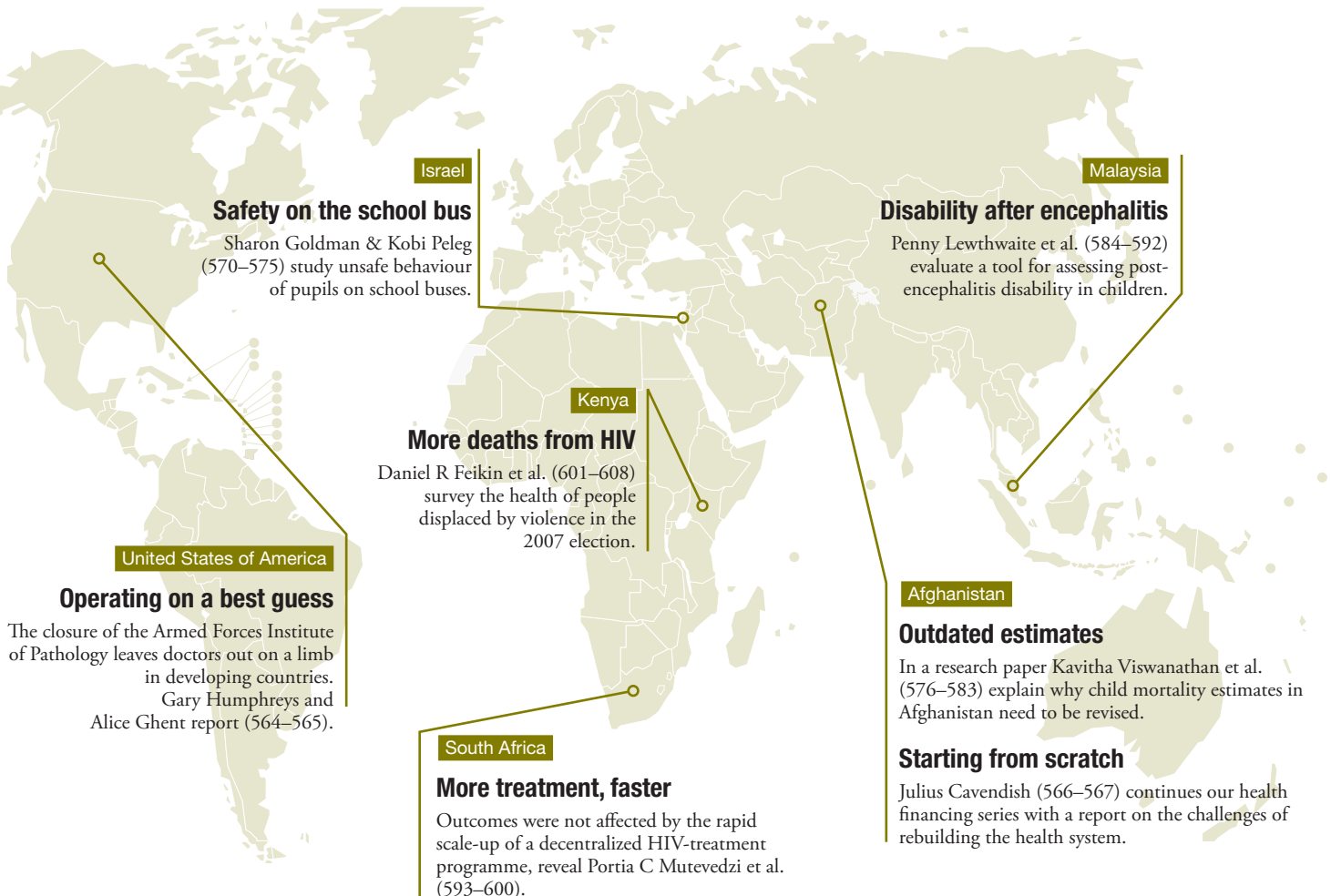


This issue's cover photo shows women and children waiting to consult health workers at the Char Qala Waziribad Comprehensive Health Clinic in Kabul, Afghanistan. In an editorial Peter S Hill et al. (562) discuss how Afghanistan has developed its own Millennium Development Goals and timeline. In a second editorial, Margaretha Haglund (563) calls attention to the threat of tobacco marketing to women and young girls. In an interview, Alessandro Liberati (568–569) calls for better integration of research and treatment.



A painful shortage

Meena Cherian et al. (637–639) highlight the need for more anaesthesia training worldwide.

Shake test

Ümit Kartoglu et al. (624–631) use the shake test to detect damage to freeze-sensitive vaccines.

Whose problem is it?

Caitlin E Kennedy et al. (615–623) examine the need to target HIV-positive people with HIV prevention messages.

Fat taxes

Imposing taxes on fattening foods can influence health, find Anne Marie Thow et al. (609–614).

How many beds?

There are better metrics than bed numbers for calculating hospital needs, argue Bernd Rechel et al. (632–636).