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Global Tuberculosis Control, Epidemiology, Strategy, Financing. WHO Report 2009 - WHO/HTM/TB/2009.411

Author: WHO

Description: WHO's report on Global TB Control compiles data from over 200 countries and territories each year, monitoring the scale and direction of TB epidemics, implementation and impact of the Stop TB Strategy, and progress towards the Millennium Development Goals. The report presents WHO's latest assessment of the epidemiological burden of TB (numbers of cases and deaths), as well as progress towards the 2015 targets for global TB control that have been established within the context of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). It also includes a thorough analysis of implementation and financing of the WHO's Stop TB Strategy and the Stop TB Partnership's Global Plan to Stop TB, since in combination these have set out how TB control needs to be implemented and funded to achieve the 2015 targets.

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [7.28Mb]

URL: http://www.who.int/tb/publications/global_report/2009/en/index.html

HIV/AIDS, Security and Conflict: New Realities, New Responses (2009)

Author: Alex de Waal, Jennifer F. Klot, Manjari Mahajan, et al.

Description: This is the final report of the AIDS, Security and Conflict Initiative(ASCI) that was convened by the Social Science Research Council (New York) and Clingendael Institute (The Hague) between 2005 and 2009, with support from UNAIDS. „The report delivers four critical messages: HIV and AIDS pose diverse threats to human security and to international and national security; Security institutions and situations of insecurity and crisis influence patterns of HIV risk; Post-conflict transitions reshape and, in some cases, exacerbate HIV risks and impacts; HIV prevention and AIDS care and treatment are poorly integrated with security sector reforms, humanitarian assistance, peacekeeping and post-conflict peacebuilding.

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file

URL: <http://www.ssrc.org/publications/view/E2090D2B-72A8-DE11-9D32-001CC477EC70/>

Access: how do good health technologies get to poor people in poor countries? (2009)

Author: Laura J. Frost, Michael R. Reich

Description: Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies. “Many people in developing countries lack access to health technologies, even basic ones. Why do these problems in access persist? What can be done to improve access to good health technologies, especially for poor people in poor countries? This book answers those questions by developing a comprehensive analytical framework for access and examining six case studies. Access to health technologies in poor countries is shaped by social, economic, political, and cultural processes. To understand those processes, the authors develop an analytic framework based on four A's—Architecture, Availability, Affordability, and Adoption. The book applies this approach to explain why some health technologies achieved more access than others. The technologies include praziquantel (for the treatment of schistosomiasis), hepatitis B vaccine, malaria rapid diagnostic tests, vaccine vial monitors for temperature exposure, the Norplant implant contraceptive, and female condoms. The book is based on research studies commissioned by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.”

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [264p.]

URL: <http://www.wcfia.harvard.edu/node/4579>

techniques and how to help others to learn as well as teaching modules to accompany the Palliative Care Toolkit.

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [5Mb], on CD and as a hardcopy. If you work in hospice and palliative care in a resource-poor setting or are planning to travel to a resource-poor setting to deliver training, the publisher will be able to provide you with copies of the Toolkit and the Training Manual. Contact the publisher at

<http://www.helpthehospices.org.uk/contact-us/>

URL: <http://www.helpthehospices.org.uk/our-services/international/what-we-do-internationally/education-and-training/palliative-care-toolkit/>

A handbook for network support agents and other community workers supporting HIV prevention, care support and treatment (2009)

Author: HIV/AIDS International in Uganda

Description: „The handbook provides key information on a broad range of areas affecting people living with HIV/AIDS including: basic communication skills for counselling and situations where counselling might be needed; HIV and ARV treatment and the ABC of Septrin, the antibiotic used for treatment of infections and as a prophylaxis for opportunistic infections ; food and nutrition basics and home based care; Illness and HIV/AIDS including other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and Tuberculosis; focussing on the family including integrating family planning into prevention of mother to child transmission, working with orphans and vulnerable children, and preparing a will; understanding gender roles in the context of HIV/AIDS, positive prevention and behavioural change and getting the community educated and involved ; stress management and caring for NSAs.“

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file

URL: <http://www.eldis.org/go/display&type=Document&id=44694>

Safe, voluntary, informed male circumcision and comprehensive HIV prevention programming: Guidance for decision-makers on human rights, ethical and legal considerations (2008)

Author: UNAIDS, AIDS Law Project, South Africa

Description: Provides guidance on the human rights, legal and ethical issues that decision makers may need to consider when they are deciding whether or not to initiate or expand male circumcision services in the context of comprehensive HIV programming.

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [408 kb]

URL:

http://www.who.int/hiv/pub/malecircumcision/guide_decision/en/index.html

Stepping Stones: A training package in HIV/AIDS, communication and relationship skills

Author: Alice Welbourn

Description: Stepping Stones is a training package in gender, HIV, communication and relationship skills.” Stepping Stones from the outset takes the standpoint that we are all affected by HIV, its causes and its consequences, and that therefore the only effective response to the virus is going to be a collective one. From the start the program adopts a human rights based approach. It is careful not to distinguish between those who are infected and those who may not be and aims to break down the barriers between “us” and “them” which many HIV prevention programs still inadvertently promote”

How to obtain: Available one free copy each of the 'Stepping Stones' training manual (in English, French or Portuguese) and the workshop video (in English or French) to organisations based in sub-Saharan Africa that cannot afford to purchase them. To request free copies, please

write to introduce your organisation, explaining in full your aims and objectives, describing the activities you carry out and specifying which sections of the community you work with. Specify also whether you are requesting a printed version of the manual, or a copy on CD. After you have used 'Stepping Stones' and sent your feedback, the publisher can provide you with a copy of 'Stepping Stones PLUS', which consists of new exercises and sessions designed to promote a whole community approach to the HIV epidemic.

URL: <http://www.steppingstonesfeedback.org>

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CD-ROM

AIDS Action CD-ROM

Author: Healthlink Worldwide

Description: The AIDS Action CD-ROM offers all Healthlink Worldwide's essential information on HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections (STIs). The information has been developed for health and community workers who work with resource-poor communities around the world, and will be particularly useful to people who have limited access to other sources of information.

How to obtain: Fill in the form to request your free copy

URL: <http://www.aidsaction.info/about/requestcd.html>

PRED BANK 4.0

Author: United Nations Population Division

Description: The Population, Resources, Environment and Development Databank (PRED Bank) brings together data series dealing with various aspects of population, labor force, education, economic and social development, land, water and energy use. It also provides the texts of selected international treaties and conventions related to major environment and development issues. The 140 variables on the CD-ROM include regional, sub-regional and national data, over time, for 228 countries and regions.

How to obtain: United Nations Population Division, as part of its technical cooperation program, would be able to provide one copy of the CD-ROM free of charge to interested institutions in developing countries, upon request on the institution's letterhead paper. Correspondence should be addressed to Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Director, Population Division, Room DC2-1950, United Nations, New York, New York 10017, USA, or faxed to +1-212-963-2147.

URL: <http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/predbank4/predbank.htm>

Clinical Mentoring Toolkit (2008)

Author: I-TECH

Description: This clinical mentoring toolkit is a comprehensive guide for developing, implementing, and evaluating clinical mentoring programs. This updated edition of the toolkit contains many new documents, tools, and articles reflecting the rich diversity and depth of I-TECH's program experience in clinical mentoring. The toolkit has been reorganized so that it is easier to navigate, with sections specifically aimed at program developers and managers, trainers of clinical mentors, and clinical mentors themselves

How to obtain: Available online and as a CD (1-3 copies are free). To order – fill the form at http://www.go2itech.org/itech?page=db-order_toolkit

URL: <http://www.go2itech.org/HTML/CM08/index.html>

IMARK Information Management ToolKit

IMARK is an e-learning initiative in agricultural information management developed by FAO (The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) and partner organizations. IMARK is building upon existing resources to create a comprehensive suite of distance learning resources for information management and exchange. IMARK supports agencies, institutions and networks worldwide, and helps them to work together and share information more effectively. "Modules" is a series of computer-based distance learning curricula and resources for agricultural information management on CD and via the Internet. Each IMARK module treats one of the major subject areas in such a way that practitioners and experts of various levels of experience from a wide range of institutions and organizations will benefit.

URL: http://www.imarkgroup.org/aboutimarkintro_en.asp

The following Modules are available now:

Investing in information for development module

Description: The IMARK module entitled "Investing in Information for Development" provides the knowledge and awareness required to support individuals responsible for formulating improved information management strategies within their organizations and through partnerships. Unit 1 - How to invest in Information for Development. Unit 2 - Information Strategy. Unit 3 - Information Access. Unit 4 - Information Dissemination. Unit 5 - Organization and Management. Unit 6 - Evaluating an Information Project

How to obtain: Please fill out the form to request a copy of your module on CD-ROM at

http://www.imarkgroup.org/order_en.asp?modulecode=D&modulelang=en

URL: http://www.imarkgroup.org/moduledescrD_en.asp

Management of Electronic Documents

Description: The module offers a series of lessons on electronic document management which introduce basic concepts and describe specific work flows and topics. The lessons include relevant resources and additional reading. Learners can also consult a glossary specific to the module and search within the course materials for specific terms. Unit 1 – Overview. Unit 2 - Formats for electronic documents and images. Unit 3 – Metadata standards and subject indexing. Unit 4 - Production and management of electronic documents. Unit 5 - Database management systems. Unit 6 - Networking documents and databases.

How to obtain: Please fill out the form to request a copy of your module on CD-ROM at http://www.imarkgroup.org/order_en.asp?modulecode=A&modulelang=en

URL: http://www.imarkgroup.org/moduledescrA_en.asp

Building Electronic Communities and Networks

Description: "The module covers the approaches, methods, and tools used to build electronic communities, and covers the various steps and procedures for developing and facilitating electronic communities. The total curriculum consists of 29 lessons, ranging from approximately 15 to 90 minutes duration, grouped into five units, for a total of about 16 to 22 hours of self-paced instruction. Each lesson includes a list of job aids, online resources and additional reading. Learners can consult a glossary specific to the module, and search within the course materials for specific terms. A series of non-proprietary methodological guides are also provided."

How to obtain: Please fill out the form to request a copy of your module on CD-ROM at http://www.imarkgroup.org/order_en.asp?modulecode=C&modulelang=en

URL: http://www.imarkgroup.org/moduledescrC_en.asp

Digitization and Digital Libraries

Description: The module provides 31 lessons concerned with the creation of digital libraries and the preservation of materials in digital format. Also included are lessons covering copyright issues, electronic formats for text and images, metadata and subject indexing, as well as a comprehensive overview of the creation and management of digital documents. Unit 1 - Conceptual overview. Unit 2 - Electronic documents and formats. Unit 3 - Metadata standards and subject indexing. Unit 4 - Creation and management of digital documents. Unit 6 - Example of digital library software – Greenstone.

How to obtain: Please fill out the form to request a copy of your module on CD-ROM at http://www.imarkgroup.org/order_en.asp?modulecode=E&modulelang=en

URL: http://www.imarkgroup.org/moduledescrE_en.asp

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SOFTWARE

SimIns - Health Financing Policy Tool. Version 2.1 of SimIns released in May 2008

Author: Guy Carrin and Chris James

Description: The SimIns software developed and jointly owned by WHO and GTZ. SimIns is a computerized tool to aid in making health financing policy decisions. It does so by projecting health expenditure and funding for a 10 year time period. Thereby it allows to evaluate the feasibility of alternative mixes of financing sources, including social health insurance, community-based health insurance and government budget lines. It can be applied to both existing or planned schemes.

How to obtain: SimIns is available on request. Please send an email to: simins@who.int for a copy and further information.

URL: http://www.who.int/health_financing/tools/simins/en/index.html

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