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, the [Dutch Society for Tropical Medicine & Global Health \(NVTG\)](#), the [Training Institute Global Health and Tropical Medicine \(OIGT\)](#), and the [Knowledge Centre Global Health \(KCGH\)](#) in teamed up to create this joint newsletter, a unified source of updates, activities, and opportunities in global health.

As we move into 2025, we are energised by the momentum of global health initiatives and look forward to a year filled with impactful activities. From key events like **Global Health Day on May 25** to our **Fall Symposium on November 20**, we are committed to fostering knowledge exchange and collaboration. Stay tuned for updates on e-learnings, symposia, and dialogues that aim to address pressing global health challenges. Keep an eye on our agenda and this newsletter for opportunities to get involved.

Thank you for being part of our community, and we look forward to working together toward a healthier, fairer world in 2025 and beyond.

Lastly, if you wish to share something via this newsletter, please reach out to communicatie@kcgch.nl.

News

Albert Schweitzer Prize '25



The **Albert Schweitzer Prize 2025 is now open for submissions!** In celebration of Albert Schweitzer's 150th birthday, the **NASF** invites young healthcare professionals and students to submit **innovative healthcare ideas for sub-Saharan Africa**.

This year's edition includes an extra prize for **locally initiated health projects**. The awards ceremony will be held on **April 9, 2025**.

- 🏆 **Main Prize:** €7,500
- 👤 **Public's Choice:** €2,500
- 💡 **Stimulus Prize:** €1,000

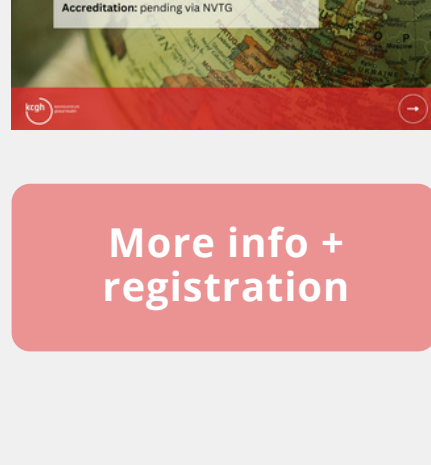
For more information on how to apply and to register for the ceremony, please visit the NASF website.

[More info](#)

Courses & Events

Upcoming Webinar: 'Digital Health in Primary Care – Enhancing Access and Reducing Inequality'

The **WHIG** (Dutch Platform for Family Medicine & International Health) has announced a new date for their highly anticipated webinar, **'Digital Health in Primary Care – Enhancing Access and Reducing Inequality'**. Mark your calendar for this insightful event that offers a fresh start to 2025 with practical insights and inspiring speakers.



📅 **When?** Monday, January 28, 2025

🕒 **Time?** 19:30 – 21:00 CET

🌐 **Where?** Online

The webinar will showcase the power of digital health solutions in reducing health inequalities. Join the discussion led by expert speakers who bring diverse perspectives and experiences to the table:

- **Steven van de Vijver** – Reducing inequality with digital tools
- **Sara Altamirano** – Harnessing AI for digital health equity
- **Amrish Bajdoo & Jakub Hein** – Digital innovations in health promotion

📜 **Accreditation** by NVTG is currently in process.

Don't miss this opportunity to explore how digital health can bridge gaps in primary care, support underserved communities, and drive health equity forward. Take advantage of this fresh start in 2025 and be part of the change.

📍 **Secure your spot now:** [Register here](#)

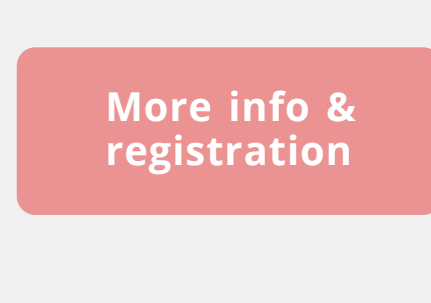
[More info + registration](#)

UMC Utrecht Summer schools | July

The UMC Utrecht Summer Schools are back this year, offering a diverse range of courses in global health. Expand your knowledge and skills in these engaging programs:

- **Global Surgery & OBGYN** (July 7-11, 2025)
- **Global Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health** (July 7-11, 2025)
- **Challenges in Global Health: Non-Communicable Diseases** (July 7-11, 2025)
- **Implementation Science in Global Health** (July 14-18, 2025)
- **Global Health Ethics & Equity** (July 14-18, 2025)
- **Planetary Health: Towards Just Futures** (July 21-25, 2025)

Visit [Utrecht Summer School](#) for more details and to register.



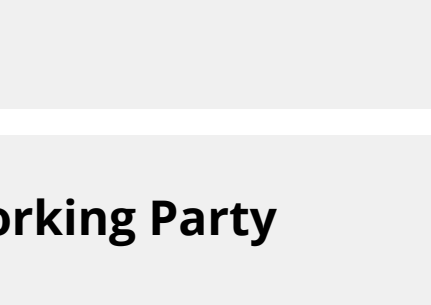
[More info & registration](#)

Conferences

WHIG Symposium | Apr 2

Calling all those with an interest in primary care and international perspectives on travel health advice: the annual WHIG symposium will cover key topics shaping global health in primary care. Mark your calendars for **the evening**.

Stay tuned for more details including registration!



Safe Motherhood Working Party meeting | Feb 5



[More info](#)

The first meeting of the International Safe Motherhood & Reproductive Health Working Party in 2025 will take place on **February 5 at 19:30**, hosted at UMC Utrecht. This event will feature discussions on maternal health challenges in Gaza, alongside a social programme with New Year's drinks. If you are not yet a member but would like to attend, please email secretariaat.wp@gmail.com.

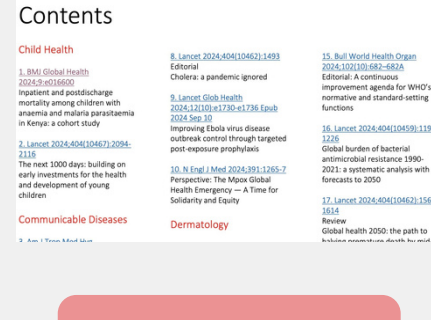
Publications

International Health Alert #4 (2024)

The latest edition of **International Health Alert (IHA)** is now available! IHA offers curated summaries of **recent publications in global health**, covering topics like child health, communicable diseases, emergency medicine, health financing, and more.

Read the latest issue to stay updated on key developments in the field.

You can find this and all previous IHA's [here](#).



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Wemos Reports on Health Equity

Wemos has published two important reports on **achieving health equity with limited resources**, focusing on Mozambique and Zambia.

- **Mozambique:** The report highlights the role of external donors in the country's health sector and the barriers to healthcare access caused by budget deficits.
- **Zambia:** Austerity measures tied to an IMF loan have exacerbated inflation, impacting the accessibility of healthcare services and food security.

These reports underline the need for sustainable financing solutions and improved health budgets. Read more on Wemos' website:

- [Mozambique Study](#)
- [Zambia Study](#)

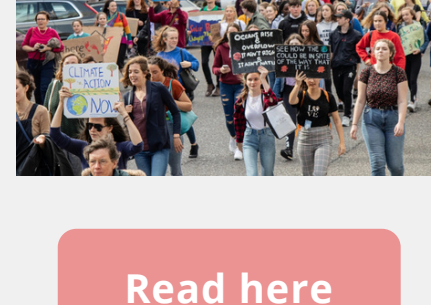


New Column by Sjoerd Verschoor

In his latest column, Sjoerd Verschoor reflects on the contrasting worlds of **global health advocacy and political rhetoric**. From debates on the Dutch Global Health strategy to intense discussions on health equity and decolonization during his Public Health and Health Equity training, Sjoerd shares insights on navigating the divide between like-minded peers and the broader, more challenging "real" world.

Highlighting the need for advocacy skills such as effective communication, relationship building, and moral reframing, he calls for a shift in global health training curricula. As he puts it, "There is always common ground. To reach, not preach."

You can find this and all previous columns [here](#).



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Save the date

Mark your calendars for the coming events (more details follow soon):

- **Global Health Inspiration Day '25** | Apr 12
- **(Dutch) Global Health Day '25** | May 15
- **ECTMIH2025** | Sept 29 - Oct 2
- **NVTG/KCGH/OIGT Fall Symposium** | Nov 2

Curious about more **international events**? Check the [NVTG agenda](#).



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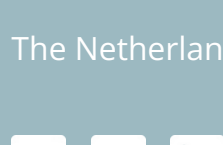
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