



Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research **NEWSLETTER**

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WELCOME TO THE 2026 AUTUMN SEMESTER

The Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research welcomes all students and researchers to the 2026 Autumn Semester. We have many exciting courses, conferences, webinars and opportunities prepared for you all.

Our monthly newsletter is a fresh way to engage with the global health community in Norway and learn about how our researchers are impacting the world.

Welcome from Prof. Thorkild Tylleskär

The Independent reports that newborn deaths are surging in the world's most vulnerable communities, allegedly due to aid cuts.

It seems the trend of several decades of continuous improvements in global health may now be broken. All the more reasons for us working in global health to increase our efforts for improving health and improving the determinants for good health.



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FEATURED RESEARCH

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CELEBRATING WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK: 1ST – 7TH AUGUST

We tend to take breastfeeding for granted, assuming it is available to every newborn, but for many, the reality is different.

Less than half of all babies born worldwide are exclusively breastfed for their first 6 months of life. Babies who are preterm or born with low birth weight are at an even higher risk of not receiving breastmilk when they need it most.

WHAT WE KNOW

The World Health Organisation recommends that breastfeeding should begin during the first hour of birth and should continue exclusively for six months. Apart from being the primary source of nutrition, breastfeeding supports the infant's immunity, intelligence and well-being beyond infancy.

Challenges with maternal nutrition, lack of support when returning to work, and other infectious diseases are some contributing factors to low rates of breastfeeding.

In response to this year's breastfeeding week theme: 'Breastfeeding for a sustainable start in life', we are highlighting work from our researchers on how they are helping to create a sustainable system of breastfeeding support in Uganda.

NEW RESEARCH

The LASUHUMU project, run by the University of Bergen, the Ugandan Ministry of Health, and their research partners, are working to help more babies receive the breast milk they need at birth.

The project aims to support exclusive breastfeeding for preterm and very low birthweight babies and, to set up a human milk bank in Mbale, Uganda.

Curious about nutrition and breastfeeding research? Follow this link to read more about [the LASUHUMU project](#).



OPPORTUNITIES

Pandemic Centre Conference

Bergen: 26th October 2026

Theme: What does Preparedness mean Today?
Health Climate and Power at a Crossroads

Call for Abstracts open until – 16th August 2026



PANDEMIC CENTRE
University of Bergen (UiB)

Global Health Norway conference

1st – 3rd November 2026

PhD and PostDoc Conference

Sola Strand Hotel, Stavanger

4th – 7th November 2026

University of Stavanger

Theme: Learning Together in Global Health: Exploring What Works – and Why

Conference Registration Open

until 21st October 2026

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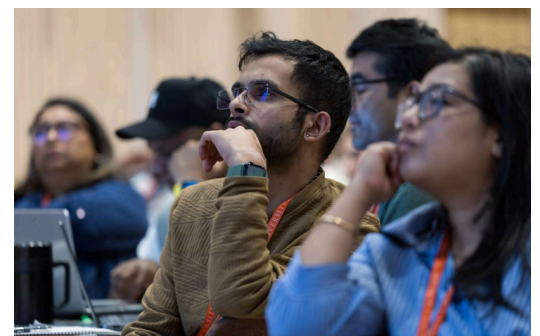


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APHRC celebrated 25 years
of impactful research with
the Ulwazi II Knowledge hub

UNIVERSITY OF OSLO

Register for Course
Autumn 2026

MF9185 – Critical perspectives
on health and disease

UNIVERSITY OF STAVANGER

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Two Days, Dec 2026 and Feb 2027
Health system resilience in a global
health challenges perspective

NORWEGIAN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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Four days, Autumn 2026
NRS8004 Scientific Writing in
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