

With effective antiretroviral therapy (ART), many persons living with HIV (PLHIV) live to old age. Caring for aged PLHIV necessitates the engagement of caregivers and patients to establish agreed-upon goals of treatment. However, there is limited literature on friendly and centered models of care for elderly PLHIV. We explored strategies to improve care in HIV clinics among PLHIV aged 50 years and above in Uganda.

Uptake of retroviral pre-exposure prophylaxis and its associated factors among female sex workers, Northwest Ethiopia

Aids Research and Therapy | 5 November 2023

Belayneh Fentahun Shibesh, Aragaw Bitew Admas, Amarech Wondie Lake, Samuel Befekadu Getu & Daniel Tarekegn Worede

Pre-exposure prophylaxis is the use of antiretroviral medications by HIV-negative individuals to prevent infection before exposure. Ethiopia has made progress in reducing new HIV infections, but the burden remains high with ongoing challenges in prevention uptake. This study examined the utilization and factors associated with pre-exposure prophylaxis among female sex workers.

Sero-prevalence of syphilis infection among people living with HIV in Sierra Leone: a cross-sectional nationwide hospital-based study

BMC Infectious Diseases | 6 November 2023

Darlinda F. Jiba, Sulaiman Lakoh, Shuchao Wang, Wei Sun, Umu Barrie, et al.

Globally, there were an estimated 7.1 million new syphilis infections in 2020, with more than 30% of these new infections reported in African countries such as Sierra Leone. Despite this, there is no HIV-specific syphilis screening program in Sierra Leone. Thus, data are needed to inform public health practice. In this study, we aimed to determine the prevalence of syphilis seropositivity and factors associated with syphilis seropositivity among people living with HIV (PLHIV).

Diabetes mellitus and latent tuberculosis infection: an updated meta-analysis and systematic review

BMC Infectious Diseases | 7 November 2023

Guozhong Zhou, Xin Guo, Shunli Cai, Yu Zhang, Yuanyuan Zhou, et al.

Previous studies have demonstrated an association between diabetes mellitus (DM) and latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI). This study was conducted to update the current understanding of the association between DM and LTBI. By conducting a systematic review and meta-analysis using adjusted odds ratios (aOR) or risk ratios (aRR), we aimed to further explore the association between DM and LTBI and provide essential reference for future research.

Maternal Perception, Hesitancy, and Satisfaction Toward Childhood Immunization in Primary Health Centers, Hafr Al-Batin: A Multicenter Cross-Sectional Study from Eastern Saudi Arabia

Thirunavukkarasu A, Falji A Alanazi M, Al-Hazmi AH, Farhan ALruwaili B, Awad Alsaidan A, et al

Dove Press | 8 November 2023

Consumer perception of and satisfaction with vaccination services is a critical and commonly used indicator for evaluating the quality of services provided by concerned authorities. The present survey assessed maternal perceptions, hesitancy, satisfaction, and factors associated with childhood immunization services provided at the primary health centers (PHCs) of eastern Saudi Arabia.

Self-rated health impact of COVID 19 confinement on inmates in Southeastern of Europe: a qualitative study

BMC Public Health | 8 November 2023

Raquel Sánchez-Recio, Mario Samper-Pardo, Rebeca Llopis-Lambán, Bárbara Oliván-Blázquez, Marta Cerdan-Bernad et al.

The COVID-19 pandemic necessitated the implementation of various measures within closed institutions like prisons to control the spread of the virus. Analyzing the impact of these measures on the health of inmates is crucial from a public health perspective. This study aimed to explore inmates' subjective perception of the COVID-19 lockdown, the implemented measures, their physical self-perception, and their views on the vaccination process.

Disease awareness and healthcare utilization in rural South Africa: a comparative analysis of HIV and diabetes in the HAALSI cohort

BMC Public Health | 8 November 2023

Erika T. Beidelman, Till Bärnighausen, Coady Wing, Stephen Tollman, Meredith L. Phillips et al

Studies from rural South Africa indicate that people living with HIV (PLHIV) may have better health outcomes than those without, potentially due to the frequent healthcare visits necessitated by infection. Here, we examined the association between HIV status and healthcare utilization, using diabetes as an illustrative comparator of another high-burden, healthcare-intensive disease.

Factors affecting quality of life in women with breast cancer: a path analysis

BMC Women's Health | 8 November 2023

Farnaz Faroughi, Azita Fathnezhad-Kazemi & Parvin Sarbakhsh

Breast cancer may negatively affect people's quality of life. We investigated the predictors of quality of life in women with breast cancer with the mediating role of resilience.

Status of common sexually transmitted infection in population referred for colposcopy and correlation with human papillomavirus infection

BMC Women's Health | 8 November 2023

Disi A, Jiayue Li, Dai Zhang, Bingbing Xiao & Hui Bi

To investigate the prevalence of common sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and the association of STI/human papillomavirus co-infection in young and middle-aged women with previous abnormal cervical findings referred for colposcopy.

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RECENT PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

GNP+ applauds 'Put People First!' theme for 25th International AIDS Conference

Aidsmap | 2 November 2023

The International AIDS Society this week announced the theme of the 25th International AIDS Conference, and The Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+) is ecstatic! The theme "Put

People First!," deeply connects with our core values and mission, and passionately believe that it holds immense respect for the role of people living with HIV, Key and Vulnerable Populations in advancing the global response. "Put people first is not just a slogan; it is a fundamental principle that should guide every aspect of the conference and be part of our daily work all over the world," says Florence Riako Anam, GNP+ Co-Executive Director. As representatives of people living with HIV, we are looking forward to witnessing this theme translate into concrete actions and outcomes that will significantly benefit our community in meaningful ways.

Researchers launch first study of a vaginal film that dissolves in 30 days to assess its acceptability as a potential HIV prevention method for women

Eurekalert | 2 November 2023

A vaginal film designed to slowly dissolve over the course of 30 days is being put to the test for the first time in a study launched this week that aims to determine its feasibility and acceptability as a potential HIV prevention method for women. The study, which is being conducted in the United States and Africa by MATRIX, a United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded project focused on the early research and development of innovative HIV prevention products for women, will help inform the final design of a monthly film containing the antiretroviral (ARV) drug dapivirine. The monthly dapivirine film is one of nine products being developed under MATRIX, which also includes a dual-purpose monthly film containing both dapivirine and a hormonal contraceptive to prevent pregnancy.

Progress Against HIV and AIDS Is Fragile

Poz | 2 November 2023

As we mark the 35th annual World AIDS Day, commemorated annually on December 1, we find that we have made great strides in the fight to end the global HIV epidemic. However, we still have a long way to go until all countries affected reach levels of HIV diagnoses, treatment and undetectability high enough to essentially halt new infections. Moreover, although we've made tremendous gains in delivering safe, effective and easy-to-take prevention and treatment methods globally, we're still likely years away from a vaccine and a cure—the two elements that would bring the epidemic to a true end.

In Kenya, emotional violence, mental health found as key obstacles to lifesaving HIV treatments for young females

Medical Xpress | 2 November 2023

In sub-Saharan Africa, where HIV/AIDS is a leading cause of death for adolescent girls and young women, antiretroviral therapy (ART) treatments are critical to saving lives and preventing the disease from spreading. Yet many HIV-positive teenage girls and young women don't stick with these life-saving treatments.

How can more men be encouraged to share their HIV status with pregnant partners?

Be In The Known | 3 November 2023

A South African study has found more than a quarter of pregnant women do not know if their partner has HIV or not, and are less likely to know if they live separately or the pregnancy is unplanned. What is the research about? The research looked at the proportion of pregnant women that know their male partner's HIV status, and the factors that might make it less likely for male partners to share their status. Researchers surveyed around 2,000 women who were using antenatal services in six South African districts. They also held focus groups with women and male partners.

Jamie Lee Curtis and Ryan Murphy to Bring an AIDS Story to the Screen

Poz | 3 November 2023

Jamie Lee Curtis, who won an Oscar this year for her role in *Everything Everywhere All at Once*, is currently gracing the cover of the national LGBTQ publication *The Advocate* for a profile titled "A Mother's Nature: Jamie Lee Curtis Is Our Advocate of the Year." The obvious reason for the accolade is that Curtis, 64, has been a vocal champion of her trans daughter, Ruby, and the transgender community. But read the

interview and you'll learn that Curtis has a long history of supporting the HIV and LGBTQ communities.

New drug offers hope against untreatable gonorrhoea

Spotlight | 3 November 2023

Newly announced results of a pivotal phase 3 trial have demonstrated the effectiveness of a new one-dose treatment for gonorrhoea. The medicine, called zoliflodacin, is the first new drug developed to treat gonorrhoea in over 30 years. More than half of the 930 patients included in the trial were from South Africa, including women, adolescents, and people living with HIV. Zoliflodacin, which was shown to be non-inferior to (as good as) the currently used treatment in treating uncomplicated gonorrhoea, provides an important new tool to combat rising rates of drug resistant gonorrhoea. It was found to be generally well tolerated and there were no serious adverse events or deaths recorded in the trial. So far, only top line results have been shared in a media release and the findings have not yet been published in a medical journal. (You can see some technical details of the study design on [ClinicalTrials.gov](https://clinicaltrials.gov))

Women with HIV have three times the risk of cervical cancer, large South African study shows

Aidsmap | 6 November 2023

A South African study of more than 500,000 women has shown that women with HIV have approximately three times higher incidence of cervical cancer than women without HIV despite very high antiretroviral coverage. As reported in the *International Journal of Cancer*, women with HIV developed cervical cancer at a younger age than other women. HIV contributes to the development of cervical cancer through immunosuppression, which reduces the ability of the immune system to clear cells infected with cancer-causing strains of human papillomavirus (HPV). HIV also promotes the expression of numerous proteins of cancer-causing strains of HPV. Women living with HIV have a higher risk of acquiring HPV and of experiencing persistent infection with cancer-causing strains of HPV. Women with HIV also experience faster development of pre-cancerous changes in the cervix and faster development of cervical cancer.

Stigma Could Affect Mothers Disclosing HIV Status to Children

AJMC | 4 November 2023

HIV stigma was found to be associated with lower odds of mothers in the United States disclosing their HIV status to their children, according to a study published in *Journal of the International AIDS Society*. Stigma toward HIV is defined in this study as negative, judgmental, or discriminatory attitudes toward people living with HIV (PLWH), and has a known association with barriers to optimal care. Serostatus disclosure to others is also linked to stigma around the disease, especially when parental disclosure is a challenge. The present study aimed to evaluate the association of internalized stigma for HIV and the disclosure of HIV serostatus to children perinatally exposed to HIV but uninfected (CHEU) who are aged 0 to 17 years and enrolled in the Surveillance Monitoring for Antiretroviral Therapy Toxicities (SMARTT) were included in the study.

Indian partners reflect on a year after sex workers' human rights affirmed

UNAIDS | 5 November 2023

In 2022, the Indian Supreme Court ruled that sex workers were covered by Article 21 of the Constitution which assures every person the right to life. It recognized that sex workers are entitled to equal protection under the law. The court instructed both central and state governments that sex workers should not be arrested, penalised, harassed or victimised during brothel raids. (Running a brothel is illegal in India. Individual sex work is not.) Nor should the possession of condoms and other safer sex commodities be treated as evidence of an offence. And the police should be sensitised to the community's rights. Moreover, the court also stressed the vital need to uphold the basic protection of human decency for the children of sex workers who, "bearing the brunt of social stigma... are removed to the fringes of the society, deprived of their right to live with dignity". This ruling will help ensure that the children of sex workers can access essential services, including healthcare and education.

Threats to Ukrainians With HIV

Poz | 6 November 2023

In February 2022, air raid sirens rang out ominously in cities and towns all over Ukraine. As a fusillade of Russian bombs showered Ukraine, the world watched horrified as Russian tanks rolled across the Ukrainian border and onto Kyiv, the capital city. The Russian army hoped to quickly decapitate the Ukrainian government and basically take over the whole country.

No Longer a Death Sentence, HIV Diagnosis Still Hits Hard

Medscape | 6 November 2023

Veronica Brady and her team at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston sat down with 37 people diagnosed with HIV or AIDS to ask them what that felt like. "The results were really eye-opening, and sad," says Brady, PhD, RN, from the Cizik School of Nursing with UTHealth. Many of the people Brady and her team spoke with were diagnosed through routine or random testing. They ranged in age from 21 years to 65 and said they did not know how they had been infected and felt shocked, freaked out, scared, and in a state of disbelief.

More people living longer with HIV/Aids in China, figures show

Guardian | 7 November 2023

The prevalence of HIV/Aids in China has surged in the past 20 years, as improved treatment means people are living longer with the disease, according to official data. Figures published in October by China's Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) showed that between 2002 and 2021, the prevalence rate of reported HIV/Aids cases rose from 1.09 per 100,000 people to 79.62, an increase of more than 7,000%. Improved treatment as well as better access to testing have contributed to the soaring prevalence rates, even as the mortality rate for HIV/Aids also increased for much of that period.

Inhaled monoclonal antibodies found to be protective against COVID-19, show promise for at-home aerosolized therapy

Medical Xpress | 7 November 2023

Another at-home treatment option for the flu and other respiratory illnesses is closer to becoming a reality, thanks to new research that found inhaled, monoclonal antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 significantly reduced COVID-19 disease in nonhuman primates. The study, published in the journal *Nature Communications*, shows the amount of infectious SARS-CoV-2 in the lungs of rhesus macaques that breathed in aerosolized antibodies was up to 10,000 times less than control animals that were given control antibodies.

DIABETES-RELATED DEATHS MORE THAN DOUBLED IN THE PAST DECADE

Health-e News | 7 November 2023

Deaths due to non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are on the rise in South Africa. The increase in these deaths is particularly startling because, overall South Africa has been recording a decrease in deaths. The highest increase was for diabetes-related deaths. These deaths have more than doubled in the past decade. A recent report by Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) shows that the condition claimed more than 26,800 lives in 2018. In 2008, this number was 19,692.

Using TNF inhibitors during pregnancy not associated with worse fetal or obstetric outcomes

News Medical Life Science | 7 November 2023

According to new research at ACR Convergence 2023, the American College of Rheumatology's (ACR) annual meeting, continuing tumor necrosis factor inhibitors during pregnancy is not associated with worse fetal or obstetric outcomes and may reduce the risk of severe maternal infections during pregnancy (Abstract #0477).

First evidence of how the Asian malaria mosquito is spreading drug-resistant malaria in Africa

Medical Xpress | 8 November 2023

Research by Lancaster University has led to the discovery of the role played by the Asian malaria mosquito (*Anopheles stephensi*) in the spread of drug and diagnosis-resistant malaria in Africa. Malaria is caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of blood-sucking mosquitoes. According to the WHO, there were an estimated 247 million cases of malaria worldwide in 2021, with over 600,000 deaths, mainly in Africa. Children under 5 accounted for about 80% of all malaria deaths in the region.

With cancer-causing HPVs depleted by vaccination, research suggests it's time to reevaluate screening strategies

Medical Xpress | 8 November 2023

The vaccine against human papillomaviruses (HPVs) works, successfully preventing infections that cause genital warts, cervical cancer, and some other cancers related to the anus, genitals, head, and neck. But what happens to the remaining HPV population when the vaccine wipes the most notorious cancer-causing HPVs out of the picture? Other types of HPVs seem to fill the vacancy, researchers report November 8 in the journal *Cell Host & Microbe*.

TB REPORT SHOWS THE URGENT NEED FOR A NEW VACCINE

Health e News | 8 November 2023

The global measures to end the tuberculosis epidemic are showing signs of recovery post-Covid. More cases have been diagnosed and the number of people who died from the disease has gone down. Despite this apparent recovery, the World Health Organisation (WHO) says urgent action is needed to end the global TB epidemic by 2030. On Tuesday the WHO launched the global TB report which takes stock of the epidemic and the progress towards its elimination. The report paints a stark picture: targets for TB treatment, prevention and funding have been missed.

AI-powered radiation therapy revolutionizes cancer treatment at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital

News Medical Life Science | 8 November 2023

Patients undergoing radiation therapy for certain types of cancer at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital are among the first in the country with access to a cutting-edge treatment system that increases accuracy and precision, enhances patient comfort, and minimizes side effects.

Surgery backlog in Northern Cape getting worse

Spotlight | 8 November 2023

Already long surgical waiting lists in the Northern Cape appear to have ballooned in recent months. In May, the province's MEC for Health Maruping Lekwene told the province's legislature that surgical waiting lists in the province stood at just under 4 000. According to more recent figures from the Northern Cape Department of Health's 2023/24 First Quarterly report, the surgical backlog stands at 6 373 – an increase of more than 50% on the figure given in May.

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TRAINING AND RESOURCES

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The Health Systems Trust (HST) produces a weekly bulletin on Fridays focusing on key public health news, peer-reviewed journal articles and other important primary healthcare resources.

Subscribe to the Health Systems Trust 60percent

HST produces a weekly online publication, 60percent, which keeps subscribers abreast with the latest news and developments pertaining to HIV-related maternal, adolescent, child and youth health. The name 60percent signifies that southern Africa is responding to a feminised HIV/AIDS epidemic, with at least 60% of those living with HIV being women. Subscribe to 60percent by simply visiting HST's website (<https://www.hst.org.za>), scroll to the bottom of the page, hit the SUBSCRIBE button, and follow the prompts. Let's keep you posted!

The NDoH and CSIR Call for Book Chapters

The Emerging South African National Digital Health System: Strategies, Approaches and Experiences

About

The book, a collaboration between NDoH and CSIR, aims to showcase strategies and experiences in developing a National Health Information System that facilitates efficient, personalized healthcare information transfer across various boundaries. Undergoing a double-blind peer review and editing, it serves as a detailed guide to the evolving South African National Digital Health System, reflecting on the substantial research and strategies that have influenced its formation, with a focus on the scholarly depth and validity of the results.

Each chapter, contributing to an enriched discussion, will dissect a specific facet of the system, assisting readers in understanding its integral components and the ensuing challenges and opportunities within the South African Health Ecosystem. Contributions from several authors are encouraged, bringing in diverse perspectives and firsthand experiences to foster a comprehensive narrative on the system's ongoing improvements in the context of South African Digital Health. Opinion pieces in line with the NHI, Digital Health Strategy, and efforts to strengthen the Health System are welcome. Further details can be found in the Submission Guidelines.

IMPORTANT DATES

- SEPTEMBER, 2023: Presentations
- 22 OCTOBER, 2023: Abstract submissions
- 20 NOVEMBER, 2023: Abstract feedback
- 8 FEBRUARY, 2024: Submission of full paper for review
- 15 MARCH, 2024: Final corrected paper submission

SUBMISSION LINK - <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=sadhs24>

Any queries and abstract submissions to: digitalhealth@health.gov.za

Subject: SA National Digital Health System Book

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PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

The 2022 South African Health Review is available!

We are pleased to release the 25th edition of the South African Health Review (SAHR). Entitled 'health systems strengthening after COVID-19', the journal provides valuable insights and recommendations on how to improve the response to the pandemic and build more resilient health systems.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on the world, and the health sector has been at the forefront of the response. Curated as a supplement to the 2021 edition, which addressed the response of government and the broader health sector to COVID-19, the 2022 South African Health Review provides a platform for researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to share their experiences and insights on how they navigated this crisis and build more robust health systems for the future.

The journal encompasses a diverse array of subjects, including reflections on the work of the Ministerial Advisory Committee during COVID-19 and the knowledge gained and lessons learned from these processes. Additionally, it explores the ramifications of COVID-19 on maternal, women, and child health and highlights the gendered implications of the pandemic, revealing that women experienced more pronounced effects of stress, fear, and depression during the lockdown period compared to men.

Commenting on its release, CEO and co-editor of the Review Dr Themba Moeti said that "This edition of the South African Health Review offers promising examples of COVID-19 response, mitigation and recovery strategies for us to use the emerging lessons to enhance our health system resilience and better prepare for future pandemics."

Strong messages emerging from this edition emphasise that in order to effectively promote national

vaccination programmes, it is imperative to equip healthcare workers (HCWs) with comprehensive, relevant, and current information. This will enable them to enhance patient communication and increase vaccine acceptance. Subsequent chapters delineate an inventive collaboration between the public and private sectors aimed at mitigating the accumulated volume of elective surgical procedures at Grootte Schuur Hospital and reflect on the importance of consulting, involving and deploying community based organisations such as clinic committees in public health emergencies from the outset.

The crucial importance of inter-country collaboration is emphasised in mitigating disease transmission and impact, with authors advocating for a more coordinated approach to managing cross-border health measures.

Additionally, the Review highlights the intersection between climate change and health systems and reinforces the imperative to prioritise health within the framework of a 'just transition' and to enhance the capabilities of healthcare systems to be low-carbon and climate-resilient as crucial focal points for improving pandemic preparedness.

For more information on the journal and to access the latest edition, visit <https://www.hst.org.za/publications/Pages/SAHR2022.aspx>

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CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

Towards Universal Health Coverage, Strengthening Primary Health Care: A whole of Government, whole of Society approach conference

The South African National Department of Health, the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, the World Health Organization and Health Systems Trust cordially invites you to participate in a Primary Health Care (PHC) themed, **Towards Universal Health Coverage, Strengthening Primary Health Care: A whole of Government, whole of Society approach**, conference.

When: 14-17 November 2023

Where: to be held at the East London International Conference Centre

The goals of the conference are to reinvigorate South Africa's commitment to the PHC approach as a strategic component of comprehensive health services in a unified health system, within a National Health Insurance (NHI) dispensation and to re-commit the country (i.e. government, citizens and social partners) to the PHC principles as being central to health promotion, disease prevention, and building a people-centred and resilient health system that is able to adapt and respond to emerging health challenges in a rapidly changing world.

For more information do go to the [conference web page](#).

13th World Congress of the World Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (WSPID)

When: 12-17 November 2023

Where: Durban ICC, Durban

For more information, go to: <https://www.emedevents.com/medical-hybrid-events-2023/13th-world-congress-of-the-world-society-for-pediatric-infectious-diseases-wspid>

3rd International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA 2023)

“BREAKING BARRIERS: REPOSITIONING AFRICA IN THE GLOBAL HEALTH ARCHITECTURE”

When: 27-30 November 2023

Where: Lusaka, Zambia

For more information, go to: <https://cphia2023.com/?>

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Project Manager: Cervical Cancer Prevention, Access and Control (CCPAC) Project

Closing date: 16 November 2023

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Closing date: 20 November 2023

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Corporate Services Unit Finance Manager-Durban

Closing date: 21 November 2023

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