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Welcome to our newsletter for the Global Health Governance Programme. Our Programme researches how global institutions, finance and rules can better serve the needs of people across the world. We are based in the Centre for Global Health Research within the Usher Institute in the University of Edinburgh Medical School.

Please check out our latest blogs and updates below:-

Reflections on cases from Tanzania and India
WHY COUNTING BIRTHS AND DEATHS ARE VITAL FOR IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH?

by Genevie Fernandes

Last month, I got this fantastic opportunity to join a group of statisticians and social scientists working in Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Madagascar, India and Canada, for a workshop on mortality estimation in low and middle-income countries (LMICs). After a week of lectures, hands-on training in statistics, and discussions based on country experiences, I left the programme convinced about why we need to strengthen national health information systems for improving public health...


A working mothers blog for World Breastfeeding Week 2018
Boosting Formula Sales and Endangering Babies

by Lorna Thompson

As part of the Global Health Governance Programme, I work with a dynamic multi-cultural team who conduct health policy research all over the world. I am also a mother who has breastfed my two children and the above quotation makes perfect sense to me. I feel very passionately about breastfeeding and both of my children were breastfed so I know first-hand the immense health benefits it can bring. With this week being the World Breastfeeding Week, I decided to write about a recent incident around this simple yet life-saving act of breastfeeding...


Two new articles out on Wellcome Open Research

The World Bank & financing tuberculosis control, 1986-2017

Background: Tuberculosis (TB) is among the leading contributors to global
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Read full article here: https://wellcomeopenresearch.org/articles/3-103/v1

Mainstreaming as rhetoric or reality? Gender and global health at the World Bank

**Background:** Over the past decade gender mainstreaming has gained visibility at global health organisations. The World Bank, one of the largest funders of global health activities, released two *World Development Reports* showcasing its gender policies, and recently announced a $1 billion initiative for women’s entrepreneurship. We summarise the development of the Bank’s gender policies and analyse its financing of gender projects in the health sector. This article is intended to provide background for future research on the Bank’s gender and global health portfolio.

Read full article here: https://wellcomeopenresearch.org/articles/3-18/v2

Marlee Tichenor presenting at 2 events

Marlee Tichenor will be presenting at the Society for the Social Studies of Science annual meeting in Sydney Australia this week supported by the
Science annual meeting in Sydney, Australia, this week, supported by the Usher Institute's Small Grant, in a panel co-organized with Darryl Stellmach called "Transnational Humanitarianism." Her paper is called "Anticipating Catastrophe: Health Systems Strengthening Refashioned as Innovative Pandemic Preparedness."

Marlee will also be speaking next week:- EdCMA and RAI will be hosting a 2-day conference on "Valuing Health". The talk is entitled "Measuring Health for All: Universal Health Coverage and Global Health Metrics" during the Valuing Health Data panel on 5 Sept, 13:45-16:30.

Tickets have been sold out since May, but it is possible that a handful become available in the next few days (https://www.epay.ed.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/college-of-humanities-and-social-science/school-of-social-and-political-sciences/school-of-social-and-political-science/valuing-health-conference).

Update from Felix Stein in Haiti
Over the past three weeks, Felix has been taking part in several emergency cholera response trips in the Haitian countryside. In these trips, public health workers who are in part funded by the World Bank, decontaminate the houses of suspected cholera victims. They also conduct surveys, distribute hygiene kits to neighbouring households and try to ensure that Haitians respect basic rules of hygiene.

Devi Sridhar speaks at Edinburgh Book Festival

Director Devi Sridhar spoke at two events at the prestigious Edinburgh Book Festival on 24th August 2018.

There are different ways to have an impact on global health. Two approaches were dissected in this event. Lynne Jones, a relief worker and child psychiatrist, believes that mental health programmes in war zones and areas of natural disaster can do essential work in the most trying of circumstances. Edinburgh University's Devi Sridhar analysed how international organisations can work together to stem disease in strife-torn areas.

[Link to event page]

Inspiring People Conference

Devi Sridhar will also speak at the third Edinburgh Clinical Medical Schools Athena Swan conference, ‘Inspiring People’. Speakers also include Wellcome’s Jim Smith. For details and to register please see below:-
Connor Rochford is an Australian medical doctor currently enrolled in an MPhil in Politics (Political Theory) at the University of Oxford. He is collaborating on projects relating to private sector regulation in global governance, the global governance of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and analysing health policy and systems research and organisational effectiveness. His academic interests focus at the interface of the normative, empirical and political elements of global health governance and public policy priority setting, with a specific focus on institutional arrangements to promote the supply of global public goods. Connor is currently a research assistant at the Blavatnik School of Government, and before relocating to England he worked as a Business Analyst at McKinsey and Company and as a senior analyst at the Australian Health Policy Collaboration (AHPC).

Connor holds a Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) (Honours), a Bachelor of Medical Science (BMedSci) (Honours) – where his thesis provided ‘A policy perspective on the financial sustainability of the Australian health care system’ – and a Diploma of Liberal Arts (DipLibArts) in Philosophy.
We are delighted to launch registration of the Usher Institute Global Health Symposium and Annual Lecture. 3 September 2018 | 12-1600, followed by drinks reception | Appleton Tower, Edinburgh

Register now via Eventbrite: https://symposium-annual-lecture.eventbrite.co.uk

The Annual Lecture will be preceded by a showcase of key work in global health across the Usher Institute, including from our Global Health Governance Programme: Professor Devi Sridhar

We hope to see some of you there!
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