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Accessing the World

Global Health Information Resources: An Introductory Tour

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Please note, this presentation was prepared based on subscription availability at the University of Michigan. Free sources highlighted in this presentation include: PopLine, World Bank Open Data, UN Data, and Gender Info 2007 (now Gender Info 2010)

Finding “global health” information.....

What type of information are you looking for?

How do you search?

Where do you search?

Information challenges?

What is your “favorite” global health resource?

Bottom line!

What is your question??

**Matching information resource to
information need.....**

TODAY: Establishing a research foundation....scratching the surface

The interdisciplinary nature of global health study and collaboration, leads to a need for an awareness of diverse resources.....

- medical & public health
- social-cultural/policy
- statistics
- regional news sources
- Time permitting: country profiles; maps + tools.....

Identify your specific information needs as you conduct your MDG research.....



 The Noun Project



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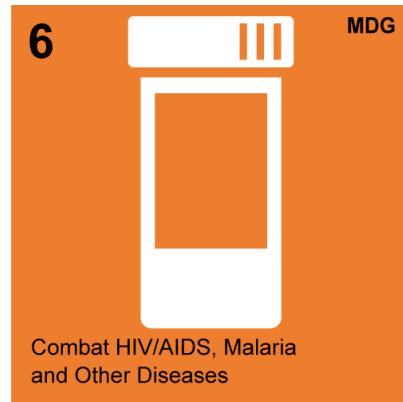
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Selected Medical & Public Health databases.....

Global Health/Global Health Archive (Database)

- international health, biomedical life sciences, non-communicable diseases, public health nutrition, food safety and hygiene
- **serials, books, book chapters, reports, conference proceedings, discussion papers, newsletters, patents, and theses**
- 2 million records, 1910-present

What is the impact of HIV/AIDS on children in child-headed households in developing countries?

PopLine

- International reproductive health covering
 - family planning technology and programs,
 - fertility, population law and policy
 - demography, maternal & child health
 - AIDS & other sexually transmitted diseases
 - reproductive health programs
 - women in development
 - health care communication
- scientific articles, reports, books, and unpublished reports
- contains ~360,000 records, 1973-present

I am looking for articles on female selective abortion in Asia.

Tropical Diseases Bulletin

- Worldwide scientific information covering all aspects of tropical diseases, tropical medicine, international health, health in developing countries
- journal articles, reports, conferences and books.
- 1990-present

What is the impact of health education interventions on HIV infection in rural areas?

Selected Socio-cultural/Policy Resources.....

PAIS International

- public affairs and public policy worldwide
- journal articles, books, government documents, statistical directories, research and conference reports, publications of international agencies, Internet material from 120 countries
- Major subject areas: finance, culture & religion, economic conditions, education, environment, government, health, human rights, international relations, social conditions, politics.....
- ~2 million records, 1915-present

I want to learn more about the African “brain drain”.

Contemporary Women's Issues

- issues and events that influence women's lives in more than 190 countries
- multidisciplinary, full-text database
- mainstream periodicals, "grey" literature, and the alternative press
- 1992-present (varies by title.)

I am researching female genital mutilation in sub-Saharan Africa.

Africa-Wide Information

- articles, books, newspapers, government documents, radio and TV broadcasts, pamphlets, maps, theses, and music recordings.
- Topics include politics, history, economics, business, mining, natural sciences, environment, development, social issues, anthropology, literature, language, law, music, tourism and more.
- Limited to 1 concurrent user.

**I' m searching for literature on water pollution in
north Africa.**

Facts & Figures

World Bank Data

- over 2000 indicators from the World Bank data sets including
 - World Development Indicators
 - Millennium Development Goals Indicators
 - Global Development Finance
 - Health Nutrition and Population Statistics

UN Data

- official statistics produced by countries and compiled by the UN data system
- covers agriculture, education, energy, industry, labour, national accounts, population and tourism
- Includes indicators such as Millennium Development Goals

UN Gender Info 2007

- gender statistics and indicators on a wide range of policy areas, including: population, families, health, education, work, and political participation.

What data can I gather about CO₂ emissions from World Bank Data?

What information can I find on UN Data about access to drinking water?

How does the maternal mortality ratio in Ghana and Canada compare according to UN Gender Info 2007?

Regional News Sources

World News Connection

- CIA-sponsored translations of local news
- includes newspapers, radio, TV broadcasts
- full text in English
- Time span: last 3 years

Access World News

- > 600 US newspapers and > 260 English language newspapers from around the world
- Full text in English
- Time span: 1999-present (varies with title)

Columbia Gazetteer of the World Online

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