Weekly News Roundup – 14 April 2017

Please have a look at the CIRHT-St. Paul’s Hospital Millennium Medical College Case Study, a good read about the essential work that CIRHT partners have begun.

Trump’s anti-abortion surge continues, this week allowing individual states to deny Federal funding to Planned Parenthood for provision of non-abortion health services. The legislation will be fought in the courts across the country. The continued worry about the ramifications for the world’s poorest of the defunding of UNFPA continues, in the pages of NEJM, across Africa, and in Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, and Uganda.

These moves do ignore the facts, as shown in a study from India, where better access to contraceptives is helping reduce maternal mortality, and a study from Guttmacher which shows that barriers to abortion care have serious and cumulative negative effects.

Two studies out of South Africa about the costs of abortion services to patients and providers, and the barriers those costs can create despite the country’s liberal abortion law.

As countries struggle with evidence-based policies concerning gender equality, an interesting study shows how big data sources can be harnessed to fill the gender data gaps and inform those policies.

Countries in the Sahel are showing a readiness to take FP seriously, with anti-stigma and information initiatives in Burkina Faso and Senegal, which is showing some improvement in the rate of teen pregnancies.

And an uplifting story about a Ugandan midwife, who has delivered more than 7,400 babies.

Let’s all look forward to the Fifth International Conference on Family Planning. See you in Rwanda in 2018!

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