

The Global Health and Population Weekly Digest

Your weekly summary of department news updates, research activities, events and available opportunities

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Fig. Dr. Paul Farmer visits Partners In Health, in Kono, Sierra Leone (The Washington Post/John Ra, Partners in Health)

Dr. Paul Farmer, Pioneer of Global Health has Passed at the age of 62

On February 21, 2022 the world lost friend, colleague and global health champion, Dr. Paul Farmer. Dr. Farmer served as chair of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School, where he received an M.D. and a Ph.D. He was also chief of the Division of Global Health Equity at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He spent decades working to combat global health inequities including [Partners in Health](#), which he founded alongside four others, works to build public health infrastructure and provide medical care to the poorest regions of developing nations. The organization now operates in 11 countries. In projects from Russia to Liberia to Mexico and Peru, Dr. Farmer partnered with local governments and communities to improve maternal and child health and to combat diseases including AIDS, Ebola, multidrug-resistant tuberculosis and Zika. The department would like to acknowledge Dr. Farmer's contributions to the world and please ask that you join us in sending condolences to his wife and three children. To read some of the many articles published honoring Dr. Farmer, please visit these links: [A note from Dean Michelle Williams](#), [The New York Times](#), [The Washington Post](#), and [The Harvard Crimson](#).



Join us on March 2, 2022 for the third annual Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Giving Day! Make a gift between now and midnight on March 2nd to support financial aid for our exceptional students. The first \$1000 raised will be matched dollar for dollar! We'll unlock an additional \$75,000 for financial aid when we hit 250 gifts. Your gift will be earmarked to support our wonderful students and faculty. Global Health and Population changes the world by engaging in education, research, and service from a population-based perspective. To donate, [visit the Department of Global Health and Population's Giving Day page.](#)

As a community of students, educators, researchers, and practitioners from around the world, our department works together to produce powerful ideas that improve the lives and health of people everywhere. Your generous donations will contribute to a strong network of public health experts working to devise, implement and evaluate effective strategies that improve the lives of millions of people around the globe!

This event will bring the entire Harvard Chan community together, from alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff, and friends – in support of our School. [Learn more at the Giving Day website.](#)

[Share the fun by playing Bingo Your Way to Better Health.](#) Take a photo or video of yourself doing a bingo activity, post it to Twitter or Instagram using the hashtag #HarvardChanGivingDay, and you'll be entered to win school gear.



Upcoming Events



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GID Ethiopia Monthly Seminar Series



Dr. Bikes Destaw

Associate Professor and Vice
Coordinator of Dabat Research
Center (DRC) HDSS site at the
University of Gondar, Ethiopia

February 28, 2022

3-4pm EAT (Ethiopia) / 7-8am ET (US)

Join via Zoom link [here](#)

Effectiveness and Acceptability of Solar Disinfection (SODIS) for Prevention of Childhood Diarrheal Disease in Northwest Ethiopia

The main findings of a study on the effectiveness and acceptability of SODIS as a method of household water treatment for prevention of the incidence of diarrheal diseases among under-five-children in Northwest Ethiopia are presented. The study employed cross-sectional, randomized control trial and phenomenological designs.

GID Ethiopia Monthly Seminar: *Effectiveness and Acceptability of Solar Disinfection (SODIS) for Prevention of Childhood Diarrheal Disease in Northwest Ethiopia*

Monday, February 28, 2022, 7-8 AM EST

[Zoom link](#)

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Featuring Dr. Bikes Destaw, Associate Professor and Vice Coordinator of Dabat Research Center, University of Gondar, Ethiopia.

For more information please email Jordan Balletto at jballetto@hsph.harvard.edu.



The Center for Health Decision Science (CHDS) March Seminar: *Evolution of Decision Support Across COVID-19 Pandemic Phases*

Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 1-2 PM EST

[Register here](#)

COVID-19 required the unprecedented mobilisation of decision support. The initial focus was on rapid analyses to inform non-pharmaceutical interventions. This focus was expanded to address questions related to vaccine deployment, testing and treatment strategies. Faced with limited data and time, analysts needed to make decisions about what models to use and outcomes to evaluate, as well as how to engage with decision makers. This talk examines those choices in the context of supporting low- and middle-countries responding to Covid-19, and reflects on whether these choices and methods were 'good enough.' Featuring **Professor Anna Vassall**, Director of the Global Health Economics Centre at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.



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Imported Malaria. Why Should We Care and How Should We Measure?



Marcia C. Castro, PhD

Andelot Professor of Demography

Chair, Department of Global Health and Population

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

March 2, 2022 | 1:00-2:00PM

The Department of Epidemiology Seminar Series Presents,
Imported Malaria. Why Should We Care and How Should We Measure?
Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM, via Zoom, [Register here](#)

Join the Department of Epidemiology for their weekly lunch time seminar series featuring **Marcia C. Castro, PhD**, Andelot Professor of Demography and Chair of the Department of Global Health and Population at The Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Dr. Castro is also the director of the Brazil Studies Program of the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (DRCLAS). Her research focuses on the development and use of multidisciplinary approaches to identify the determinants of infectious disease transmission in different ecological settings to inform control policies. Related articles [can be found here](#), including [the World Health Organization's Evidence review group on border malaria](#).



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**THURSDAY
BROWN BAG
SEMINAR**

Kibrom Tafere

Economist, Development
Research Group,
The World Bank

**SAVING LIVES THROUGH
TECHNOLOGY: MOBILE PHONES
AND INFANT MORTALITY**

Thursday, March 3rd
01.00 PM ET
02.00 PM ET via Zoom



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*The Global Health and Population Thursday
Brown Bag Series,*

**Saving Lives Through Technology: Mobile
Phones and Infant Mortality**

Thursday, March 3, 2022, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM,
via Zoom
[Zoom link](#)

Join the Department of Global Health and Population for our weekly Thursday Brown Bag Series. On March 3, 2022, **Kibrom Tafere** will present *Saving Lives Through Technology: Mobile Phones and Infant Mortality*. Tafere serves as an Economist within the Sustainability and Infrastructure Team of the Development Research Group at The World Bank. His research focuses on the welfare effects of environmental shocks, access to infrastructure and conflict; social safety nets, food security and agricultural productivity; and human capital development. His research covers a range of middle income and developing countries including Brazil, Ethiopia, India, and Uganda. For questions please contact Jessica Majano at jmajanoguevara@hsph.harvard.edu.

CAREERS IN HUMANITARIANISM MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

Register for this Free Virtual Event: <http://hsph.me/hhicareers2>



Emily Ing, MA
Project Manager
Executive Negotiation Project



Michael de St. Aubin, MDes
Research Specialist
Infectious Diseases and
Epidemics Program



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Careers in Humanitarianism: Emily Ing and Michael de St. Aubin

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM, via Zoom

[Register here](#)

Join the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative for a virtual webinar on Careers in Humanitarianism featuring Emily Ing, MA, Program Manager for the Executive Negotiation Project; and Michael de St. Aubin, MDes, Research Specialist for the Infectious Diseases and Epidemics Program. Our panelists will describe their current humanitarian work, chat about their career in the sector, and field questions from attendees. This event is open to all, and we encourage students who are interested in pursuing a career in the humanitarian field to join us and learn about potential career paths. Questions? Please contact hhi@harvard.edu

Open Call for Applications

- **Women, Gender and Health is now seeking applicants for the Student Staff Coordinator position for 2022-2023 Academic Year.** Eligible applicants include Masters and Doctoral students who will be a student in May 2023. This position is a great way to set priorities, lead events, and connect with faculty and researchers in women and gender health topics. For more information on what this position entails and the application process, please contact wgh@hsph.harvard.edu.
- Foundation for a Healthier Senegal is hiring a FOSHEN Fellow. [For qualifications and additional details, please click here.](#)
- The Seeding Relations Conference Committee is thrilled to announce **the virtual 2022 Mahindra Humanities Center Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference at Harvard University, Seeding Relations: Beyond Settler Colonial and Racialized Ecologies**. This two-day online conference will be held on Zoom on Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26, 2022. [Click here for submission deadlines and application rules.](#)
- The GlobalMentalHealth@Harvard Initiative Steering Committee is proud to announce [the Mental Health Care Leadership Champions Program](#), delivered through the Executive and Continuing Professional Education at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. The Certificate of Specialization comprises three programs, taught by faculty from the Harvard School of Public Health, the GlobalMentalHealth@Harvard Initiative and an international pool of experts, embracing both empirical evidence and real-world lessons. Through this training and mentoring program, professionals from around the world will empower themselves to scale-up evidence-based and innovative programs to address the mental health needs of their communities with knowledge, skills, and peer support.

- [Strengthening Human Resources for Health and Implications for Pandemic Planning](#)

How should we plan for human resources needs for epidemics and pandemics? How can pandemics like COVID-19 be included in strategic planning for HRH? How do we continue to prioritize human resources development in reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC)? This successful course is specifically designed to address the above questions by providing participants with new and innovative ways of addressing human resources policy and management issues. Individuals and country teams will learn from experts as well as peers from other nations and will develop their own draft country strategic plans for human resources as well as crisis management. **The application deadline is April 30, 2022** and the hybrid course will run from May 31-June 10, 2022. Early bird and group discounts are available. For more information, [please visit the International Health Systems Program website.](#)

Opportunities in Global Health and Population

Academic Positions

- [Professor of Ethics and Population Health](#) **NEW!**
- [Research Scientist in Health & Elderly Care Policy and Systems in China](#)
- [Post-Doctoral Fellowship with Kevin Croke and Margaret Kruk](#)
- [Postdoctoral Fellow in Health Economics with Stéphane Verguet](#) **NEW!**

Staff Positions

- [Coordinator I \(Project Coordinator\)](#)
- [Research Assistant IV Non-Lab \(Research Data Analyst\)](#)
- [Programmer](#) **NEW!**

Internal Student Positions/Internships

- [Research Assistant: Improving Maternal Health Measurement Capacity and Use](#)
- [Student Research Assistant to Dr. Muhammed Pate](#) **NEW!**
- [Quantitative Research Assistant: Memory and Migration Project, Mental Health For All Lab](#)
- [Qualitative Research Assistant: Memory and Migration Project, Mental Health For All Lab](#)
- [Student Research Assistant with The Women and Health Initiative](#) **NEW!**
- [Student Research Assistant with Ariadne Labs & The Women and Health Initiative](#) **NEW!**
- [Harvard Global Health Institute Spring 2022 LEAD Fellowship for Promoting Women in Global Health Intern](#) **NEW!**

The Harvard Humanitarian Initiative is hiring and are looking for mission-driven people who want to make a difference in the humanitarian field globally. [Click here to view all open positions.](#)