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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.

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Safety on the school bus Sharon Goldman & Kobi Peleg (570–575) study unsafe behaviour of pupils on school buses.

Kenya

More deaths from HIV

Daniel R Feikin et al. (601–608) survey the health of people displaced by violence in the 2007 election.

United States of America Operating on a best quess

The closure of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology leaves doctors out on a limb in developing countries. Gary Humphreys and Alice Ghent report (564–565).



South Africa

More treatment, faster

Outcomes were not affected by the rapid scale-up of a decentralized HIV-treatment programme, reveal Portia C Mutevedzi et al. (593–600).

A painful shortage

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

Fat taxes

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

Shake test

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

How many beds?

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

Disability after encephalitis

Penny Lewthwaite et al. (584–592) evaluate a tool for assessing postencephalitis disability in children.

Afghanistan

Outdated estimates

In a research paper Kavitha Viswanathan et al. (576–583) explain why child mortality estimates in Afghanistan need to be revised.

Starting from scratch

Julius Cavendish (566–567) continues our health financing series with a report on the challenges of rebuilding the health system.

Whose problem is it?

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