

THE HEALTH ECONOMICS AND HIV AND AIDS RESEARCH DIVISION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL INVITES YOU TO A WEBINAR ON:

THEME

Impact of Development Assistance for Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE:

Over the past decades, sexual and reproductive health (SRH) outcomes have improved in most low-and lower-middle-income countries (LLMICs). However, improvements have been uneven and for a group of poor countries reaching SDG 3.8 of universal health coverage (UHC) will be unattainable without further improvements. Achieving those will require substantial investments, including in strengthening health systems to ensure access to relevant services. While LLMICs will need to adjust priorities to increase domestic resources for SRH, much of the funding will need to come from external development assistance (ODA). However, the extent to which ODA contributes to strengthening health systems for improved SRH is largely unknown at the country level. In a recent study we evaluated the effect of SRH-ODA on SRH outcomes in recipient countries from 2002-2019, with a particular focus on the role of health systems. Our results show that SRH aid contributed to positive developments in terms of skilled birth attendance and contraceptive prevalence rate, results that were robust also after several sensitivity analyses. During the seminar we will discuss the implications of these findings and how the study contributes to a more comprehensive understanding of the effects of development assistance for sexual and reproductive health.

SPEAKER 1



Dr Jesper Sundewall

Visiting Associate Professor of Health Economics at HEARD and Researcher at Lund University, Sweden

Jesper Sundewall is a visiting associate professor of health economics at HEARD and researcher at Lund University in Sweden. He has worked on health systems and health financing issues in sub-Saharan Africa since 2004. Jesper has a PhD in Health Systems Research. His research has revolved around development assistance for health and priority setting in low- and middle-income country health sectors. More recently, he has focused specifically on issues of health financing, priority setting and policy linked to universal health coverage and its linkages to sexual and reproductive health and rights.

SPEAKER 2

Ms Jessy Schmit

Researcher in Public Health: Lund University, Sweden

Ms Jessy Schmit is an emerging professional in Public Health research with a Master of Medical Science in Public Health from Lund University. She is curious about the interlinkage between social injustice and health inequities within and between countries. Her research interests lie in the area of health economics, health financing and social determinants of health.

