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1	Republished research: Implementation research: what it is and how to do it. <i>British Journal of Sports Medicine</i> , 2014, 48, 731-736.	6.7	656
2	Countdown to 2030: tracking progress towards universal coverage for reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health. <i>Lancet, The</i> , 2018, 391, 1538-1548.	13.7	309
3	Building the Field of Health Policy and Systems Research: Framing the Questions. <i>PLoS Medicine</i> , 2011, 8, e1001073.	8.4	285
4	Public social policy development and implementation: a case study of the Ghana National Health Insurance scheme. <i>Health Policy and Planning</i> , 2007, 23, 150-160.	2.7	237
5	Building the Field of Health Policy and Systems Research: Social Science Matters. <i>PLoS Medicine</i> , 2011, 8, e1001079.	8.4	233
6	Equity aspects of the National Health Insurance Scheme in Ghana: Who is enrolling, who is not and why?. <i>Social Science and Medicine</i> , 2011, 72, 157-165.	3.8	200
7	Malaria: Ethnomedical perceptions and practice in an Adangbe farming community and implications for control. <i>Social Science and Medicine</i> , 1992, 35, 131-137.	3.8	151
8	The path to longer and healthier lives for all Africans by 2030: the Lancet Commission on the future of health in sub-Saharan Africa. <i>Lancet, The</i> , 2017, 390, 2803-2859.	13.7	150
9	Household perceptions and their implications for enrolment in the National Health Insurance Scheme in Ghana. <i>Health Policy and Planning</i> , 2012, 27, 222-233.	2.7	120
10	Health worker (internal customer) satisfaction and motivation in the public sector in Ghana. <i>International Journal of Health Planning and Management</i> , 2004, 19, 319-336.	1.7	115
11	Building the Field of Health Policy and Systems Research: An Agenda for Action. <i>PLoS Medicine</i> , 2011, 8, e1001081.	8.4	114
12	Can health insurance protect against out-of-pocket and catastrophic expenditures and also support poverty reduction? Evidence from Ghana's National Health Insurance Scheme. <i>International Journal for Equity in Health</i> , 2016, 15, 116.	3.5	90
13	Improving adherence to malaria treatment for children: the use of pre-packed chloroquine tablets vs. chloroquine syrup. <i>Tropical Medicine and International Health</i> , 2001, 6, 496-504.	2.3	85
14	Advancing the application of systems thinking in health: realist evaluation of the Leadership Development Programme for district manager decision-making in Ghana. <i>Health Research Policy and Systems</i> , 2014, 12, 29.	2.8	85
15	Individual and community determinants of neonatal mortality in Ghana: a multilevel analysis. <i>BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth</i> , 2014, 14, 165.	2.4	70
16	The 'Universal' in UHC and Ghana's National Health Insurance Scheme: policy and implementation challenges and dilemmas of a lower middle income country. <i>BMC Health Services Research</i> , 2016, 16, 504.	2.2	69
17	The diagnosis and management of fever at household level in the Greater Accra Region, Ghana. <i>Acta Tropica</i> , 1994, 58, 317-330.	2.0	68
18	Reforming Health Service Delivery at District Level in Ghana: The Perspective of a District Medical Officer. <i>Health Policy and Planning</i> , 1999, 14, 59-69.	2.7	67

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19	MOSQUITO AVOIDANCE AND BED NET USE IN THE GREATER ACCRA REGION, GHANA. <i>Journal of Biosocial Science</i> , 1999, 31, 79-92.	1.2	67
20	“We charge them; otherwise we cannot run the hospital” front line workers, clients and health financing policy implementation gaps in Ghana. <i>Health Policy</i> , 2011, 99, 226-233.	3.0	67
21	Strengthening health system leadership for better governance: what does it take?. <i>Health Policy and Planning</i> , 2018, 33, ii1-ii4.	2.7	56
22	When 'solutions of yesterday become problems of today': crisis-ridden decision making in a complex adaptive system (CAS)--the Additional Duty Hours Allowance in Ghana. <i>Health Policy and Planning</i> , 2012, 27, iv20-iv31.	2.7	55
23	Incorporating research evidence into decision-making processes: researcher and decision-maker perceptions from five low- and middle-income countries. <i>Health Research Policy and Systems</i> , 2015, 13, 70.	2.8	54
24	The role of policy actors and contextual factors in policy agenda setting and formulation: maternal fee exemption policies in Ghana over four and a half decades. <i>Health Research Policy and Systems</i> , 2015, 13, 27.	2.8	51
25	Predictors of skilled attendance at delivery among antenatal clinic attendants in Ghana: a cross-sectional study of population data. <i>BMJ Open</i> , 2015, 5, e007810-e007810.	1.9	50
26	Strategies to improve adherence to recommended chloroquine treatment regimes: a quasi-experiment in the context of integrated primary health care delivery in Ghana. <i>Social Science and Medicine</i> , 2002, 55, 2215-2226.	3.8	49
27	Facilitators and barriers to antiretroviral therapy adherence among adolescents in Ghana. <i>Patient Preference and Adherence</i> , 2016, 10, 329.	1.8	49
28	Contextual Risk Factors for Low Birth Weight: A Multilevel Analysis. <i>PLoS ONE</i> , 2014, 9, e109333.	2.5	48
29	“It’s far too complicated”: why fragmentation persists in global health. <i>Globalization and Health</i> , 2020, 16, 60.	4.9	47
30	Introducing vouchers for malaria prevention in Ghana and Tanzania: context and adoption of innovation in health systems. <i>Health Policy and Planning</i> , 2012, 27, iv32-iv43.	2.7	46
31	Rethinking health systems in the context of urbanisation: challenges from four rapidly urbanising low-income and middle-income countries. <i>BMJ Global Health</i> , 2019, 4, e001501.	4.7	46
32	Systematic review of prediction models for gestational hypertension and preeclampsia. <i>PLoS ONE</i> , 2020, 15, e0230955.	2.5	46
33	Advancing the application of systems thinking in health: provider payment and service supply behaviour and incentives in the Ghana National Health Insurance Scheme – a systems approach. <i>Health Research Policy and Systems</i> , 2014, 12, 35.	2.8	45
34	Efficiency, equity and feasibility of strategies to identify the poor: An application to premium exemptions under National Health Insurance in Ghana. <i>Health Policy</i> , 2010, 95, 166-173.	3.0	43
35	Care Decision Making of Frontline Providers of Maternal and Newborn Health Services in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana. <i>PLoS ONE</i> , 2013, 8, e55610.	2.5	42
36	Profile: The Dodowa HDSS. <i>International Journal of Epidemiology</i> , 2013, 42, 1686-1696.	1.9	40

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37	An evaluation of Health Workers for Change in seven settings: a useful management and health system development tool. <i>Health Policy and Planning</i> , 2001, 16, 24-32.	2.7	39
38	Identification of poor households for premium exemptions in Ghana's National Health Insurance Scheme: empirical analysis of three strategies. <i>Tropical Medicine and International Health</i> , 2010, 15, 1544-1552.	2.3	38
39	Perinatal outcomes after hypertensive disorders in pregnancy in a low resource setting. <i>Tropical Medicine and International Health</i> , 2015, 20, 1778-1786.	2.3	38
40	Maternal body mass index and adverse pregnancy outcomes: A Ghanaian cohort study. <i>Obesity</i> , 2016, 24, 215-222.	3.0	35
41	Quantifying the Validity of Routine Neonatal Healthcare Data in the Greater Accra Region, Ghana. <i>PLoS ONE</i> , 2014, 9, e104053.	2.5	34
42	Community concepts of poverty: an application to premium exemptions in Ghana's National Health Insurance Scheme. <i>Globalization and Health</i> , 2013, 9, 12.	4.9	32
43	'Your health our concern, our health whose concern?': perceptions of injustice in organizational relationships and processes and frontline health worker motivation in Ghana. <i>Health Policy and Planning</i> , 2014, 29, ii15-ii28.	2.7	32
44	Boundary-spanning: reflections on the practices and principles of Global Health. <i>BMJ Global Health</i> , 2016, 1, e000058.	4.7	32
45	Addressing the fragmentation of global health: the Lancet Commission on synergies between universal health coverage, health security, and health promotion. <i>Lancet, The</i> , 2018, 392, 1098-1099.	13.7	32
46	Costs, equity, efficiency and feasibility of identifying the poor in Ghana's National Health Insurance Scheme: empirical analysis of various strategies. <i>Tropical Medicine and International Health</i> , 2012, 17, 43-51.	2.3	31
47	'I Used to Fight with Them but Now I Have Stopped!': Conflict and Doctor-Nurse-Anaesthetists' Motivation in Maternal and Neonatal Care Provision in a Specialist Referral Hospital. <i>PLoS ONE</i> , 2015, 10, e0135129.	2.5	31
48	Improving access to early treatment of malaria: a trial with primary school teachers as care providers. <i>Tropical Medicine and International Health</i> , 2005, 10, 1065-1072.	2.3	29
49	Understanding the state of health policy and systems research in West Africa and capacity strengthening needs: scoping of peer-reviewed publications trends and patterns 1990-2015. <i>Health Research Policy and Systems</i> , 2017, 15, 55.	2.8	29
50	Learning health systems: an empowering agenda for low-income and middle-income countries. <i>Lancet, The</i> , 2020, 395, 476-477.	13.7	29
51	Ghana's community-based primary health care: Why women and children are "disadvantaged" by its implementation. <i>Social Science and Medicine</i> , 2018, 201, 27-34.	3.8	28
52	Management of mutual health organizations in Ghana. <i>Tropical Medicine and International Health</i> , 2006, 11, 654-659.	2.3	27
53	What Governs District Manager Decision Making? A Case Study of Complex Leadership in Dangme West District, Ghana. <i>Health Systems and Reform</i> , 2015, 1, 167-177.	1.2	26
54	Completeness and accuracy of data transfer of routine maternal health services data in the greater Accra region. <i>BMC Research Notes</i> , 2015, 8, 114.	1.4	26

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56	The willingness to participate in biomedical research involving human beings in low and middle income countries: a systematic review. <i>Tropical Medicine and International Health</i> , 2019, 24, 264-279.	2.3	25
57	The effect of a clinical decision-making mHealth support system on maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity in Ghana: study protocol for a cluster randomized controlled trial. <i>Trials</i> , 2017, 18, 157.	1.6	24
58	“The one with the purse makes policy”: Power, problem definition, framing and maternal health policies and programmes evolution in national level institutionalised policy making processes in Ghana. <i>Social Science and Medicine</i> , 2016, 167, 79-87.	3.8	22
59	Provider adherence to first antenatal care guidelines and risk of pregnancy complications in public sector facilities: a Ghanaian cohort study. <i>BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth</i> , 2016, 16, 369.	2.4	22
60	Spanning maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH) and health systems research boundaries: conducive and limiting health systems factors to improving MNCH outcomes in West Africa. <i>Health Research Policy and Systems</i> , 2017, 15, 54.	2.8	21
61	Client Factors Affect Provider Adherence to Clinical Guidelines during First Antenatal Care. <i>PLoS ONE</i> , 2016, 11, e0157542.	2.5	21
62	Technical analysis, contestation and politics in policy agenda setting and implementation: the rise and fall of primary care maternal services from Ghana’s capitation policy. <i>BMC Health Services Research</i> , 2016, 16, 323.	2.2	20
63	Leadership styles in two Ghanaian hospitals in a challenging environment. <i>Health Policy and Planning</i> , 2018, 33, ii16-ii26.	2.7	20
64	Development and validation of a prediction model for gestational hypertension in a Ghanaian cohort. <i>BMJ Open</i> , 2017, 7, e012670.	1.9	19
65	Sustainability of recurrent expenditure on public social welfare programmes: expenditure analysis of the free maternal care programme of the Ghana National Health Insurance Scheme. <i>Health Policy and Planning</i> , 2014, 29, 271-279.	2.7	17
66	Postings and transfers in the Ghanaian health system: a study of health workforce governance. <i>International Journal for Equity in Health</i> , 2017, 16, 85.	3.5	17
67	Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages. <i>UN Chronicle</i> , 2015, 51, 9-10.	0.1	17
68	Viewpoint: When the “non-workable ideological best” becomes the enemy of the “imperfect but workable good”. <i>Tropical Medicine and International Health</i> , 2011, 16, 105-109.	2.3	16
69	The effect of an mHealth clinical decision-making support system on neonatal mortality in a low resource setting: A cluster-randomized controlled trial. <i>EClinicalMedicine</i> , 2019, 12, 31-42.	7.1	16
70	Strengthening capacities and resource allocation for co-production of health research in low and middle income countries. <i>BMJ</i> , 2021, 372, n166.	6.0	16
71	Using Mobile Health to Support Clinical Decision-Making to Improve Maternal and Neonatal Health Outcomes in Ghana: Insights of Frontline Health Worker Information Needs. <i>JMIR MHealth and UHealth</i> , 2019, 7, e12879.	3.7	16
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73	Strengthening post-graduate educational capacity for health policy and systems research and analysis: the strategy of the Consortium for Health Policy and Systems Analysis in Africa. <i>Health Research Policy and Systems</i> , 2016, 14, 29.	2.8	14
74	Strategic leadership capacity building for Sub-Saharan African health systems and public health governance: a multi-country assessment of essential competencies and optimal design for a Pan African DrPH. <i>Health Policy and Planning</i> , 2018, 33, ii35-ii49.	2.7	14
75	PROVIDING PRACTICAL ESTIMATES OF MALARIA BURDEN FOR HEALTH PLANNERS IN RESOURCE-POOR COUNTRIES. <i>American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene</i> , 2004, 71, 162-167.	1.4	14
76	Public health facility resource availability and provider adherence to first antenatal guidelines in a low resource setting in Accra, Ghana. <i>BMC Health Services Research</i> , 2016, 16, 505.	2.2	13
77	Willing but unable? Extending theory to investigate community capacity to participate in Ghana's community-based health planning and service implementation. <i>Evaluation and Program Planning</i> , 2019, 72, 170-178.	1.6	13
78	Universal health coverage: breakthrough or great white elephant?. <i>Lancet, The</i> , 2018, 392, 2229-2236.	13.7	12
79	Continuous Quality Improvement in Public Health in Ghana. <i>Quality Management in Health Care</i> , 2001, 9, 1-10.	0.8	11
80	Synergies and fragmentation in country level policy and program agenda setting, formulation and implementation for Global Health agendas: a case study of health security, universal health coverage, and health promotion in Ghana and Sierra Leone. <i>BMC Health Services Research</i> , 2021, 21, 476.	2.2	10
81	A Narrative Synthesis Review of Out-of-Pocket Payments for Health Services Under Insurance Regimes: A Policy Implementation Gap Hindering Universal Health Coverage in Sub-Saharan Africa. <i>International Journal of Health Policy and Management</i> , 2021, , .	0.9	9
82	Incidence of Adverse Events Among Healthcare Workers Following H1N1 Mass Immunization in Ghana. <i>Drug Safety</i> , 2013, 36, 259-266.	3.2	8
83	Making sense of health estimates. <i>Lancet, The</i> , 2015, 385, 1377-1379.	13.7	8
84	Rural healthcare providers coping with clinical care delivery challenges: lessons from three health centres in Ghana. <i>BMC Family Practice</i> , 2021, 22, 32.	2.9	7
85	Measuring regional and district variations in the incidence of pregnancy-induced hypertension in Ghana: challenges, opportunities and implications for maternal and newborn health policy and programmes. <i>Tropical Medicine and International Health</i> , 2016, 21, 93-100.	2.3	6
86	Improvisation and harm avoidance: An ethnographic study of adherence to postnatal care protocols in two hospitals in Southern Ghana. <i>Midwifery</i> , 2020, 82, 102576.	2.3	6
87	Can an mhealth clinical decision-making support system improve adherence to neonatal healthcare protocols in a low-resource setting?. <i>BMC Pediatrics</i> , 2020, 20, 534.	1.7	6
88	Implementation of a referral and expert advice call Center for Maternal and Newborn Care in the resource constrained health system context of the Greater Accra region of Ghana. <i>BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth</i> , 2021, 21, 56.	2.4	6
89	Improved prediction of gestational hypertension by inclusion of placental growth factor and pregnancy associated plasma protein-a in a sample of Ghanaian women. <i>Reproductive Health</i> , 2018, 15, 56.	3.1	5
90	An exploratory case study of the organizational functioning of a decision-making and referral support call center for frontline providers of maternal and new born care in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana. <i>International Journal of Health Planning and Management</i> , 2018, 33, e1112-e1123.	1.7	5

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91	Realist evaluation to improve health systems responsiveness to neglected health needs of vulnerable groups in Ghana and Vietnam: Study protocol. PLoS ONE, 2021, 16, e0245755.	2.5	5
92	A comparative study of clinical and sociocultural aspects of anaemia among adolescent girls in rural Ghana. Acta Tropica, 1997, 65, 123-138.	2.0	4
93	Adapting the Community-based Health Planning and Services (CHPS) to engage poor urban communities in Ghana: protocol for a participatory action research study. BMJ Open, 2021, 11, e049564.	1.9	4
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95	PP081. Predictors of pregnancy induced hypertension in an urban low resource setting. Pregnancy Hypertension, 2013, 3, 97.	1.4	2
96	"Wood already touched by fire is not hard to set alight" Comment on "Constraints to applying systems thinking concepts in health systems: A regional perspective from surveying stakeholders in Eastern Mediterranean countries". International Journal of Health Policy and Management, 2015, 4, 191-193.	0.9	2
97	Power sources among district health managers in Ghana: a qualitative study. , 2022, 23, 68.		2
98	Protocol for a realist synthesis of health systems responsiveness in low-income and middle-income countries. BMJ Open, 2021, 11, e046992.	1.9	0
99	Powers, engagements and resultant influences over the design and implementation of medicine pricing policies in Ghana. BMJ Global Health, 2022, 7, e008225.	4.7	0