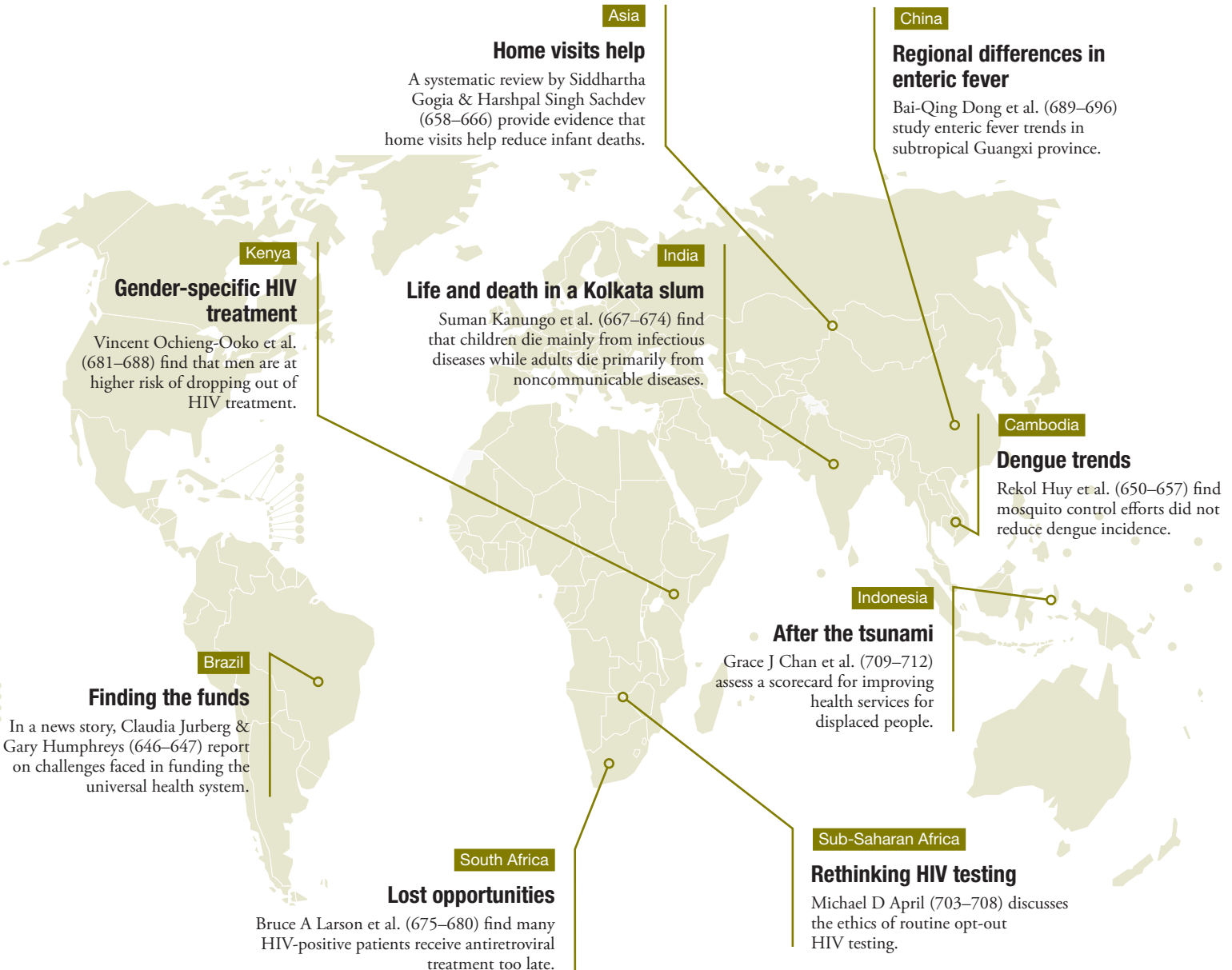


In an editorial, Laksono Trisnantoro et al. (642) discuss three approaches to reducing child mortality. In a second editorial, Thomas F Babor (643) says more research is needed in the development of policies to reduce the harmful use of alcohol. In a news feature, Angel Desai (644–645) reports on the increasing global problem of binge-drinking and violence among young people. In an interview, Muriel Gillick (648–649) asks for a more compassionate approach to caring for frail, elderly people.



## Vitamin A and infant mortality

A study by Michael Anthony Rotondi & Nooshin Khobzi (697–702) finds that vitamin A supplementation may reduce infant deaths in some regions.

## Thinking small

Sidhartha R Sinha & Rajaie Batniji (713–715) discuss how microfinance programmes can improve access to health care.