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The new year and new decade have started very well for the AHJ. There are many outstanding articles in this issue by contributors who are global leaders in their respective areas of work.

The Opinion column continues to probe the SDGs, which promise to 'leave no one behind' by reaching households and communities in Africa. The Uganda Village Health Team (VHT) programme is presented as an illustrative case that can be adapted by countries to reach their households and communities.

Dr Anne Merriman, a pioneer in popularising Palliative Care in Africa, has contributed to an interview which is rich in lessons for all countries.

The East Africa Centre for Vaccines and Immunization (ECAVI) describes its work in training immunisation health workers across Africa.

Dr Peter Eriki, a former head of the tuberculosis programme in Uganda and at the WHO Regional office in Brazzaville, gives a succinct status report on the fight against this old disease that is not going away despite the availability of a cure.

Inter Professional Education (IPE) is the gateway to harmonious collaboration of various cadres of health professionals in service delivery. This is described by a team of AFriPEN authors, who point out the urgent need for health professional training institutions to adopt this approach.

There is a series of ground-breaking articles on sexual and reproductive health that are a must-read. The subject of menstrual health has been brilliantly addressed by Professor Anne Kihara from the University of Nairobi in a way that all will be able to understand. In another contribution, Kihara discusses how women and adolescent girls of reproductive age

face the biological functions of pregnancy and childbirth which intersect with gender inequalities and poverty and expose women to maternal health risks. There is an article from Thembo Joshua, the Advocacy Officer of the Naguru Teenage Centre in Kampala, on the challenges of teenage pregnancy in Uganda, which he describes as a 'time bomb'. Addressing rampant teenage pregnancy in Africa relates to gender equality, culture, education for girls and access to income, among others. I hope that this article stimulates open debate and look forward to seeing more of this topic in this journal and in the public domain in all African countries.

The obituary is of our dear colleague and friend Professor David Sanders. One of his very last international meeting appearances was at the Special Consultation on Governance for Health in Africa in Kampala last July. Selected quotations from his many contributions to that meeting have been reproduced, which make interesting reading and remind us of our departed health advocate.

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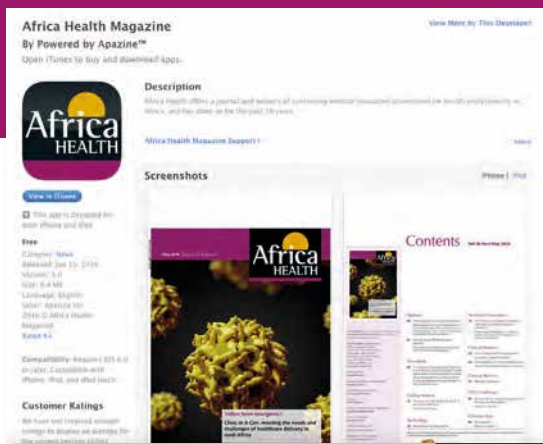
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