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BOOKS/MANUALS/REPORTS

mHealth: New horizons for health through mobile technologies

Author: WHO Global Observatory for eHealth
Description: WHO Global Observatory for eHealth series - Volume 3, June 2011. Based on the findings of the second global survey on eHealth. "How are mobile devices being used for health around the world? What diverse scenarios can mHealth be applied in and how effective are these approaches? What are the most important obstacles that countries face in implementing mHealth solutions? This publication includes a series of detailed case studies highlighting best practices in mHealth in different settings. The publication will be of particular interest to policymakers in health and information technology, as well as those in the mobile telecommunications and software development industries."
How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [112p].
URL: http://www.who.int/goe/publications/goe_mhealth_web.pdf

Help Wanted? Providing and Paying for Long-Term Care (2011)

Author: **OECD**
Description: This book provides a comparative analysis of the common challenges and diverse solutions OECD countries are adopting to respond to the growing demand for long-term care services.
 How to obtain: Available online as PDF files [324p].
URL: http://www.oecd.org/document/23/0,3746,en_2649_37407_47659479_1_1_1_37407,00.html
URL: http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/53/56/47887770.pdf (**18 p. Summary and conclusions***)*

Human Rights and Gender Equality in Health Sector Strategies. How to Assess Policy Coherence (2011)

Author: **World Health Organization**
Description: This tool, developed in collaboration between WHO, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) is designed to support countries to strengthen national health strategies by applying human rights and gender equality commitments and obligations. The tool poses critical questions to identify gaps and opportunities in the review or reform of health sector strategies. The tool can be useful for different purposes and by different actors. The way it is used will vary, depending on the specific context and focus of the assessment exercise. There are two intended primary uses for the tool:
1. For use by a health sector review team during an annual/mid-term review or planning exercise.
A health sector review process often involves many stakeholders who review various aspects
of health sector planning and implementation. In this context, elements of the tool can be
incorporated into other tools and review exercises. The annual/mid-term health sector review or
planning process is usually implemented under the coordination and leadership of the Ministry
of Health (MoH),
2. For use by a review team for a specific study aimed at evaluating or assessing a health sector
strategy from a human rights and gender equality perspective. The study may be one separate
component of an overall health sector review process, or may be independently commissioned
by the MoH, an international or national CSO or a development partner.
How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [163p].
URL: http://bit.ly/itKCAr

World Health Statistics 2011

Author: World Health Organization
Description: World Health Statistics 2011 contains WHO annual compilation of health-related data for its 193 Member States, and includes a summary of the progress made towards achieving the health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and associated targets. Available in 3 languages
How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [4,28Mb].
URL: http://www.who.int/whosis/whostat/2011/en/index.html

Good practice guide: community mobilisation through women's groups to improve the health of mothers and babies (2011)

Author: Women and Children First (UK),
Description: This good practice guide, based on the experience of a project in India and Bangladesh called Saving Mothers and Children, describes an approach that has the potential to reduce maternal and newborn deaths, and to address other health problems. The project worked through women's groups, using aparticipatory learning and action cycle, to mobilise community action to improve the health of mothers and babies.
How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [106p].
URL: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/cihd/news-attachments/good-practice-guide

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Evidence for Social Policy and Practice (2011)

Author: NESTA (National Endowment for Science Technology and the Arts) UK
Description: From criminal justice, children services to poverty reduction, this report contains essays from organizations using different methodologies and approaches to generate evidence and influence policy and practice in a number of service areas. The idea that policy and practice should be underpinned by rigorous evidence is internationally accepted, yet there is recognition that the level of rigor in evaluating 'what works' in social policy remains limited. In a time of public service reform and more decentralized decision making, the need for timely, accessible and reliable evidence is becoming ever more important.
How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [36p].
URL: http://www.nesta.org.uk/library/documents/Expert_Essays_webv1.pdf

Using evidence: Advances and debates in bridging health research and action (2010)

Author: Renée Lyons, editor
Description: Global health issues, such as access to clean air and water, obesity, poverty and health, cardiovascular disease prevention, and clinical effectiveness, need high quality evidence so that problems can be understood and addressed. There is a widespread belief that research evidence can and should be used more effectively in health-related decision-making – from broad government actions that have an impact on health, to practitioner decisions in clinical and public health practice. A major development in health research over the past 10 years has been the growth in knowledge translation (KT) and the diffusion and use of research.
How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [7,2MB].
URL: http://www.ahprc.dal.ca/publications/monograph.asp

The Mobile Africa Report 2011: Regional Hubs of Excellence and Innovation

Author: MobileMonday
Description: The report gives a detailed run-down of mobile investments listed by operator along with international alliances and deals and market dynamics. Another section provides insight into mobile appslications.
How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [1,2Mb].
URL: http://www.mobilemonday.net/reports/MobileAfrica_2011.pdf

Risk Reduction and Inter-professional collaboration for TB infection control - A practical toolkit for those involved in TB worldwide

Author: The International Council of Nurses (ICN)
Description: inter-professional TB infection control toolkit. The toolkit follows a series infection control workshops that the ICN has run over the last four years in partnership with the International Hospital Federation, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the World Medical Association.
How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [65p].
URL: http://www.icn.ch/images/stories/TOOLKIT_Final_23_03_2011.pdf

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