

Child Health Priorities Virtual Conference

25 -26 November 2020

Putting Children First!

COVID-19: from response to recovery

Day 1: Wednesday, 25 November 2020	
Time	Programme
9:00 – 11:00	Session 1 - Children and COVID-19: What's been the experience? (Facilitator: <i>Mariame Sylla; Unicef</i>)
9:00- 9:20	Child health and the pandemic – Nomlindo Makubalo (DCST, Nelson Mandela Bay; CoMMiC)
9:20 – 9:30	Children's experiences of the pandemic – RXH Radio (Children's voices)
9:30 – 9:50	Key issues related to child health - Karabo Ozah (Centre for Child Law, University of Pretoria)
9:50 – 10:20	Child health and the pandemic: The national response National Department of Health (TBC)
10:20 -11:00	<i>Moderated panel discussion - Mark Heywood</i> (Daily Maverick)
14:00 – 16:00	Session 2 - Child wellbeing: COVID-19 and the way forward
14:00 – 15:05	Facilitator: <i>Lori Lake; Children's Institute</i>
14:00 – 14:15	The impact on poverty, inequality and social assistance - Kath Hall (Children's Institute)
14:15 – 14:30	The impact on violence against women and children - Shanaaz Mathews (Children's Institute)
14:30 – 14:45	The impact on maternal, child and adolescent mental health - Anusha Lachman (Tygerberg Hospital, University of Stellenbosch)
14:45 – 15:05	<i>Panel discussion on supporting children during crisis with presenters</i>
15:15 – 16:00	Facilitator: <i>Maylene Shung-King; University of Cape Town</i>
15:15 – 15:30	The impact on education, health, care, protection and nutrition - Noncedo Madubedube (Equal Education)
15:30 – 15:45	Return to school: tensions between science and on the ground experiences - Mignon McCullough (South African Paediatrics Association)
15:45 – 16:00	<i>Interactive Q & A</i>

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Day 2: Thursday, 26 November 2020	
Time	Programme
9:00 – 11:00	Session 1: Reclaiming child health (0-18 years)
9:00 - 10:00	Food and Nutrition Response for Children – Facilitator: <i>Gilbert Tshitaudzi; Unicef</i>
9:00 - 9:15	Food and Nutrition response for children during COVID – Wanga Zembe (South African Medical Research Council)
9:15 - 9:30	Dietary changes pre-COVID and during COVID among children in North West province – Mieke Faber (South African Medical Research Council; North West University)
9:30 – 10:00	<i>Moderated panel discussion on child-focused food systems</i> (Panellists: Thulani Masilela (Presidency), Wanga Zembe (MRC), Civil Society (TBC)– Chantell Witten (University of the Free State)
10:00 - 11:00	Immunization – Facilitator: <i>Haroon Saloojee; University of the Witwatersrand</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Immunisation services during Covid-19 - Ntombi Mazibuko (ex National Department of Health)
10:15 – 10:30	The National EPI survey 2019 – Portia Mutevedzi (MRC Respiratory and Meningeal Pathogens Research Unit)
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Facilitated panel discussion: Improving immunisation coverage in South Africa</i> Panellists: Shabir Madhi (National Advisory Group on Immunisation), Ntombi Mazibuko (ex NDoH), Rudzani Muloiwa (Vaccines for Africa), Simon Strachan (Paediatrician in private practice)
14:00 - 16:00	Session 2: Re-imagining child health service delivery
14:00 – 15:00	Facilitator: <i>Wiedaad Slemming; University of the Witwatersrand</i>
14:00 – 14:30	The older child and adolescent – Neil McKerrow (Paediatrics and Child Health, KZN; CoMMiC)
14:30 – 15:00	Long-term health conditions – Tony Westwood (University of Cape Town)
15:00 – 16:00	<i>Moderated discussion: Preparing for the next COVID</i> - Haroon Saloojee (University of the Witwatersrand) Panellists: Neil McKerrow (CoMMiC), Lesley Bamford (National Department of Health), Jenny Nash (Family Medicine, Eastern Cape)