

A global campaign: Healthcare Information For All



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“Healthcare Information For All is an ambitious goal but it can be achieved if all stakeholders work together.”

World Health Organization, Geneva

HIFA

HIFA is a global campaign and professional network with more than 15,000 health professionals, librarians, publishers, researchers, policymakers and others from 2500 organisations in 175 countries, interacting on 5 forums in 3 languages. Our shared vision:

Every person and every health worker will have access to the healthcare information they need to protect their own health and the health of others.

People are dying for lack of knowledge

Thousands of children and adults die needlessly every day because they do not receive basic life-saving interventions - interventions that are often locally available but are simply not provided due to indecision, delays, misdiagnosis, and incorrect treatment. Many would still be alive today if their mother, caregiver or health worker had access to basic healthcare information. Research indicates that:

- **4 in 10** mothers in India believe they should withhold fluids if their baby develops diarrhoea, thereby tragically increasing their risk of death from dehydration*
- **3 in 4** doctors caring for sick children in Africa and Asia lack basic knowledge of common causes of child death*
- **4 in 10** family doctors in Pakistan use tranquillisers to treat hypertension*
- **7 in 10** women giving birth in health facilities in Africa and South Asia are mismanaged during the 3rd stage of labour, thereby increasing risk of death from postpartum haemorrhage*

Citizens and healthcare providers in low-resource settings do not have access to relevant, reliable healthcare information, contributing to massive unnecessary death and suffering.

*See www.hifa2015.org/about/why-hifa2015-is-needed/

HIFA Projects

HIFA supports several working groups that address the information and learning needs of different end-users of information. These include: Community Health Workers; Prescribers and Users of Medicines; Citizens, Parents and Children; and Researchers. The groups lead on collective efforts to achieve specific goals, including **Mobile Healthcare Information For All** and **Information on Medicines For All**.

HIFA Voices

The HIFA Voices database, officially launched at the AHILA Congress, Dar es Salaam on 22 October 2014, brings together the experiential knowledge of HIFA members to strengthen the impact of health information providers and thereby achieve the HIFA vision. www.hifavoices.org

“HIFA achieves an extraordinary level of activity on minimal resources from which many people around the world benefit”

HIFA External Evaluation Report, 2011



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HIFA Supporting Organisations

More than 260 organisations have officially declared their commitment to work towards the HIFA vision. The following organisations have provided financial support for HIFA's work in 2015:

- **British Medical Association** (main funder)
- **Africa Health**
- **Afro-European Medical & Research Network**
- **Anadach Group**
- **Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria**
- **Awojobi Clinic Eruwa**
- **Chartered Society of Physiotherapy**
- **Children for Health**
- **Commonwealth Nurses Federation**
- **Council of International Neonatal Nurses**
- **eCancer**
- **Elsevier**
- **Friends Of Chitambo**
- **Global Health Media Project**
- **Haiti Nursing Foundation**
- **HealthProm**
- **Intel Corporation**
- **International Child Health Group**
- **International Foundation for Dermatology**
- **International League of Dermatological Societies**
- **International Society for Social Paediatrics and Child Health**
- **IntraHealth International**
- **Joanna Briggs Institute**
- **Knowledge Transfer Africa Ltd**
- **The Lancet**
- **LiveWell Initiative**
- **mPowering Frontline Health Workers**
- **Medical Education Cooperation with Cuba**
- **Mother and Child Health and Education Trust**
- **Network for Information and Digital Access**
- **Partnerships in Health Information**
- **Physicians for Haiti**
- **Public Library of Science (PLOS)**
- **Quality + Care Solutions**
- **Royal College of Midwives**
- **The Test Foundation**
- **WHO Collaborating Centre for Knowledge Translation & Health Technology Assessment in Health Equity**
- **Wiki Project Med Foundation**
- **Your.MD**
- **Zambia UK Health Workforce Alliance.**

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HIFA is administered by the Global Healthcare Information Network, a non-profit organisation registered in the UK.

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