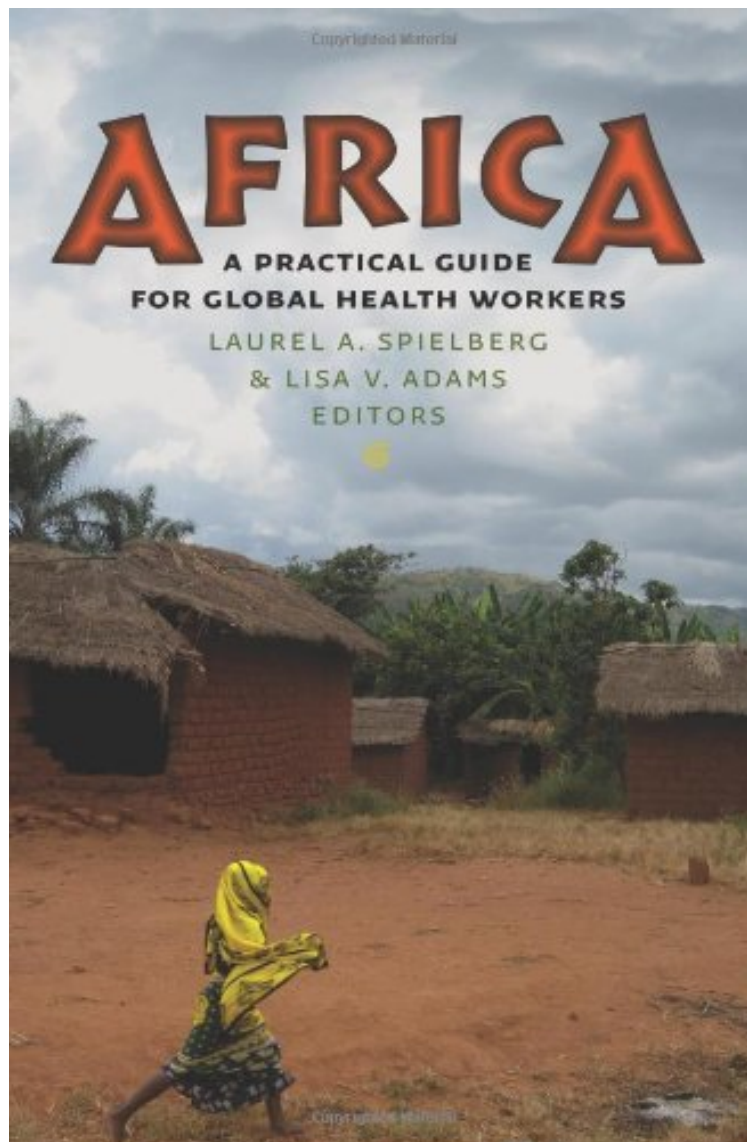


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The authors' deep understanding, candid portrayal, and unmistakable love for these countries and regions provides a common thread that binds the chapters together and brings them to life. —JAMA