

Health issues in Africa on agenda for World Health Day

World Health Day is commemorated today, 7 April 2011 and focuses on 'antimicrobial resistance and its global spread'. Antimicrobial resistance threatens the continued effectiveness of many medicines used today to treat the sick, while at the same time it risks jeopardizing important advances being made against major infectious killers.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has called on governments and stakeholders to implement policies and practices needed to prevent and counter the emergence of highly resistant super bugs, and to also provide appropriate care to those seriously affected by these microbes.

Inter Press Service (IPS) news agency has published a series of articles which interrogates health issues in Africa that can be found on the following links:

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Malawi: [Putting Knowledge Into Practice in Childbirth](#);

Kenya: [Civil Society Defends Access to Generic Drugs](#);

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