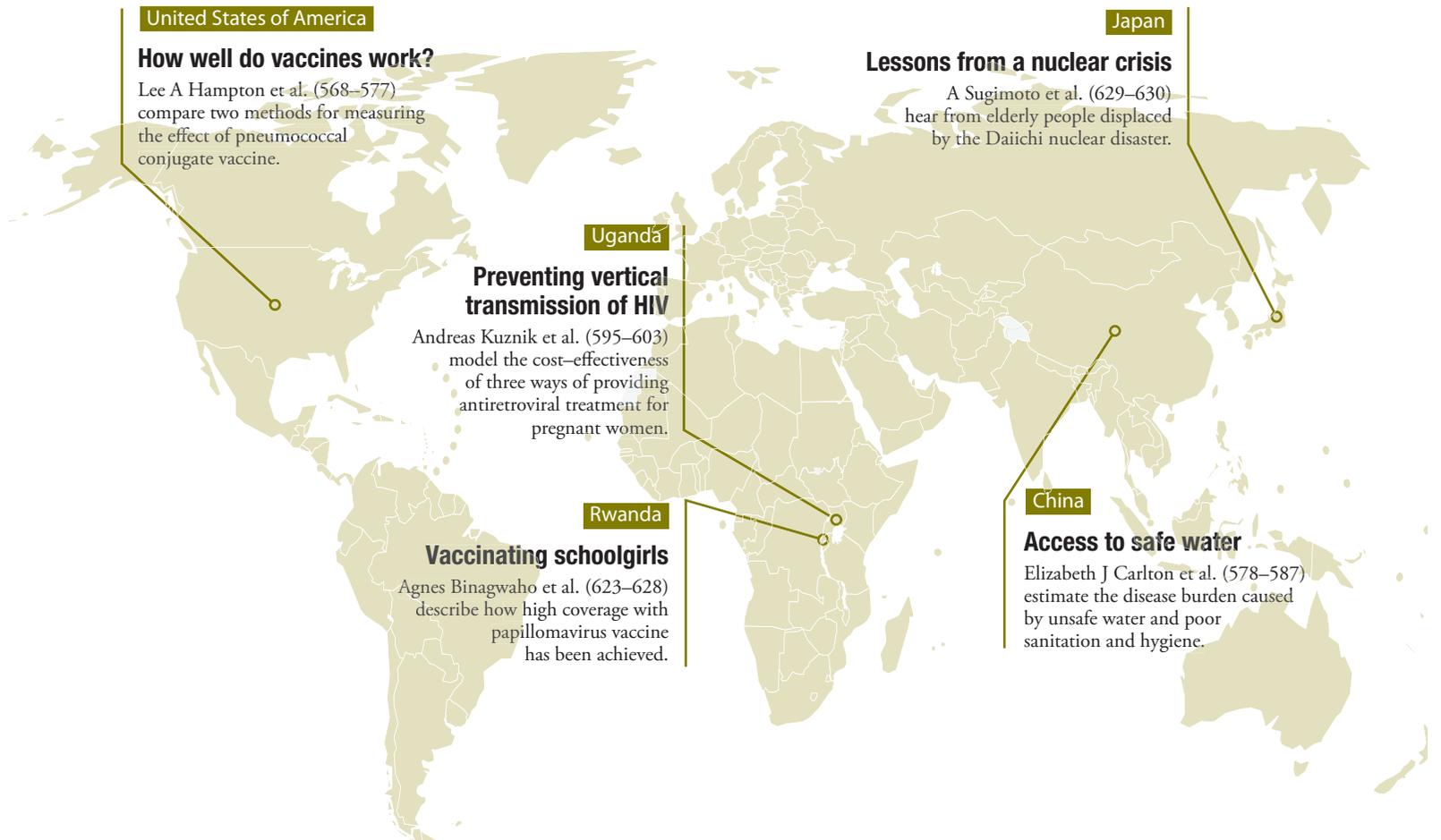


In the first editorial, Samantha Watson et al. (558) argue that health systems need to be better prepared for disasters. In the second, Atle Fretheim et al. (559) call for more evidence on the effects of performance-based financing. Gary Humphreys (562–563) reports on moves to identify and commercialize the active ingredients in traditional Chinese medicines and Jane Parry (564–565) reports on the expansion of genetic testing services in low- and middle-income countries. Ben Jones interviews Marion Nestle (566–567) on the changes in the food market that have contributed to an obesity epidemic.



### Who lives longest?

Ahmad Reza Hosseinpoor et al. (588–594) assess international shortfalls in life expectancy from 1950 to 2010.

### How to market condoms?

Michael D Sweat et al. (613–622) review the evidence for social marketing programmes on condom use.

### Health surveys

Madeleine Short Fabic et al. (604–612) review the research linked to 236 demographic and health surveys.

### Fixing things after natural disasters

Andrea Fernandes & Muhammad H Zaman (631–632) argue that more biomedical engineers are needed in the response phase.