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Abstract

Traditional African Medicine (TAM) is our socio-economic and socio-cultural heritage, servicing over 80% of the populations in Africa. Although, it has come a long way from the times of our ancestors, not much significant progress on its development and utilization had taken place due to colonial suppression on one hand, foreign religions in particular, absolute lack of patriotism and political will of our Governments, and then on the other hand, the carefree attitudes of most African medical scientists of all categories. It is incontrovertible that TAM exhibits far more merits than demerits and its values can be exploited provided the Africans themselves can approach it with an open mind and scientific mentality.

The degree of sensitization and mobilization by the World Health Organization (WHO) has encouraged some African countries to commence serious development on TAM. The African Regional Director of the WHO has outlined a few guidelines on the responsibilities of all African nations for the realistic development of TAM, in order to sustain our health agenda and perpetuate our culture. The gradual extinction of the forests and the inevitable disappearance of the aged Traditional Medical Practitioner should pose an impending deadline for us to learn, acquire and document our medical cultural endowment for the benefit of all Africans and indeed the entire mankind.

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Health care in africa. : challenges, opportunities and an emerging model for improvement. Dan Kaseje, MD, PhD Professor of Public Health & Vice Chancellor. Most African health systems are replicas of what was inherited from the colonial era and are therefore unevenly weighted toward privileged elites and urban centers. Perpetuating colonial systems and mentalities, simply replacing the colonialist, did not help. The renewed public health system must promote justice in health and development, addressing the marginalizing factors such as gender, ethnicity, and economic differentials that deny the majority in Africa the enjoyment of their basic rights. 2.1 Civil, Public and Health Sectors Reforms. Traditional African Medicine (TAM) is our socio-economic and socio-cultural heritage, servicing over 80% of the populations in Africa. Although, it has... Traditional medicine development for medical and dental primary health care delivery system in Africa. Aa Elujoba, Cm Ogunyemi, Om Odeleye. Published: 22 December 2004. by African Journals Online. in African Journal of Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicines. African Journal of Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicines , Volume 2; doi:10.4314/ajtcam.v2i1.31103. Publisher Website. Google Scholar. Show/hide abstract. The publisher has not yet granted permission to display this abstract. Traditional African Medicine (TAM) is our socio-economic and socio-cultural heritage, servicing over 80% of the populations in Africa. Although, it has come a long way from the times of our ancestors, not much significant progress on its development and utilization had taken place due to colonial suppression on one hand, foreign religions in particular, absolute lack of patriotism and political will of our Governments, and then on the other hand, the carefree attitudes of most African medical scientists of all categories. It is incontrovertible that TAM exhibits far more merits than demerits a