

## Information about WHO/KMS:

The Knowledge Management and Sharing Department of WHO (WHO/KMS) is committed to innovation in sharing and applying knowledge for global health equity.

The World Health Organization is the United Nations specialized agency for health. WHO's objective is the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health. It is governed by 192 Member States through the World Health Assembly.

## Global Health Library



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*Access to reliable health  
information for those who need it*

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## GHL



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Too many people die simply for lack of access to the knowledge that can save their lives. This knowledge exists, however it remains inaccessible to those who need it the most.

Access to health information is an integral part of all health systems because it can improve people's health.

### **The Global Health Library:**

The Global Health Library (GHL) will provide first step access to reliable health information in paper form, electronic form, and any other media to those who need it.

The GHL will offer an opportunity to provide a virtual platform that assembles multiple resources and points to content in all available formats that will be targeted according to the needs of specific user groups.

### **Objectives:**

The GHL aims to:

- Point to reliable information collections and systems, in which different users and user groups (ministries of health, policy makers, health workers, information providers, patients and their families, general public) can focus on the knowledge that best meets their health information needs.
- act as a facilitator enabling access to information contents produced by numerous key providers - be they commercial companies, government institutions, civil society, not-for-profit organizations, and regional or international bodies.
- strive for universality, with focus on developing countries, and will act as a resource locator for print materials essential to areas that do not have access to electronic content.

### **Partners:**

- Ministries of health
- Public health institutes worldwide
- National libraries of medicine
- Academic and specialized libraries
- Publishers of health information
- Research institutes
- Professional associations and federations
- Information technology search engines and platform producers
- UN bodies
- NGOs, donors, and others