

## Breaking the cycle of undernourished mothers and low-birthweight babies



Like many low- to middle-income countries, India is caught in a cycle of undernourished women giving birth to low-birthweight babies. The babies generally grow up to be underweight adults, often with reduced mental capabilities and susceptibility to disease and premature death, [S. V. Subramanian](#), professor of population health and geography (pictured), told an HSPH audience August 14. His talk concluded this summer's Hot Topics lecture series. [Read more](#)

## Executive education program focuses on controlling airborne infections



Students from across the globe learned strategies for reducing the spread of TB and other airborne infections in a course offered this summer through HSPH's [Executive and Professional Continuing Education](#) program. [Read more](#)

## Transforming Ethiopia's health care system from the ground up



Ethiopia has made significant health gains in recent years, such as lowering infant mortality, but more work needs to be done--particularly in rural areas. Now, as the country embarks on a 20-year plan to improve primary care delivery, the country's Federal Ministry of Health has enlisted the help of HSPH and Yale Global Health Institute, with funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, to develop a strategy. Pictured: Ethiopia's State Minister of Health Keseteberhan Admassu (left) speaking to an international advisory panel convened by the two schools this summer. [Read more](#)

## Around the School

Welcome new students!

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### Got a bike?



Join the new [Longwood bike community](#) and check out the **Bike Fair** on September 19 (rain date September 25) from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM, HMS Quad (outside Courtyard Café). Take advantage of free tune-ups, giveaways, resources, classes, freecycle, and more. Open to HUID holders only.

### Event highlight

**BOOK LAUNCH**  
[Closing the Cancer Divide: An Equity Imperative](#)  
Speakers including



More than 500 new students joined the HSPH community last week. Pictured: Students took time out from the whirlwind of orientation sessions to get acquainted at a reception on August 27.

### Resources and upcoming events

[HUPD annual security report](#)

The Harvard University Police Department's annual report on campus crime statistics is now available.

[R.A.D. classes start September 10](#)

Free self-defense course for women in the Longwood area

[Weight Watchers information and registration session](#)

September 11  
11:30 AM-12:15 PM  
Building 2, Room 102

[HSPH Office of Diversity 2012 Open House](#)

Meet the Office's staff, learn more about its programs and events, and see the student and group meeting space.  
September 13  
10:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Refreshments will be served throughout the day. Pizza will be served between 11:00 AM-2:00 PM  
35 Wigglesworth Street (On the corner of Huntington Ave. and Wigglesworth St. next to Il Mondo Pizza)

**Longwood Green Trivia Night**

September 18  
5:00-7:00 PM  
FXB Atrium  
Free pub-style trivia with beer, snacks, and prizes  
Followed by a livestream of [Harvard Thinks Green 2](#) from 7:00-8:00 PM

[The Healthcare Quality and Equity Action Forum: Preparing for a Changing Healthcare System](#)

September 24-25  
Boston Seaport Hotel and World Trade Center  
This event is convened by the [Disparities Solution Center](#) at Massachusetts General Hospital and hosted by [Joseph Betancourt, MPH '98](#).

[Dean Julio Frenk](#) will discuss the work of the [Global Task Force on Expanded Access to Cancer Care and Control in Developing Countries](#)

September 11  
5:00-7:00 PM  
Kresge Cafeteria

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### Research news and interviews



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