

THE WHO AFRO LIBRARY

Overview, Resources and Services

Overview

Highlights



200,000 +

e-books, journals and theses are accessible from our online databases



2,500,000+

documents downloaded from our databases every year



200+

people trained each year in online document search

Missions



The WHO/AFRO Library is a cross-cutting service under Assistant Regional Director - ARD - cluster.

Its missions are :

- To collect, organize and disseminate medical and public health-related literature
- To support staffs, researchers/students and institutions in Member States in accessing reliable health information.

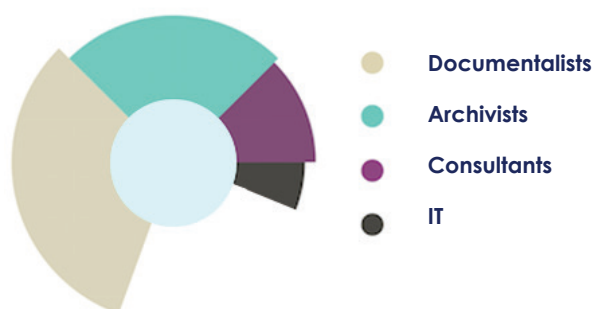
Deliverables

- Consolidating and sharing published information
- Indexing in AFRO library online platforms -AIM, IRIS, and WHO/AFRO Photo Library
- Supporting publishing processes.

Resources

Architecture

The AFRO Library team is cross-functional. Its human resources architecture is made up of a mixture of specialist profiles, including: Documentalists, archivists, IT Specialist and consultants.



AFRO Library staff profiles

Following the evolution of Library policies and gouvernance in WHO, the new or additional professional profiles could be associated to the AFRO library human resource architecture.

Databases

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Do you need African Health Literature ?



The database **African Index Medicus - AIM** - will give you access to **20,000+** journal articles and theses.

Do you need WHO/AFRO publications ?



The WHO Institutional Repository for Information Sharing **IRIS** provides **14,000+** official AFRO documents.

Do you need access to the latest and most valued biomedical and public health information ?



GIFT (Global Information Full Text) and Hinari will guide you through **45,000+** books, subscribed journals, and databases.

Do you need photos relevant to medical or public health areas ?



The WHO / AFRO Photo Library will provide you with access to a gallery containing more than **4,900+** official photos.

Do you need to publish as WHO/AFRO staff? ?

E-pub

The WHO electronic publishing system, will guide you through the publishing process; E-pub is migrating to a new platform (Tulip).

Do you want to read or borrow printed material ?



Print Resources available at the WHO AFRO Library shelves will provide you with French, English, and Portuguese materials.

Services

Interventions

The core services of the AFRO library team are made up of four (4) pillars of intervention that translate into customer-oriented solutions.



AFRO Library's essential service pillards

Functions

1. Internet and Computer Access: You can use our Multimedia Centre with 20 computers connected to the Internet to access online databases.
2. Medical Information Searches: We shall perform medical information searches for you.
3. Sharing Health Information: We distribute selected medical and health information through a distri-

bution list for free.

4. Training on Medical Information Retrieval: We offer free training on navigating medical databases and retrieving information.
5. Promoting Your Work: Freely promote your theses, journal articles, and other works through the African Index Medicus online database.
6. Organizing Exhibitions: We manage Regional Committee exhibitions and assist WHO/AFRO units organize specific exhibitions.
7. Medical Photos Searches: We conduct free searches for medical photos on your behalf.
8. Organizing Bibliographic References: We help you organize your bibliographic references using Zotero at no cost and empower users.
9. Publishing Guidance: We guide you through the publishing process at WHO/AFRO.
10. List Moderation: We ensure free moderation of discussions on AHILA-net (Association for Health Information and Library in Africa).

Common Use Cases

1. Knowledge Enrichment through Medical Research:

Medical students are working on theses about the prevalence of infectious diseases in their country. They visit the library's Multimedia Centre to access the Internet and utilize the 20 connected computers to gather information from medical databases. They also request a medical bibliographic search to find relevant studies and articles, ensuring their research is comprehensive and evidence-based.

2. Empowering Healthcare Professionals with Information Skills:

A group of doctors from a local clinic wants to improve their ability to access accurate medical information. They attend a training session on medical information retrieval provided by the library. This training equips them with the skills to effectively use medical databases like Hinari, enabling them to stay updated with the latest medical advancements and provide better healthcare services.

3. Showcasing Regional Health Research:

Researchers have recently published a paper on a public health issue prevalent in the African Region. They collaborate with the library to promote their research publication through the African Index Medicus. This exposure helps their research gain visibility, reaching a wider audience and contributing to addressing health challenges in the Region.

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