



SPECIAL EDITION: HEALTH SECTOR RESPONSES TO COVID-19 – WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT?

The editors of the 2021 edition of the South African Health Review (SAHR) are currently inviting the submission of abstracts that examine health-sector responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly from the following perspectives: strengthening health systems; leadership and governance; resource allocation and financing; service delivery, human resources, and medical equipment and supplies.

Preference will be given to abstracts on topics that consider:

- the impact of COVID-19 on existing health services and programmes;
- the impact of socio-economic disparities on prevention and treatment;
- the rationing of healthcare services and implications for equity of access;
- strengthening of the country's social compact, and emergence of innovative collaborations and partnerships;
- impact of measures taken to balance saving lives with saving livelihoods; and/or
- emerging lessons for the future management and prevention of pandemics and other public health emergencies.

Please take note of the following:

- Abstracts should be submitted to sahr@hst.org.za using the official **SAHR abstract template**.
- The body of the abstract may not exceed 300 words.
- **Guidelines for authors** are accessible [here](#) and strict adherence to these guidelines is essential.
- Submission of an abstract for the SAHR does not guarantee acceptance. All abstracts will undergo a systematic assessment process conducted by the SAHR Editorial Advisory Committee.

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