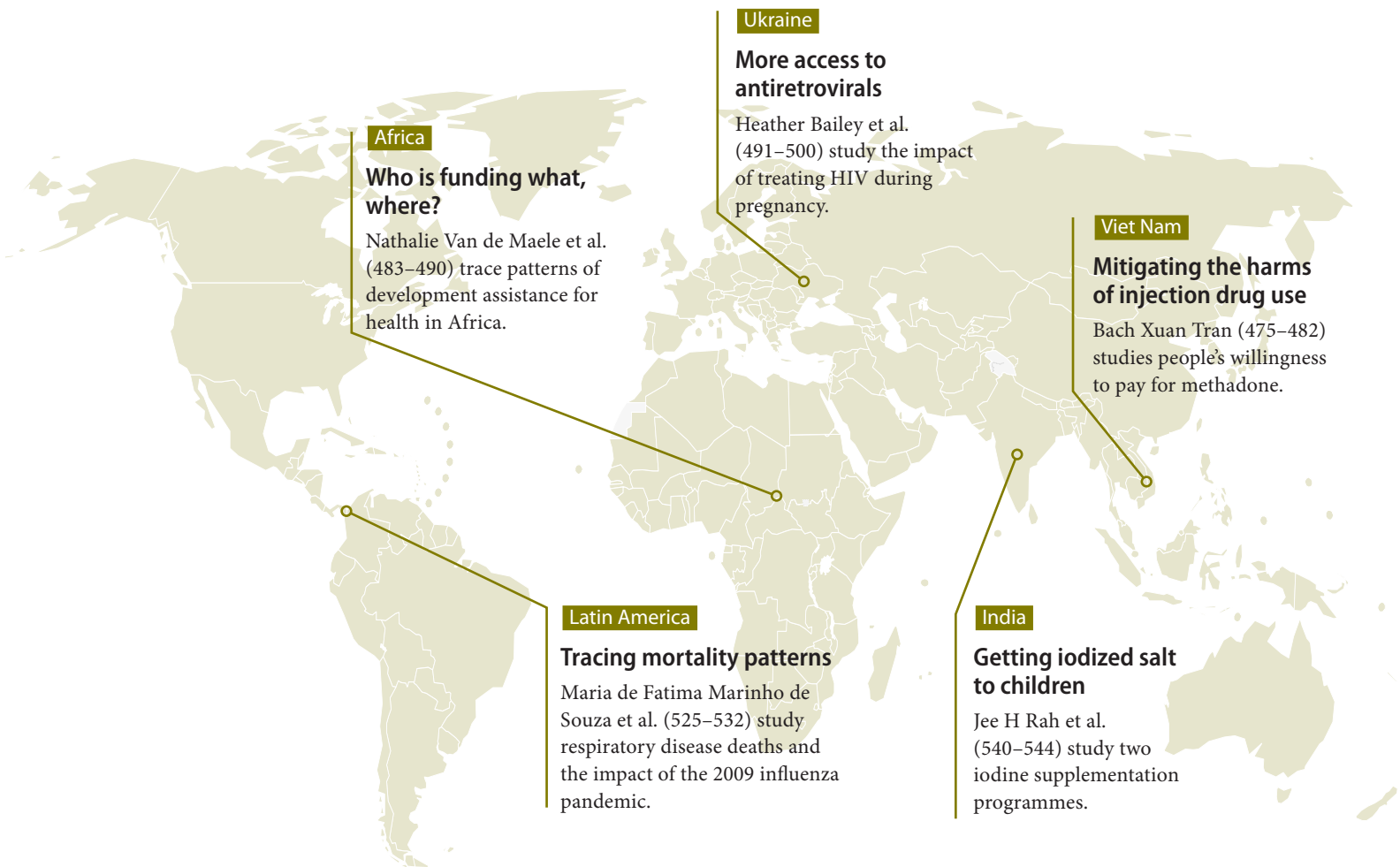


In the editorial section, Pascal Zurn et al. (466) announce an upcoming theme issue on global health and BRICS (Brazil, Russian Federation, India, China and South Africa). The Post 2015 Working Group of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (467) highlights women and children's health as part of the post-2015 development agenda. Angelika Tritscher et al. (468) note the 50th anniversary of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

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## Affordable medicines worldwide

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## Policies that save lives

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## Questions and answers

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