

The Global Health and Population Weekly Digest

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

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Published in *Annals of Nutrition and Metabolism*

Cost-effectiveness of Zinc Supplementation for Prevention of Childhood Diarrhoea in Tanzania

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Celebration with the Stars

On March 23rd, The Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health held its annual Celebration of the Stars event to honor staff, faculty and academic appointees who've reached a service milestone based on their years of service at Harvard. This year, we had a many stars to celebrate in our department. Please join us in congratulating and acknowledging the hard work and dedication of these members of our department in their commitment to public health, research, education, and departmental support.

Celebrating 5 years of service: Emily Coles, Kaitlin Coulter, Kevin Croke, Rashmi Dayalu and Aisha Yousafzai.

10 years of service: Elizabeth Osborn and Phuong Pham.

15 years of service: Marcia Castro and Joseph Patrick Sevilla.

20 years of service: Jacqueline Bhabha, David Canning. Marsha Scott and Winnie Yip.

40 years of service: Barbara Heil and 45 years of service: Richard Cash.

New Department Publications

Associations between Women's Empowerment, Care Seeking, and Quality of Malaria Care for Children: A Cross-sectional Analysis of Demographic and Health Surveys in 16 Sub-Saharan African Countries

GHP authors Todd P. Lewis and Margaret Kruk
Published in *The Journal of Global Health*

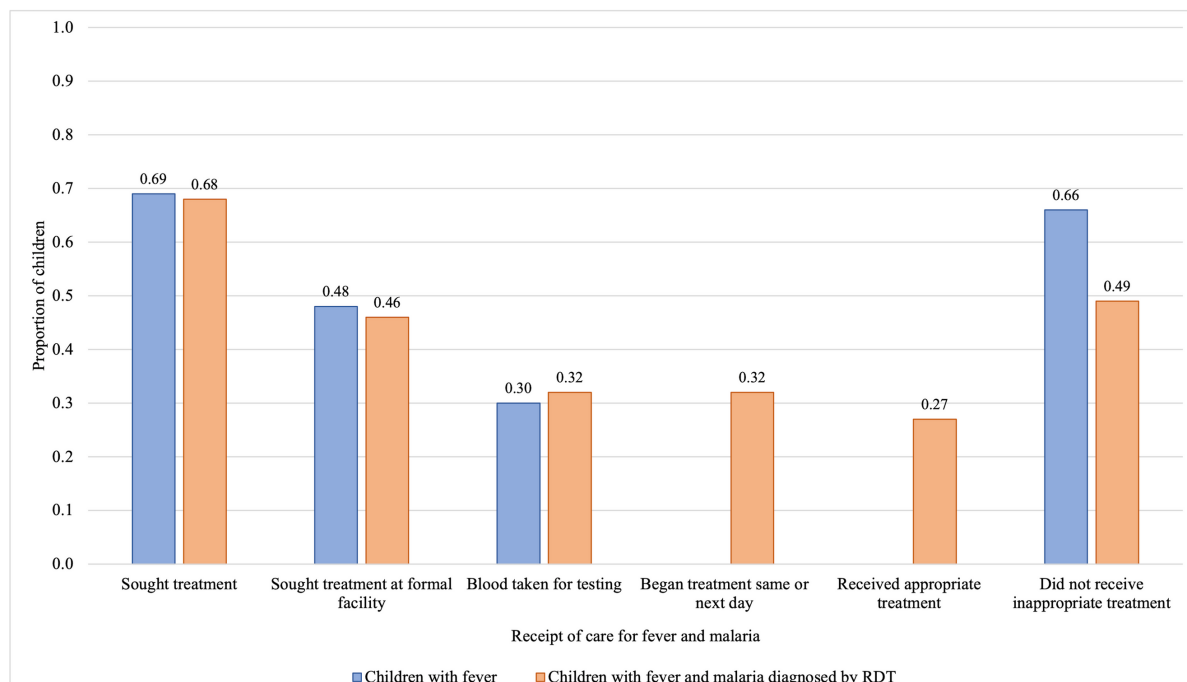


Fig 1., Proportion of children obtaining each component of care for fever

COVID-19 and Resilience of Healthcare Systems in 10 Countries

GHP authors Catherine Arsenault, Anna Gage, Neena Kapoor, Sebastian Bauhoff, Margaret E. Kruk
Published in *Nature Medicine*



Fig 1., Trends in total outpatient visits in Ethiopia countries from January 2019 to December 2020. (Fig., 2, shows the same trends in South Africa)

[The New Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine: Coping with the Public Health Impact of Hybrid Warfare, Mass Migration, and Mental Health Trauma](#)

The unprovoked Russian attacks on Ukraine during February-March 2022 will leave long-lasting devastating effects on millions of innocent victims. This letter describes major public health issues apart from the COVID-19 pandemic that are emerging concerns, such as shortages of healthcare professionals, chronic care treatments and health prevention services, disinformation communication campaigns affecting the healthcare infrastructure, and the generational impact of the conflict on people's mental health.

GHP authors Sonny S. Patel and Timothy B. Erickson

Published in *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness*

[Are Home Gardening Programs a Sustainable Way to Improve Nutrition? Lessons from a Cluster-randomized Controlled Trial in Rufiji, Tanzania](#)

GHP authors Mia Blakstad, Lilia Bliznashka, Chelsey Canavan, Isabel Madzorera, Wafaie Fawzi

Published in *Food Policy*

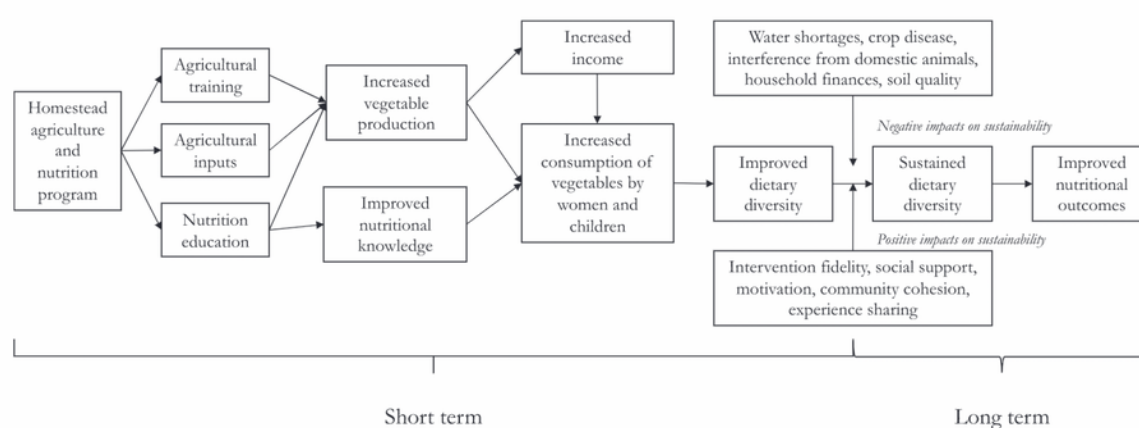


Fig. 1. Theory of change.

[Economic Evaluations of Health System Strengthening Activities in Low-income and Middle-income Country settings: A Methodological Systematic Review](#)

GHP authors Nathaniel Hendrix, Xiaoxiao Kwete, Sarah Bolongaita, and Stéphane Verguet

Published in *BMJ Global Health*

[Pharmaceutical Services in Public Hospitals in Mexico: A Cross-Sectional Study](#)

This article describes the provision of pharmaceutical services within Ministry of Health hospitals in Mexico and identifies the main factors that affect their implementation. Methods: The article is based on telephone interviews we conducted with the heads of pharmacy departments of 413 state and federal Ministry of Health hospitals in Mexico between November 2018 and April 2019. The analysis found that the main factors associated with the implementation of hospital pharmaceutical services were the number of pharmacists and the pharmaceutical- or health sciences-oriented education of the head of the pharmacy department of the hospital.

GHP author Michael R. Reich

Published in *The International Journal of Pharmacy Practice*

[Understanding Online Dual Practice of Public Hospital Doctors in China: A Mixed-Methods Study](#)

As Internet companies enter the healthcare market, a rising number of online healthcare platforms have emerged worldwide. In some countries like China, public hospital doctors are providing direct-to-consumer telemedicine services on these commercial platforms as independent providers. Such online service provision creates a new form of dual practice. Using a mixed-methods design, this study aims to investigate the prevalence of online dual practice, doctors' time allocation, motivations for engaging in it, and the potential impacts on the health system in China.

GHP authors Terence Cheng and Winnie Yip
Published in *Health Policy and Planning*

[A Call for an Immediate Ceasefire and Peaceful End to the Russian Aggression against Ukraine](#)

A group of Commissioners of and collaborators with the Lancet–SIGHT Commission on Peaceful Societies through Health and Gender Equality.

GHP author Ana Langer
Published in [The Lancet](#)

Department Announcements

Beginning Wednesday, April 6th, The GHP AP Team will be offering weekly virtual Office Hours Via Microsoft Teams.

AP Office hours will be offered weekly on Wednesdays from 1pm – 2pm EST and will be lead by AP Team members Jonathan Yong, Chinwe Nwaka-Crockett, and Vianny Diaz. Open to all GHP faculty, staff or students, please bring any questions regarding AP process, policy, systems, forms or any other AP issues you are having. They can also help you troubleshoot Concur and/or Buy-2-Pay challenges you are facing.

Upcoming Events



As part of Global Public Health Week

A Call to Action for a Well-Being Agenda:

The Need for a Planetary Health Approach

Dr. Rüdiger Krech
Director of the World Health Organization's Department of Health Promotion

Dr. Carlos Faerron
Associate Director of the Planetary Health Alliance

Dr. Sabine Gabrysch
Head of the Department on Climate Resilience at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research and member of the WBGU Council

**April 4, 2022
10am EST**

Online Zoom Event

Scan to register



**A Call to Action for a Well-being Agenda:
the Need for a Planetary Health
Approach**

Monday, April 4 at 10am EST

[Register Here](#)

Join The Planetary Health Alliance on for a joint webinar during Global Public Health Week between WHO, PHA, and the German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU). Participants will include the PHA's Associate Director Carlos Faerron, World Health Organization's Rüdiger Krech, and Sabine Gabrysch from WBGU.



The Center for Health Decision Science (CHDS) April seminar: Meaningful Citizen Participation in Health Priority-Setting

Monday, April 4 from 1-2pm EST

[Register Here](#)

A broadly held view within health priority setting research stresses the importance of promoting legitimate decisions, based on both reasonable values and transparent and inclusive decision-making processes. Daniels and Sabin's influential framework Accountability for Reasonableness (A4R) captures the important elements of procedural fairness. Nonetheless, A4R does not specify the conditions for its own implementation. This talk will explore ongoing research and work on managing both the epistemic reasonableness of decisions and stakeholder inclusion, which have posed challenges to meaningful participation on health priority-setting. Featured guest speaker [Alicia Yamin](#).

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). To commemorate SAAM, the Longwood campus is offering an exclusive workshop of related topics **on Tuesday, April 5th, from 12:00-1:00pm**. The Office for Gender Equity and the Title IX Resource Coordinators from the Longwood community will be coming together to deliver this new program – From Policy to Practice: Community Roles & Responsibilities. Specifically, this session will build on shared community knowledge of Harvard's policies and protocols to promote gender equity, including preventing and responding to potential sexual harassment and other sexual misconduct.

This session will also provide attendees with the opportunity to meet their local Longwood Title IX Resource Coordinators by featuring a Q&A panel with these individuals to help address the most prevalent questions and concerns facing the community currently. Registration for this program is available at the [From Policy to Practice Registration Page](#). You can also submit questions and discussion topics in advance of the session to ensure that the panel is able to address your concerns. Please use the [Panel Questions Submission Link](#) to enter any information or questions you would like covered during the program and the panel will try and address all of your queries if possible.

CAREERS IN HUMANITARIANISM MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

Register for this Free Virtual Event: <http://hsph.me/hhicareers3>



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Co-Director

Humanitarian Geoanalytics Research and Education Programs

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INITIATIVE**

Careers in Humanitarianism: Dr.

Erica Nelson

Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 11:00 AM –

12:00PM | [Register Here](#)

Join HHI for a Careers in Humanitarianism webinar featuring Dr. Erica Nelson, Co-Director of HHI's Geoanalytics Research and Education Programs, and Emergency Medicine Physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Nelson will discuss her current humanitarian work, chat about her career in the sector, and hold a Q&A session with the audience. This event is free and open to all.

THURSDAY BROWN BAG SEMINAR

Alice Kayongo, MPH

LEAD Fellow, Harvard Global Health
Institute, Department of Global
Health & Population,
Harvard T.H. Chan School of
Public Health



The Centrality of Women's Leadership in Global Health: Reflections from Uganda's COVID-19 Response

Thursday, April 7th

01.00 PM ET

02.00 PM ET via Zoom



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PhD in Population Health Sciences

Environmental Health | Epidemiology | Global Health & Population | Nutrition | Social & Behavioral Sciences

The PhD in Population Health Sciences & Global Health and Population Field of Study

are proud to announce the dissertation defense of PhD candidate

Anna Gage



Dissertation Title:

**Health system quality improvement interventions in sub-Saharan
Africa: Implementation and impact**

Thursday, April 14, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.
GHP 12th Floor Conference Room, SPH-1 Room 1208

For those unable to join in person, this defense can be viewed on Zoom:
<https://harvard.zoom.us/j/95952536151?pwd=azZkZUJyV1FleXBlaXNKczJwSEM3Zz09>

The GHP Thursday Brown Bag Seminar Thursday, April 7 from 1-2pm EST

[Register Here](#)

Join the Department of Global Health and Population on Zoom for our weekly Thursday Brown Bag Series. This week, **Alice Kayongo, MPH**, will present “*The Centrality of Women's Leadership in Global Health: Reflections from Uganda's COVID-19 Response*”. Kayongo is a LEAD Fellow at the Harvard Global Health Institute in the Department of Global Health and Population at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Questions? Please contact Jessica Majano jmajanoguevara@hsph.harvard.edu

Dissertation Defense of PhD Candidate, Anna Gage

Health system quality improvement
interventions in sub-Saharan Africa:
Implementation and impact

Thursday, April 14 at 10:00am
GHP 12th Floor Conference Room, SPH-1
Room 1208 and via [Zoom](#)

Opportunities in Global Health and Population

Academic Positions

- [Professor of Ethics and Population Health](#)
- [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!**
- [Postdoctoral Research Fellowship – Global Health/Maternal and Child Health](#) **NEW!**

Staff Positions

- [Research Assistant IV Non-Lab \(Research Data Analyst\)](#)
- [Programmer](#)
- [Program Manager, Resilient Communities \(HHI\)](#) **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!**
- [Student Research Assistant](#) **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.](#)

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.

Paid RA opportunity in Health Systems. Are you a current student or recent graduate interested in a paid research opportunity to help advance India's goal of universal health coverage? Do you have a background in health systems, quantitative analysis, social sciences, public health, public policy, or economic development? We are the India Health Systems Research Project at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and we are looking for students to work as Research Assistants during spring and summer 2022. Our Research Assistants will help with statistical analysis related to a survey in India of households, health care providers, and health care facilities, and literature reviews related to health systems in developing countries. [For more information and to apply, please see our project website](#) and/or email Betsy Osborn at eosborn@hsph.harvard.edu.

Open Call for Applications

- 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.
- Foundation for a Healthier Senegal is hiring a FOSHEN Fellow. [For qualifications and additional details, please click here.](#)
- [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.](#)
- **The Harvard Global Health Institute is pleased to share that we have opened applications for the 2022- 2023 LEAD Fellowship for Promoting Women in Global Health.** In an effort to equip and empower more women leaders in global health, the Harvard Global Health Institute and the Women and Health Initiative at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health offers a transformational fellowship specifically designed to promote leadership skills in individuals from low- and middle-income countries who will, in turn, mentor future female leaders in global health. We are excited to announce that the 2022 LEAD Fellowship application is now open and we hope you will consider sharing this unique opportunity with your respective networks and colleagues. [VISIT HERE FOR THE APPLICATION AND MORE INFORMATION](#)