

Author Instructions:

Global Heart “*Lessons from the Field*” article series

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Background: Many clinical and public health practitioners in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) are innovating to improve cardiovascular health—in hospitals, clinics, government offices, and society. Global Heart is the world’s leading peer-reviewed journal dedicated to improving cardiovascular health (CVH) globally, and in LMICs specifically. The *Global Heart* article series titled *Lessons from the Field* will meet an unmet need by 1) bringing to the global CVH community cutting-edge evidence on innovation and practical implementation of clinical and public health interventions, and 2) developing mentored research and communication skills and cultivating the careers of CVH practitioners working in LMICs.

Global Heart: *Lessons from the Field* calls for brief original articles from active cardiovascular health clinicians and public health practitioners eager to improve their clinical practice or approach to improving population health. *Lessons from Field* article requirements and other details are provided below.

***Lessons from the Field* article topics of interest**

- Cardiovascular disease control policy challenges, ideas, and innovations
- Lessons learned in the field from World Health Organisation HEARTS and other CVD control program implementers
- Lessons learned in the field from hospital-based practitioners (clinical pathway, guideline implementation)
- Primary care and hospital-based quality improvement initiatives and outcomes
- Health worker training program development and evaluation
- Digital information technology and e-health innovations
- Policies and regulations to reduce CVD risk factors (e.g. tobacco, air pollution and unhealthy diets)
- Heart-healthy diet/nutrition/tobacco/air pollution media campaigns and educational interventions
- Cardiovascular disease medicine access, affordability, and quality

***Lessons from the Field* article specifications**

- Must report the evaluation of an *intervention*—quantitative or qualitative evaluation, using standard health metrics
- No more than 1000 words, not including Abstract, Acknowledgements, and References
- Required sections: unstructured Abstract at <150 words, and main text with subheadings: Background, Method, Results, Conclusions, Acknowledgements, References
- One table or figure is encouraged
- 15 or fewer citations

***Lessons from the Field* article series author experience**

- Prioritized inclusion of clinicians, program implementers and authors based in LMICs.
- The editors of *Global Heart* will support new authors with mentorship and writing technical support as part of the review process, and, for accepted articles, as part of editing and production.

***Lessons from the Field* article series publication fees**

- Thanks to generous support from the [Resolve to Save Lives](#) organization, a limited number of publication fee waivers are available for LIC and LMIC-based authors whose submissions meet the Global Heart standards. Authors not meeting the *Global Heart* standards for LIC and LMIC-authored work or who are unable to receive one of the limited fee waivers will be responsible for covering their publication fees as per the [Global Heart policy](#).