

Systems Matters

Celebrating HPI's 20th anniversary



A marriage of minds, morals and motivation: welcoming WISE as part of the HPI Group

Gender equality specialists, WISE Development are merging with Health Partners International to become part of the HPI Group. It's a marriage that is of particular relevance today as issues of equity and women's access to health services can only be resolved with an integrated approach to governance and systems. [Read more...](#)



Meet HPI's Managing Director

We are delighted to welcome Dr Rodion Kraus who although new to the position of HPI Managing Director in September, joined the HPI Board of Directors in 1996 and has been a vital part of the HPI family since. A medical doctor with extensive experience working in the public health sector in Malawi, Namibia and South Africa, he oversaw three large and very successful DFID funded programmes over seven years living in northern Nigeria, focusing on revitalising primary health care. [Read more...](#)



Enter our photo competition

As part of the growing movement to challenge perceptions around health in the countries we work with, our photo competition aims to highlight the importance of sustainable health systems in international development. Our theme is: **Global Health and Brighter Futures: What does equity, resilience and partnerships mean to you?** For a chance to win a £300 Amazon voucher and how to enter [click here](#).



In rural Nigeria, we're training a new generation of midwives

Too many women and babies in northern Nigeria are dying unnecessarily. Providing mothers with female health workers is starting to change that. I was the first person in my family to be schooled, and I have always wanted to use my education to help others. I grew up seeing women give birth in their homes without skilled assistance. So many lost their babies or suffered needlessly, and some died. I felt angry and powerless. [Read more...](#) *The Guardian Online 24 Dec, 2015*



Saving lives with bicycle ambulances

More MAMaZ improves the use of maternal and newborn health services among rural communities in Zambia through an innovative community engagement approach. In a successful first year of implementation, 2,474 community volunteers have been trained to address the range of barriers that prevent women and their families from reaching essential services, including running an emergency transport scheme using bicycle ambulances. TV celebrity Gabby Logan showcases the programme in a powerful short film. [Watch now...](#)



EU commits Naira 4 billion to eradicate Polio in Nigeria

This short video clip shows interviews with Dr. Mahmud Zubair, Director of Logistics and Health Commodities at the NPHCDA; Mrs. Aminata Sidibé, the Training and Contracts Officer/Procurement Expert; Dr. James Attah, the Immunization Expert; and Anne McArthur, Technical Advisor from HPI at the first biannual meeting of the EU SIGN Senior Technical Advisers. [Watch now...](#)



Emergency Transport Service Saves 19,000 Pregnant Northern Women

An Emergency Transport Scheme piloted in four northern states by Health Partners International has helped to transport 19,000 pregnant women in the north to health facilities in emergency situations since 2009. The project with funding from the MacArthur Foundation is implemented in states of Jigawa, Katsina, Yobe and Zamfara but begs for a nationwide

implementation. [Read more...](#) *Leadership Nigeria*, 20 Nov, 2015

Featured Blogs



Ten essential ingredients for governance reform and health system transformation

A transformation has been taking place in Northern Nigeria. Perhaps few have noticed its creeping successes; fewer mothers' lives lost and more children living to see their sixth birthday. After all, few people know when they are part of the statistic most likely to die and even less when they become part of a decreasing trend in mortality. The process of change began in the 1990s and has taken two decades to manifest as effective Primary Health Care service delivery. [Read more](#)



Why health programming must respond to the reality of women's lives

Health policies and interventions need a cross-cutting gender equality and women's empowerment component if they are to tackle the real issues that women face. Persistent social and gender inequalities lie behind the fact that women and girls in many developing countries are at an increased risk of ill health than men and boys. Women's health programmes and policies are increasingly recognising this and starting to develop integrated approaches that address gender equality and women's empowerment. [Read more](#)

New Publications



Results Based Financing with non-state providers: Insights from a controlled trial in Northern Uganda

The NU Health Final Report, and accompanying Technical Annex and Policy Brief aims to contribute to the growing body of evidence related to Results Based Financing, what determines its effectiveness, and how stakeholders – both providers and putative beneficiaries – have come to receive it. [Read more and download the publications...](#)



Health Governance, Systems and Equity: Finding the right mix in Nigeria

Held on 19 November, 2015, this event marked 20 years of collaboration for the HP Network in Nigeria. Presentations sparked stimulating discussion and asked numerous questions such as: What are the appropriate governance structures for Nigeria's health sector that will ensure effective delivery of health services, while also providing accountability, transparency and making sure the money goes where it ought to? [Read more...](#)

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