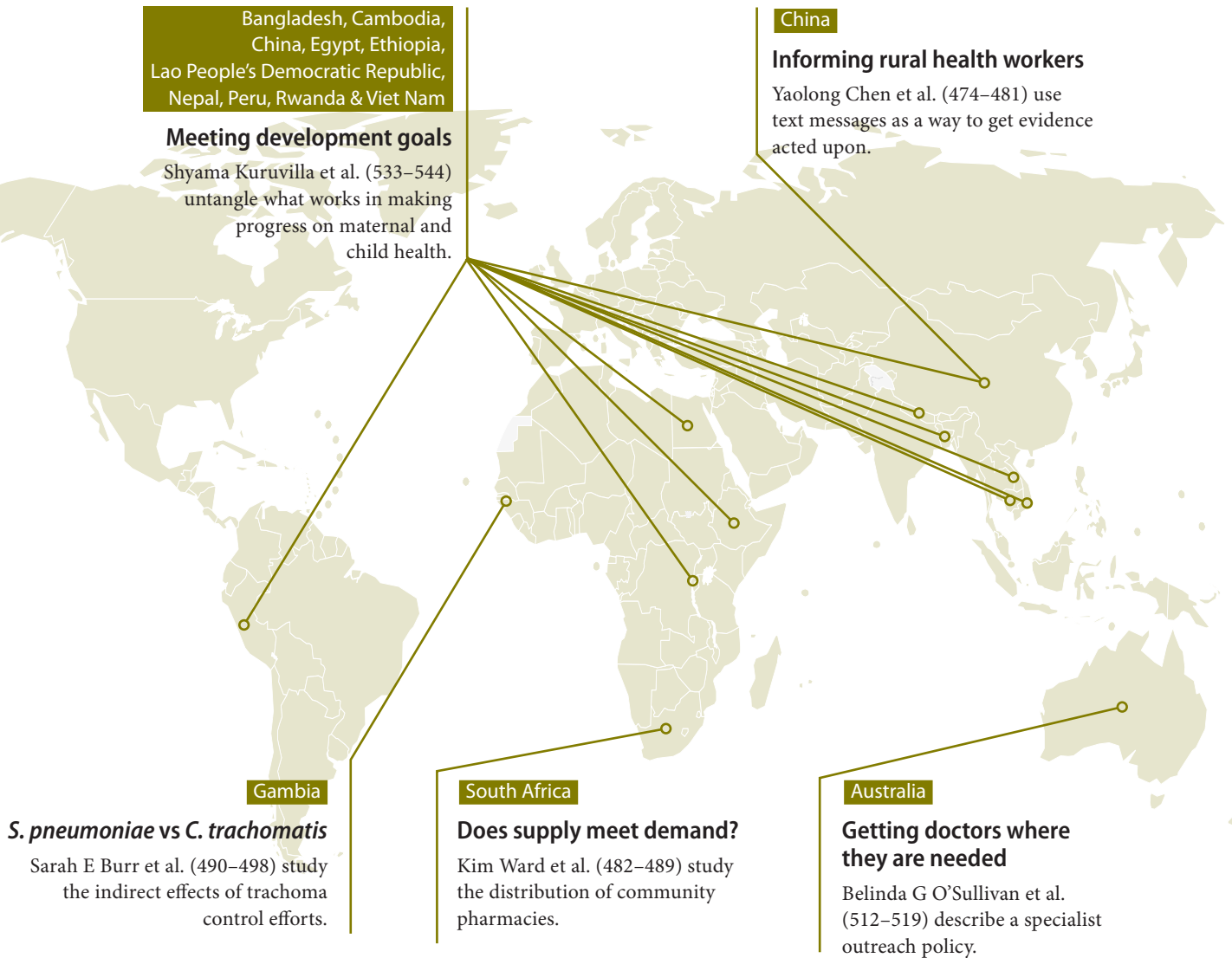


In an editorial, R Bruce Aylward (466) explains why polio has been declared a public health emergency of international concern. Carole Presern et al. (467) draw attention to the factors that predict success – reported in the policy and practice section of this issue (533–544) – in meeting millennium development goals on maternal and child health. Gary Humphreys (470–471) reports on efforts to design high-tech low-cost toilets for 2.5 billion people currently lacking access to basic sanitation infrastructure. Suwit Wibulpolprasert (472–473) talks to Fiona Fleck about progress and setbacks in Thailand's universal coverage scheme.



HIV services

Mariana Siapka et al. (499–511) explore the evidence for integrating service provision.

Surviving snakebite

José María Gutiérrez et al. (526–532) propose ways to make antivenoms more available.

Paying attention to the details

Bryan Mercurio (520–525) dissects the options for making trade agreements less problematic for public health.