

# Left out of the conversation:

## the effects of this time on optimal human development

The **DSI-NRF Centre of Excellence in Human Development** and the **Global Health Research Institute at the University of Southampton**, together with partners **MRC-Wits Developmental Pathways for Health Research Unit (DPHRU)**, the **South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC)** and **DOHaD Africa**, invite you to join a series of weekly webinars.

We will be investigating the effect of the pandemic on human development, and how Covid-19 will shape a new research agenda, with particular emphasis on its disruptions of child development, food security, public health priorities, socio-economic progress, and the environment.

**Wednesday 15 July at 4 pm (GMT+2):**

Covid-19 in context followed by an examination of the impact of the pandemic on children

**SAMRC** | An overview of South Africa's Covid-19 response and an evaluation of South Africa's response as a public health case study in Africa

**Professor Tamsen Rochat, Wellcome Trust fellow, DPHRU/CoE-HUMAN** | What does the South African research on childhood resilience suggest regarding parenting and community interventions that are needed during the pandemic and lockdown conditions?

**Dr Catherine Draper, DPHRU** | Concerns regarding the impact of lockdown on children's movement behaviours and early learning

**Professor Shane Norris, DPHRU/CoE-HUMAN/GHRI** | Moderation and response

**Wednesday 22 July at 4 pm (GMT+2):**

The impact of Covid-19 on nutritional status and food insecurity

**Professor Julian May, DSI-NRF Centre of Excellence in Food Security** | An overview of the impact of lockdown interventions on food security in South Africa

**Dr Chantell Witten, University of the Free State** | Policy analysis of the exacerbated nutrition crisis and interventions that can be made

**Dr Elizabeth Kimani-Murage, DOHaD Africa and the African Population and Health Research Centre, Kenya** | The impact in Kenya on food insecurity and its implications for Kenya's child nutrition plan

**Dr Asmaa El Hamdouchi, NCESNT, Morocco** | How accessible has healthy and affordable food been in Morocco during this time and what are the implications for obesity interventions?

**Professor Caroline Fall, MRC Lifecourse Epidemiology Research Unit/GHRI (Southampton)** | Moderation and response

**Wednesday 29 July at 4 pm (GMT+2):**

The unanticipated costs of COVID-19 to the NCD burden of South Africa and the whole of the continent

**Professor Abdallah Daar, DOHaD Africa and University of Toronto** | Is the Covid-19 risk to people with chronic non-communicable diseases getting the attention it needs?

**Distinguished Professor Lenore Manderson, Wits School of Public Health** | Why the importance of the continued care of people living with other lifelong medical conditions must be continued and strengthened within the context of the swing of attention and resources to Covid-19

**Professor Mary Barker, MRC Lifecourse Epidemiology Research Unit/GHRI (Southampton)** | Moderation and response

**Wednesday 5 August at 4 pm (GMT+2):**

Covid-19 and its socio-economic impacts within South Africa

**Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)** | An overview of the economic impact and how an expanded infrastructure programme is crucial for the economic recovery from the recession

**Professor Imraan Valodia (University of the Witwatersrand)** | Topic TBC

**Prof Ronelle Burger, University of Stellenbosch** | What has been the social impact of Covid-19 in South Africa and has there been sufficient social solidarity?

**Mrs Iianza Perold, Cape Peninsula University of Technology** | What has been the socio-economic impact of the cancellation in South Africa of four major sporting events?

**Dr Kalyanaraman Kumaran, Global Health Research Institute (Southampton)** | Moderation and response

**Wednesday 12 August at 4 pm (GMT+2):**

How Covid-19 is exacerbating the crisis of contamination, pollution and climate threats

**Prof Angela Mathee, Environment and Health Research Unit, SAMRC** | What are the implications of Covid-19 for environmental health?

**Other speakers TBC**

**Dr Kate Ward, Global Health Research Institute (Southampton)** | Moderation and response