

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE RESOURCE CENTER

NEWSLETTER



INFORMATION THAT STRENGTHENS PRIMARY HEALTH CARE | **DECEMBER 2022**

The International Institute for Primary Health Care - Ethiopia (IPHC-E) is delighted to share with you the December 2022 online Primary Health Care Resource Center Newsletter for our community. This Newsletter is filled with update on primary health care publications and information from IPHC-E, partners and other health organizations from around the world. We will also present to you updates on COVID-19, PHC webinar series, free courses and events that we hope will catch your interest. Enjoy reading!

Primary health care publications



RESEARCH | PHC publication

The paper: “Barriers and facilitators of maternal health care services use among pastoralist women in Ethiopia: Systems thinking perspective”, reviewed by IPHC-E staff, aimed at identifying barriers and facilitators of maternal service use from both community and health care delivery model perspectives. The study aimed to understand the interdependence, interaction and feedbacks of the factors. It recommended using approaches that are responsive to pastoralists’ cultural & political ecology as well as health care delivery systems.

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RESEARCH | PHC publication

A study: “Perceived barriers and enablers influencing health extension workers toward home-based hypertension screening in rural northwest Ethiopia: Interpretive descriptive study”, examined barriers & enablers that influence HEWs’ home-based hypertension screening in the community. The IPHC-E staff selected appropriate research design and critically reviewed the manuscript. For a successful implementation of hypertension screening, the study recommended training of HEWs and their supervisors, providing protocols and BP measuring equipment, as well as regular supportive supervision.

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RESEARCH | PHC publication

The article: “Recovery rate of severe acute malnourished children aged 6-59 months enrolled in outpatient therapeutic program at health posts of central Gondar zone, Ethiopia” is a publication supported by IPHC-E small grant research. The findings revealed that recovery, death and default rates of malnourished children were in the acceptable ranges of sphere standards. The study recommended for building the capacity of HEWs to alleviate knowledge gaps on children enrolled to and discharged from outpatient program at health posts.

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RESEARCH | PHC publication

The article: “Effect of home-based childcare on childhood mortality in rural Maharashtra, India:...” aimed at reducing mortality rates through home-based child care using village health workers. The trial used an integrated approach of home-based newborn care, post-neonatal infectious disease management, antenatal care and behavior change communication & had impact on U5MR, IMR, neonatal mortality rate and perinatal mortality rate in an impoverished area. This community-based childcare model can be replicated for reducing U5MR and IMR in rural areas.



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PHC technical reports

The logo features the text 'USAID Transform: Primary Health Care Activity' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a graphic composed of several overlapping hexagons in shades of green and teal, with a dark teal shape partially overlapping the text.

USAID Transform: Primary Health Care Activity

TECHNICAL REPORT | PHC

publication

USAID Transform: Primary Health Care Activity was implemented from 2017 to 2022 and aimed at strengthening Ethiopia's health system. The Activity expanded 111,000 health workers' knowledge & capacity, which improved health service quality. It also strengthened service delivery, data management, & access to medicines & medical supplies. These efforts resulted in a reinforced health system providing quality services in over 11,000 health centers & posts. This report provides progress of interventions in four regional states.

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Tracking universal health coverage in the WHO African Region, 2022



TECHNICAL REPORT | UHC

publication

The report: “Tracking universal health coverage in the WHO African Region, 2022” has focus on the attainment of UHC in the continent. It highlights three crucial lessons on moving forward with the UHC agenda. First is the need to invest in the resilience of health systems. Second, integrated service delivery remains a crucial need in the Region. Last, there are opportunities for countries to learn and share experiences to accelerate progress towards UHC.

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WHO primary health care demonstration platform



TECHNICAL REPORT | PHC

Guidance

WHO Europe launched “WHO primary health care demonstration platform” that gives a practical understanding of how to overcome implementation barriers and strengthen PHC. The platform experience is structured as four-to-five day visits connecting national and regional policy-makers and practitioners from the host and visiting countries. The host country demonstrates well-performing PHC model. The visiting country identifies policies and practices they aim to change and seeks out lessons learnt. WHO European center for PHC tailors program & supports the host country.

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COVID-19: The latest

COVID-19 vaccine acceptance level in Ethiopia



COVID-19 | publication

The study: “COVID-19 vaccine acceptance level in Ethiopia: A systematic review and meta-analysis” offers an assessment of vaccine acceptance in the country. The analysis provided that the prevalence of COVID-19 vaccine was 57.8%. The level of vaccine acceptance was at a lower rate than necessary to achieve herd immunity. The highest level of vaccine acceptance rate was reported via online or telephone surveys. The lowest vaccine acceptance patterns were reported in Addis Ababa.

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AFRICA'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC: A SUMMARY OF COUNTRY REPORTS



COVID-19 | UHC Publication

The report: “Africa’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic: A summary of country reports (Jan 2020 to Dec 2021)” assessed the preparedness and response of 47 countries in the WHO African region against the SRP guide. The report summarized the overall response of the countries to the pandemic across the different pillars. It highlighted best practices and/or innovations and discussed lessons learnt from the COVID-19 response. Further, the report provided recommendations for strengthening health emergency response.

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COVID-19 | Pointer

“Long covid - an update for primary care” updates a previous BMJ Practice Pointer published in August 2020. The authors outline how clinicians might respond to the questions that patients ask. What clinicians need to know is: long-covid (prolonged symptoms following covid-19 infection) is common; the mainstay of management is supportive, holistic care, symptom control, and detection of treatable complications; and many patients can be supported effectively in primary care by a GP with a special interest.

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COVID-19 | Policy brief

WHO policy brief: COVID-19 infodemic management outlines the actions advised to Member States based on recommendations published in WHO COVID-19 technical guidance. The brief also articulates the need for sustained financing and a trained and protected workforce to maintain these life-saving actions in the context of health & non-health emergencies. Further, the document recognizes the need to strengthen the longer-term response for COVID-19 in relation to other pressing public health issues.

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PHC Community of Practice



The FORCE Community is a
Network of African Health
Systems Strengthening

Knowledge | The

FORCECommunity

The FORCE Community is a Network of African Health Systems Strengthening Practitioners committed to collaborative learning around a coaching approach to support country-led health systems strengthening processes to advance universal health coverage. Join a community of experts dedicated to co-creating the “coaching approach” and learning from one another to implement this approach.

[Register here](#)

Knowledge | COVID-19 HFRO CoP

The COVID-19 Health Financing Resiliency Program (COVID-19 HFRP) CoP gathers a group of health and finance practitioners to discuss the “how to” of structuring sustainable and resilient health financing policies while protecting and accelerating progress towards UHC. Join the community to start a discussion, connect with peers and experts, and contribute to the knowledge base that the CoP is building together.



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PHC webinar series, events and courses

- **Primary Health Care: The heart of every health system**

London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

October 2022 – July 2023 | Virtual event

[Click here to register](#)

- **2nd International Conference on Healthcare and Technologies**

Global Scientific Forum

March 27-28, 2023 | Vancouver, Canada | Hybrid event

- **IPHC-E PHC webinar series**

For past webinar recordings | [Click here](#)

EVENTS | PHC Conference

- **International Conference on Digital Health and Telemedicine**

Longdom Conferences

Jan 19-20, 2023 | London, UK

[Click here to register](#)

- **Africa Health Agenda International Conference: AHAIC 2023**

Amref Health Africa

March 6 - 8, 2023 | Kigali, Rwanda

[Click here to register](#)

- **23rd International Conference on Integrated Care (ICIC23)**

Flanders Agency for Health and Care and Vist Flanders

May 22-24, 2023 | Antwerp, Flanders

[Click here to register](#)

- **International conference on primary health care**

International Institute for Primary Health Care - Ethiopia

September, 2023 | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia | Hybrid event

- **2023 Advances in Primary Care Conference**

UNM School of Medicine

Fall 2023

[Click here to register](#)

COURSES | Online learning

- **Creating resilient primary health:**

Host: IPHC-E

- **Fundamentals of Advocacy in Health Policy**

Host: Doane University via edX

- **Global Primary Health Care course**

Host: IPHC-E

- **Health harmonization and alignment course**

Host: IPHC-E

- **Improving global health: Focusing on quality and safety**

Host: Harvard University via edX

- **Primary health care leadership development program**

Host: IPHC-E

- **Program design & evaluation or health systems strengthening**

Host: Johns Hopkins University via Coursera

- **Understanding the Australian health care system**

Host: University of Pennsylvania via edX



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