



# Africa: present challenges and past perspectives

What can the archives show us about climate change, healthcare, and colonization?

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# Unpacking climate change

Increasing temperatures, extreme weather incidents, and fluctuating rainfall patterns in Africa are contributing to issues like biodiversity loss, food security, water shortages, and desertification.

Our archives contain a wide range of documentation that explores Africa's environmental history.

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What was the water supply like in South Africa during the early 20th century? A series of maps from 1906-1910 demonstrate abundance and scarcity in the former Orange Free State region, showing well locations, grazing opportunities, and more.

*Africa. Map, Africa, Div. South, 1906-1917. Source: Royal Geographical Society (with IBG).*



Useful to the topic of biodiversity, a state of the knowledge report from the University of Greenwich analyzes tropical forests in Africa, discussing resource exploitation, conservation efforts, and floral and faunal compositions.

State of Knowledge Report on Tropical Forest Ecosystems of Anglophone Africa by Dr. R. H. Lawton. *University of Greenwich: Natural Resources Institute, n.d. Source: British Association for the Advancement of Science.*

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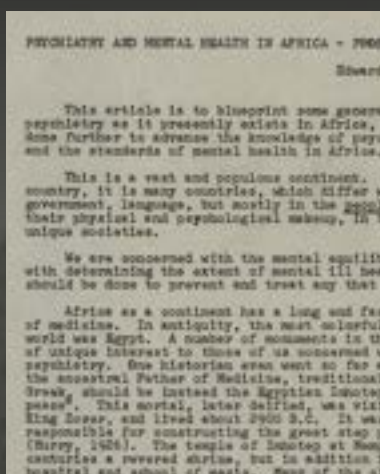
Africa - Congo, Ruwenzori. Alexander Frederick Richmond Wollaston, Albums, n.d. Source: Royal Geographical Society (with IBG).

# Accessibility to healthcare

Africa's healthcare system is often stressed by limited funding, staff, and equipment. According to the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, more than 600 million people in Africa lack access to basic healthcare services.

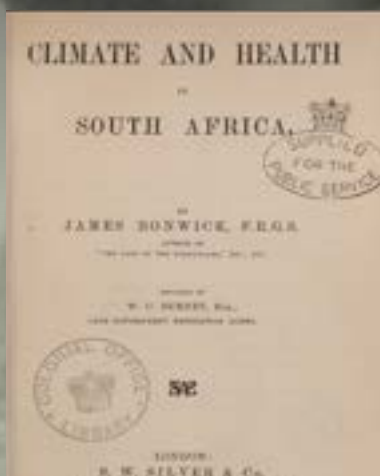
Our archives provide a historical glance at Africa's challenges and opportunities in health and medicine.

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When hospitals were full, patients were housed in prison. Edward L. Margettes, M.D., provides a 20th-century overview of mental health in Africa and advocates for a four-step approach to the practice: clinical, research, promotion, and teaching.

Psychiatry and Mental Health in Africa - Prospects for the Future by Edward L. Margettes. Edward L. Margettes. *The William Buller Fagg Collection*, n.d.. Source: *The Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland*.



In the 19th century, South Africa was hailed as one of the most attractive regions in the world for its ability to promote good health and well-being. But how? In a special collection, James Bonwick provides an 1880's perspective on climate and health.

Climate and Health in South Africa by James Bonwick; Revised by W. C. Burnet. *The Foreign and Commonwealth Office Historical Collection*, 1880. Source: *King's College London Special Collections*.

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Tribespeople, Africa including South Africa. Mr. L. G. Hallett, Dr. M. A. F. Helm, et al., Albums, n.d. Source: *Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)*

# The reverberating effects of colonization

Africa's current economic dependence is largely a result of previous colonization efforts by European powers. In the 19th and 20th centuries, Belgium, Britain, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain all sought to establish a presence to acquire materials and hasten trade.

Our archives map the history of Africa's development, shedding light on how colonial empires impacted the area.

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An 1889 map depicts European occupations. Portuguese territories are highlighted in light blue, while British possessions are shown in light pink, illustrating two significant presences at the time.

*Africa. Map, Africa, General, [1889]. Source: Royal Geographical Society (with IBG).*



With photos of a young Johannesburg in South Africa, an 1898 monograph explores Dutch colonization, the political situation, and agricultural status of the area.

*The Dutch Colony of the Cape of Good Hope. Map, 1782. Source: Royal Geographical Society (with IBG).*

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*L'Afrique En Couleurs Africa in Pictures. William Buller Fagg Collection, n.d. Source: The Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland*