

In the editorial section, Shambhu Acharya et al. (386) introduce this month's special theme on BRICS and global health. Michel Sidibé et al. (387) explain why it is time to invest in the production of medicines and devices by and for African countries. Jarbas Barbosa da Silva Junior et al. (388) describe the evolution of the BRICS approach to cooperation on health.

Trygve Ottersen et al. (389) announce a report on making progress towards universal health coverage fair and equitable. Fiona Fleck interviews Andrew Harmer (394–395) on how BRICS are changing the global health landscape and Claire Keeton (392–393) reports on their use of health technology assessment.

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Losses and gains

Dennis Petrie & Kam Ki Tang (396–404) examine relative health performance over the last two decades.

More cars, more injuries

Adnan A Hyder & Andres I Vecino-Ortiz (423–428) list opportunities to improve road safety.

Few impact many

Miloud Kaddar et al. (436–446) look at investments made in vaccine development.

Ensuring healthier childhoods

Andrew J Mirelman et al. (454–456) count the benefits from vaccines.

New strategies needed

Jacob Creswell et al. (459–460) propose changes to tuberculosis control plans.

Changing players and roles

Ilona Kickbusch (463–464) asks if global health diplomacy will be done differently.

Inequities and child deaths

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From a healthy economy to healthier lives

Krishna D Rao et al. (429–435) analyse universal health care reforms.

Who will lead reforms?

Martin McKee et al. (452–453) debate the BRICS' role in promoting universal health coverage.

Who pays for what?

Victoria Y Fan et al. (457–458) track the flow of health aid.

Simple solutions that improve lives

Amber Cashwell et al. (461–462) suggest that BRICS focus on neglected tropical diseases.

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Reaching rural populations

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Australia

Which policies work?

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