HIFA2015 Supporting Organisations

More than 50 organisations have officially declared their commitment to work towards the HIFA2015 goal. They include (2009 sponsors in bold):

- Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa
- BioMed Central
- Book Aid International
- British Medical Association
- Hesperian Foundation
- Institution of Engineering and Technology
- International Child Health Group
- International Clinical Epidemiology Network
- International Council of Nurses
- International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations
- International Medical Corps
- London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- Medical Library Association
- Medsin
- Partnerships in Health Information
- Royal College of Midwives
- Royal College of Nursing
- Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
- Standing Committee of European Doctors
- Teaching-Aids at Low Cost
- Tropical Health and Education Trust
- WHO Regional Office for Africa Library

How you can be involved

Join HIFA2015 and CHILD2015 email forums
Send your name, organisation and brief description of professional interests to:

- hifa2015-admin@dgroups.org
- child2015-admin@dgroups.org

Further information
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HIFA2015 is administered by the Global Healthcare Information Network, a non-profit organisation registered in the UK.
Meeting the information needs of nurses and midwives

In 2009, HIFA2015 includes a special focus on nurses and midwives, in collaboration with the Global Alliance for Nursing and Midwifery, International Confederation of Midwives, International Council of Nurses, Royal College of Midwives, Royal College of Nursing, World Health Organization, and other leading agencies. Our shared goal: By 2015, every nurse and midwife will have access to the information they need to learn, to diagnose, to provide appropriate care and treatment, and to save lives.

"As I travel around the world and visit health centres and schools of health professionals, I am outraged by the lack of current books and journals in a number of countries... HIFA provides a forum for pooling of our resources, experiences and best practices. Together we can improve access to health information and ‘walk the talk’ toward evidence based care for all."

Tesfamicael Ghebrehiwet, International Council of Nurses

"I have learnt so, so much from the discussions. Long live HIFA2015!"

Beatrice Muraguri, Health Information Officer, Ministry of Health, Kenya

People are dying for lack of knowledge

Yesterday, tens of thousands of children, women and men died. Needless. Many would still be alive today if their mother, caregiver or health worker had known what to do, and when and where to seek help. For example:

- 7 in 10 children with malaria treated at home are mismanaged, contributing to 2000 deaths every day in Africa alone*
- A child admitted to hospital in Africa with severe malnutrition has a 50:50 chance of dying because of inappropriate care*
- More than two-thirds of women giving birth in health centres in Africa and South Asia are incorrectly managed. As a result, many of them bleed to death from postpartum haemorrhage, which kills 500 young women every day*

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HIFA2015 is a global campaign and professional network with more than 2300 health professionals, librarians, publishers, researchers, policymakers and others from 148 countries worldwide. Together we are working to achieve the HIFA2015 goal: By 2015, every person worldwide will have access to an informed healthcare provider.

“Healthcare Information For All by 2015 is an ambitious goal but it can be achieved if all stakeholders work together.”

Dr Tikkii Pang, Director, Research Policy and Cooperation, World Health Organization, Geneva

*For details of these and other examples, see the HIFA2015 Knowledge Base www.hifa2015.org/knowledge-base - the Knowledge Base explores the information needs of healthcare providers, and how to meet them.