

Supplementary Table 1:

Focus	Terms
Health promotion topic	<p>“acquired immune deficiency syndrome” OR “AIDS” OR “asthma*” OR “breast feeding” OR “blood pressure” OR “bronchitis” OR “cancer” OR “cardiovascular disease” OR “child health” OR “cholera” OR “chronic kidney disease” OR “chronic lung disease” OR “COPD” OR “Diabet*” OR “HIV” OR “human immunodeficiency virus” OR “heart disease” OR “hypertension” OR “immune*” OR “infant health” OR “iodine” OR “leprosy” OR “malari*” OR “maternal health” OR “NCD” OR “non-communicable disease*” OR “nutrition” OR “polio” OR “pneumonia” OR “rehydration” OR “respiratory disease” OR “sex*” OR “schistosomiasis” OR “smallpox” OR “stroke” OR “syphilis” OR “TB” OR “tetanus” OR “trachoma” OR “tuberculosis” OR “vaccination” OR “vitamin” OR “zoono*”</p> <p>AND</p>
Arts and practices	<p>“artisan” OR “carving” OR “ceramic” OR “collage” OR “comedy” OR “comic” OR “cultur*” OR “danc*” OR “digital” OR “drama” OR “draw*” OR “film” OR “folk media” OR “game*” OR “literature” OR “music” OR “paint*” OR “photog*” OR “play” OR “poem” OR “poet*” OR “poster*” OR “pottery” OR “sing” OR “song” OR “story” OR “theatre” OR “writing”</p> <p>AND</p>
Location	<p>“Abyssinia “ OR “Africa” OR “Sub-Saharan Africa” OR “Angola” OR “Bechuanaland” OR “Benin” OR “Botswana” OR “British Central Africa” OR “Burkina Faso” OR “Burundi” OR “Cabo Verde” OR “Cameroon” OR “Cape Verde” OR “Central African Republic” OR “Chad” OR “Comoros” OR “Costa da Pimentia (Pepper Coast)” OR “Dahomey” OR “Democratic Republic of the Congo” OR “Djibouti” OR “East Africa Protectorate” OR “Equatorial Guinea” OR “Eritrea” OR “Ethiopia” OR “French Equatorial Africa” OR “French Guinea” OR “French Territory of the Afars and the Isas” OR “French West Africa” OR “Gabon” OR “Gambia” OR “Ghana” OR “German East Africa” OR “Gold Coast” OR “Guinea” OR “Guinea-Bissau” OR “Ivory Coast” OR “Kenya” OR “Lesotho” OR “Liberia” OR “Madagascar” OR “Malawi” OR “Mali” OR “Mauritania” OR “Mauritius” OR “Mozambique” OR “Namibia” OR “Niger” OR “Nigeria” OR “Northern Rhodesia” OR “Nyasaland” OR “Portuguese Guinea” OR “Protectorate of Togoland” OR “Republic of the Congo” OR “Rhodesia” OR “Rio Nuni and Fernando Poo” OR “Ruanda-Urundi” OR “Rwanda” OR “Senegal” OR “Seychelles” OR “Sierra Leone” OR “Somalia” OR “South Africa” OR “South Sudan” OR “South West Africa” OR “Southern Rhodesia” OR “Sudan” OR “Sudanese Republic” OR “Swaziland” or “São Tomé and Príncipe” OR “Tanganyika & Zanzibar” OR “Tanzania” OR “Territory of Basutoland” OR “The Kenya Colony” OR “Togo” OR “Uganda” OR “United Republic of Tanganyika and Zanzibar” OR “Union of South Africa” OR “Upper Volta” OR “Zaire” OR “Zambia” OR “Zimbabwe” OR “Zimbabwe Rhodesia”</p>

Supplementary Table 2: Number of records identified by database

DATABASE NAME	NUMBER OF RECORDS RETURNED
Anthropology plus	629
ARTbibliographies Modern (ABM)	955
Arts and Humanities Database	8,869
CINAHL	3,080
Education Abstracts	629
International Bibliography of Social Sciences	9,848
MEDLINE	22,491
MLA International Bibliography	626
Music Periodicals Database	2,831
PsychINFO	7,288
SocINDEX	2,548
Total	59,794

Supplementary Table 3: List of records included in the review

Publication Year	First Author	Location	Health Issue	Art form
2016	Abdulla ⁷⁰	Malawi	HIV/AIDS	Dance, Folk Media
2009	Allen ¹¹⁴	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Visual Arts
2009	Bastien ⁸³	Tanzania	HIV/AIDS	Music and Song
2006	Beck ¹²²	Tanzania, Kenya, an other SSA countries	HIV/AIDS	Comics
2015	Bekalu ¹⁰⁷	Ethiopia	HIV/AIDS	TV/Radio
2015	Bekalu ⁸⁸	Ethiopia	HIV/AIDS	Music and Song
2013	Bello-Bravo ¹²⁰	Benin	Cholera and Malaria	Digital Art
2003	Biella ¹²⁵	Southern Africa region	HIV/AIDS	Film
2013	Bilbrough ⁵²	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2014	Black ⁸⁶	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Music and Song
2015	Black ⁸⁹	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Music and Song
2011	Boneh ⁵⁰	Ghana	HIV/AIDS	Theatre, Comedy, Music and Song
2013	Boneh ⁵³	Malawi and Ghana	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2016	Booker ¹⁰⁸	Kenya	HIV/AIDS	TV/Radio
1991	Bosompra ²⁷	Ghana	HIV/AIDS	Theatre, Music and Songs
2006	Chinyowa ¹⁵	Zimbabwe	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2007	Chinyowa ⁴³	Zimbabwe	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2009	Chinyowa ⁴⁵	South Africa and Zimbabwe	HIV/AIDS	Theatre and Folk Media
2009	Chinyowa ⁴⁶	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2013	Chinyowa ⁵⁴	N/A	HIV/AIDS	Theatre and Folk Media
2015	Chinyowa ⁶⁹	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2013	Chipatiso ⁵⁵	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2013	Chivandikwa ⁵⁶	Zimbabwe	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2006	Dalrymple ³⁹	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
1993	Dalrymple ²⁹	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2011	Dickinson ¹³⁹	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Storytelling
2005	Dos Santos ⁷⁸	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Music and Song
2015	Doubt ¹¹⁹	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Digital Art and Visual Art
2016	Duke ⁷¹	Nigeria	Childhood cataracts	Theatre
2012	Durden ⁵¹	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Theatre

2013	Duveskog ¹¹⁷	Tanzania	HIV/AIDS	Visual Arts, Digital Arts, Storytelling
2003	Englehart ¹²⁶	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Film
2005	Farr ⁹⁸	Ethiopia	HIV/AIDS	TV/Radio
2017	Fayoyin ⁹¹	South Africa	Ebola and Family Planning	Music and Song
2014	Flax ⁶⁶	Nigeria	Breastfeeding	Music and Song, Theatre
2007	Fouché ⁸⁰	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Music and Song
2014	Fournier ¹³⁶	Uganda	HIV/AIDS	Photovoice
2006	Francis ¹¹²	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Visual Arts, Craft
2010	Francis ⁴⁷	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
1996	Frank ³⁰	Uganda	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2016	Frishkopf ⁷²	Ghana	Cholera and Malaria	Music and Song, Theatre, Dance
2017	Frishkopf ⁹²	Liberia	Water, sanitation, and hygiene	Music and Song, TV/Radio, Film
2005	Goldstein ⁹⁹	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	TV/Radio
2003	Gunner ⁷⁷	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Music and Song
2000	Harvey ³³	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2016	Holman ¹³¹	Mozambique	HIV/AIDS	Photography
2011	Horne ¹¹⁵	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Storytelling, Visual Art
2008	Isabirye ⁸¹	Uganda	HIV/AIDS	Music and Song
2008	Jacobs ¹³⁴	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Photovoice
2013	Jaganath ⁶⁷	Malawi	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2010	Johansson ⁴⁸	Tanzania	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2008	Kamo ⁴⁴	Tanzania	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2013	Kerr ⁵⁷	Botswana, Malawi	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2002	Kincaid ³⁵	N/A	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
1997	Kottler ³²	South Africa	GBV	Theatre
2007	Lovell ¹⁰⁰	Botswana	HIV/AIDS	TV/Radio
2002	Mabala ³⁶	Tanzania	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2015	Makalela ¹⁴⁰	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Storytelling
2013	Mambwe ⁸⁵	Zambia	HIV/AIDS	Music and Song
2013	Mangeni ⁵⁸	Uganda	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2004	Mapara ¹¹⁰	Botswana	HIV/AIDS	Visual Arts
2004	Marschall ¹¹¹	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Visual Arts, Craft

2006	Mbizvo ⁴⁰	Cameroon, Namibia, Togo, Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Nigeria	HIV/AIDS, childhood immunisations, measles, malaria	Theatre
2004	Mbuyazi ³⁷	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2010	McClaren ⁴⁹	South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland	HIV/AIDS	Circus Arts, Theatre, Music and Songs, Storytelling
2016	McConnell ⁹⁰	The Gambia	Ebola	Music and Song
2017	McConnell ⁹³	The Gambia	Ebola	Music and Song
2008	McNeill ⁸²	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Music and Song
2006	Middelkoop ¹⁷	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2005	Mitchell ¹³²	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Photovoice
2015	Mnisi ¹²¹	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Digital Art, Storytelling
2013	Mokuku ⁵⁹	Lesotho	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2007	Moletsane ¹³³	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Photovoice, Theatre
2013	Mtukwa ⁶⁰	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2011	Mutonyi ¹²⁴	Uganda	HIV/AIDS	Comics
2010	Nabulime ¹¹⁶	Uganda	HIV/AIDS	Visual Arts
2007	Ngoshi ¹³⁷	Zimbabwe	HIV/AIDS	Storytelling
2007	O'Leary ¹⁰¹	Botswana	HIV/AIDS	TV/Radio
2001	Panford ⁹⁶	Ghana	HIV/AIDS	TV/Radio, Folk media
2005	Panter-Brick ⁷⁹	The Gambia	Malaria	Music and Song, Visual Art
20008	Pappas-DeLuca ¹⁰³	Botswana	HIV/AIDS	TV/Radio
2017	Parent ⁷⁴	South Africa	TB	Theatre
2013	Perlman ¹⁰⁵	South Africa	HIV/AIDS and GBV	TV/Radio, Digital Art
2013	Pfeiffer	Tanzania	Family Planning	Film
2008	Rimal ¹⁰⁴	Malawi	HIV/AIDS	TV/Radio
2004	Risi ⁹⁷	South Africa	Cervical cancer	Comics, TV/Radio
2017	Rivera ⁹⁴	Liberia	Ebola	Music and Song
2001	Roberts ¹⁴²	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Craft
2013	Rugg ⁶¹	Swaziland and South Africa.	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2004	Rumsey ³⁸	Malawi	HIV/AIDS	Theatre, Music and Songs
2016	Ruthven ⁷³	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2017	Ruthven ⁷⁵	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2006	Samba ⁴¹	Cameroon	HIV/AIDS	Theatre, music and songs, poetry
2013	Samba ⁶²	SSA	HIV/AIDS	Theatre

1996	Seguin ³¹	Mali	Women's Health, HIV/AIDS	Theatre
1999	Sicherman ³⁴	Uganda	HIV/AIDS	Theatre and Dance
1991	Skinner ²⁸	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Theatre and Puppetry
2011	Skovdal ¹³⁰	Kenya	HIV/AIDS	Photography
2007	Smith ¹⁰²	Ethiopia	HIV/AIDS	TV/Radio
2014	Smith ⁸⁷	South Africa	CVD	Music and Song
2017a	Stone ²²	Liberia	Ebola	Music and Song
2017b	Stone ⁹⁵	The Gambia, Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone	Ebola	Music and Song
2006	Stuttaford ⁴²	South Africa	Stroke	Theatre
2013	Sutherland ⁶³	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2013	Taub ⁶⁴	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Theatre, Crafts
2006	Toroyan ¹²³	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Photography, Comics
2014	Ukwen ¹⁰⁶	Nigeria	HIV/AIDS	TV/Radio
2008	Umurungi ¹³⁵	Rwanda	HIV/AIDS	Photovoice
2013	Uwah ⁶⁵	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2014	Uwah ⁶⁸	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2011	Waite ¹²⁷	Uganda	HIV/AIDS	Film
2017	Warheit ⁷⁶	Kenya	HIV/AIDS	Theatre
2011	Wenje ⁸⁴	Kenya	HIV/AIDS	Music and Song
2006	White ¹¹³	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Visual Arts
2014	Willis ¹²⁹	Zimbabwe	HIV/AIDS	Film
2013	Wilson ¹⁵²	South Africa	HIV/AIDS	Poetry
2009	Winskell ¹³⁸	35 African countries (but 13 'core countries' - Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Swaziland, Senegal, Tanzania, Togo and Zambia).	HIV/AIDS	Storytelling
2015	Winskell ¹⁴¹	Senegal, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Kenya, Namibia and Swaziland	HIV/AIDS	Storytelling
2013	Wood ¹¹⁸	Tanzania	HIV/AIDS	Visual Arts