

Overview



Knowledge for Health



Knowledge for Health (K4Health)

We invite health professionals and organizations to join our efforts to ensure that those working in health services in low- and middle-income countries are well informed and use the most accurate and up-to-date information for their clients. Visit K4Health (www.k4health.org) for details.

Knowledge Management Activities

- Collectively developing “toolkits” of up-to-date and evidence-based resources that make information easy to find and easy to use;
- Adapting existing resources for regional and local use;
- Developing new toolkit resources—articles, guides, curricula, fact sheets, job aids, and eLearning courses;
- Providing a state-of-the-art search function on the Web site that allows you to customize your searches;
- Organizing and expanding our Databases and Gateways, including POPLine, Photoshare, HIVLine, RH Gateway, and the HIV/AIDS Gateway;
- Sponsoring global, regional, and country-level online forums;
- Providing free online and offline eLearning courses on a variety of health topics; and
- Supporting virtual networks among health care professionals, communities of practice, and technical working groups.

Primary Audience

K4Health provides knowledge management services for policy makers, program managers, and health service providers working in international public health settings.

Partners

The U.S. Agency for International Development’s (USAID) Office of Population and Reproductive Health in the Global Health Bureau funds the K4Health project, which is implemented by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health’s Center for Communication Programs (CCP), Family Health International (FHI), and Management Sciences for Health (MSH).

Mission

K4Health’s mission is to increase the use and dissemination of evidence-based, accurate and up-to-date information to improve health service delivery and health outcomes worldwide. K4Health facilitates how this information is captured, synthesized, shared, adapted, and used.

Evaluation

K4Health continually monitors and evaluates its products and services to ensure that they meet the needs of the audience.

Regional and Country Level Activities

K4Health is currently conducting health information needs assessment activities in multiple countries in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America. Using the information collected, K4Health will work with partners to build local capacity to promote knowledge exchange while creating a sense of ownership to ensure the sustainability of its country programs.



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As part of the regional and country activities, K4Health will work with, or help develop, National Partnership Platforms (NPP). These will be composed of regional Technical Working Groups, District Learning Centers that will provide online and face-to-face learning programs, and Country Correspondents, or “Linkers,” who will act as conduits for communicating country-level information to country, regional, and the global K4Health platforms.

The K4Health Country Model will help facilitate the exchange of public health knowledge at the regional level and also ensure that knowledge is shared between organizations and among K4Health users at the global, regional, and country levels – creating a cyclical flow of knowledge sharing, adaptation, and use.



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