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News Articles

What the campaign to eradicate polio tells us about Covid-19 (Financial Times, 2020)

Relates polio's lessons on the importance of public health and the political dynamics around it to the future of COVID-19.

Global polio eradication initiative applauds WHO African region for wild polio-free certification (World Health Organization, 2020)

Celebrates wild polio eradication in Africa as one of the great Global Health milestones of the last years, and illustrates both the underlying preconditions and the remaining challenges.

<u>How polio personnel are pivoting against COVID-19</u> (World Health Organization, 2020)

Illustrates how the past successful work against polio has been changed through the arrival of COVID-19 by providing testimonies of polio health workers from Afghanistan, Somalia, Pakistan, and South Sudan.

<u>Coronavirus makes Taliban realise they need health workers alive not dead</u> (Reuters, 2020)

Recounts the retaliation of Taliban against polio healthcare staff and predicts the impact of COVID-19 in Taliban-controlled areas of Afghanistan.

<u>Pakistan had all but eliminated polio. Then things went badly wrong.</u> (Washington Post, 2019)

Outlines how the Pakistani vaccination campaign was halted through fear and mistrust of citizens arising after illness of school children who had received the vaccine.

How Nigeria beat polio: from 'hit-and-run' vaccine squads to digging wells (Telegraph, 2020)

Explains challenges and set-backs by outlining the events leading up to polio eradication in NIgeria.

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COVID-19 exacerbates violence against health workers (The Lancet, 2020)

Highlights how COVID-19 has followed the trend of other health emergencies in further exacerbating violence against health workers.

<u>Armed groups kill Ebola health workers in eastern DR Congo</u> (UN News, 2019)

Illustrates the efforts against Ebola in DR Congo as another example of violent targetting against healthcare workers.

<u>How Ethiopia's community health workers are hunting down Covid-19</u> (Apolitical, 2020)

Explains the success of Ethiopia's approach to COVID-19 prevention, largely based on contact tracing and educational efforts by community health workers.

Scientific Publications

Andrade, Gabriel E & Hussain, Azhar, 2018. <u>Polio in Pakistan: Political, Sociological, and Epidemiological Factors</u>. Curēus (Palo Alto, CA), 10(10), p.e3502.

Identifies lacking trust and vaccine hesitancy as significant but not insurmountable barriers to the eradication of polio in Pakistan.

Khan A, Walley J, Newell J, Imdad N. <u>Tuberculosis in Pakistan: Socio-cultural</u> <u>constraints and opportunities in treatment</u>. Soc Sci Med. 2000;50(2):247–54.

Provides evidence regarding the barriers remaining to effective tuberculosis care in Pakistan.

Banteyerga H. <u>Ethiopia's health extension program: improving health through community involvement.</u> MEDICC Rev. 2011 Jul;13(3):46-9. doi: 10.1590/s1555-79602011000300011. PMID: 21778960.

Describes the Ethiopian health extension program as an effective way to improve health knowledge, disease prevention, family health, hygiene and environmental sanitation in rural communities.

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Other Resources

10 facts on polio eradication (World Health Organization, 2017)

<u>Data for Action for Tuberculosis Key, Vulnerable and Underserved Populations</u> (Stop TB Partnership, 2017)

<u>Stuck: How Vaccine Rumors Start - And Why They Don't Go Away</u> (Book by Heidi Larson, 2020)

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