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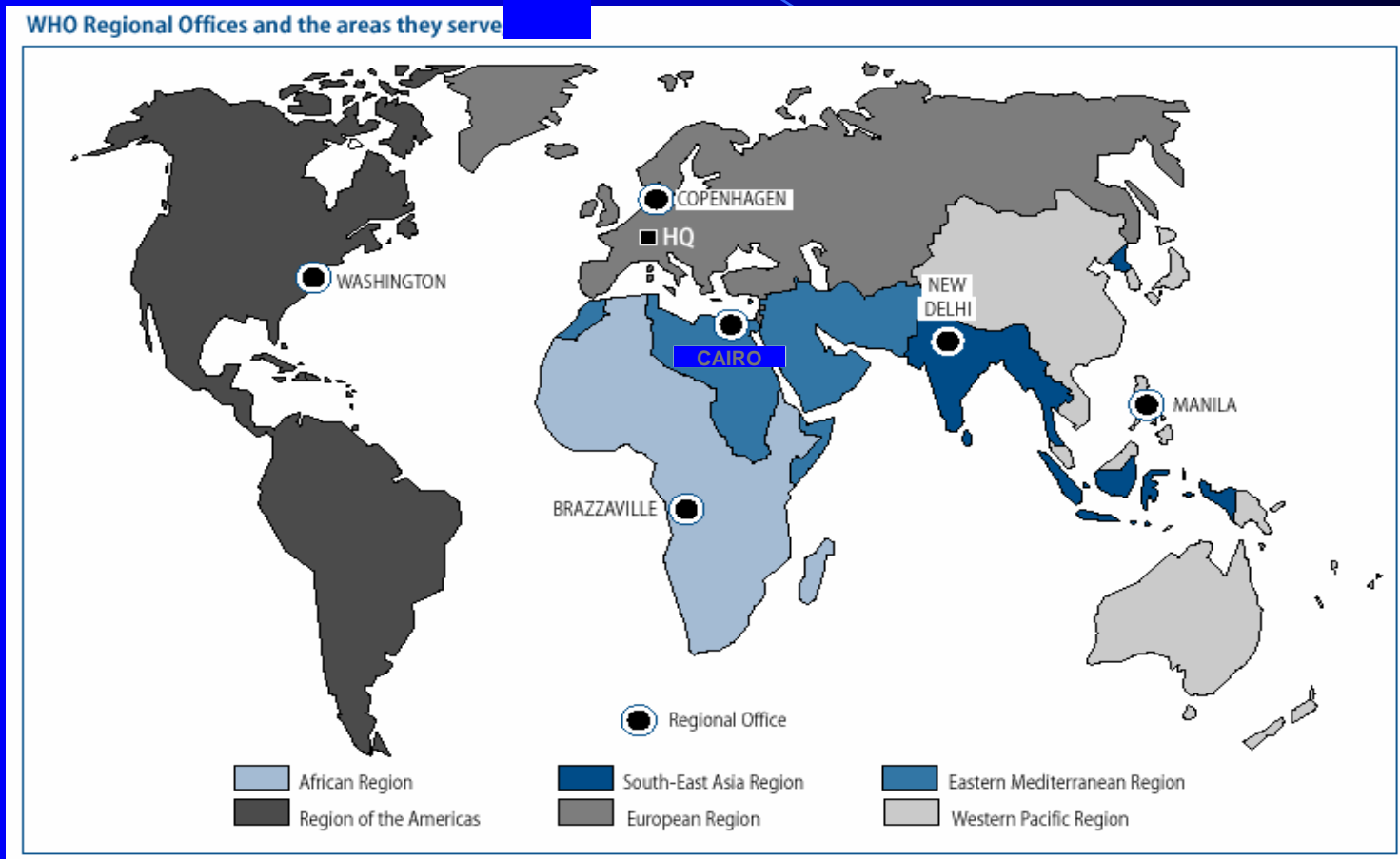
Towards Global Access to Health

The Global Health Library

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WHO World Wide



WHO Global Knowledge Management Strategy

- Strategic direction number 1:
Improving access to the world's health information
 - Library
 - Web
 - WHO Publications

Library and Information Networks for Knowledge

- The WHO library system is a global network that operates as a community, large and united
- This is the first strength of the Global Health Library



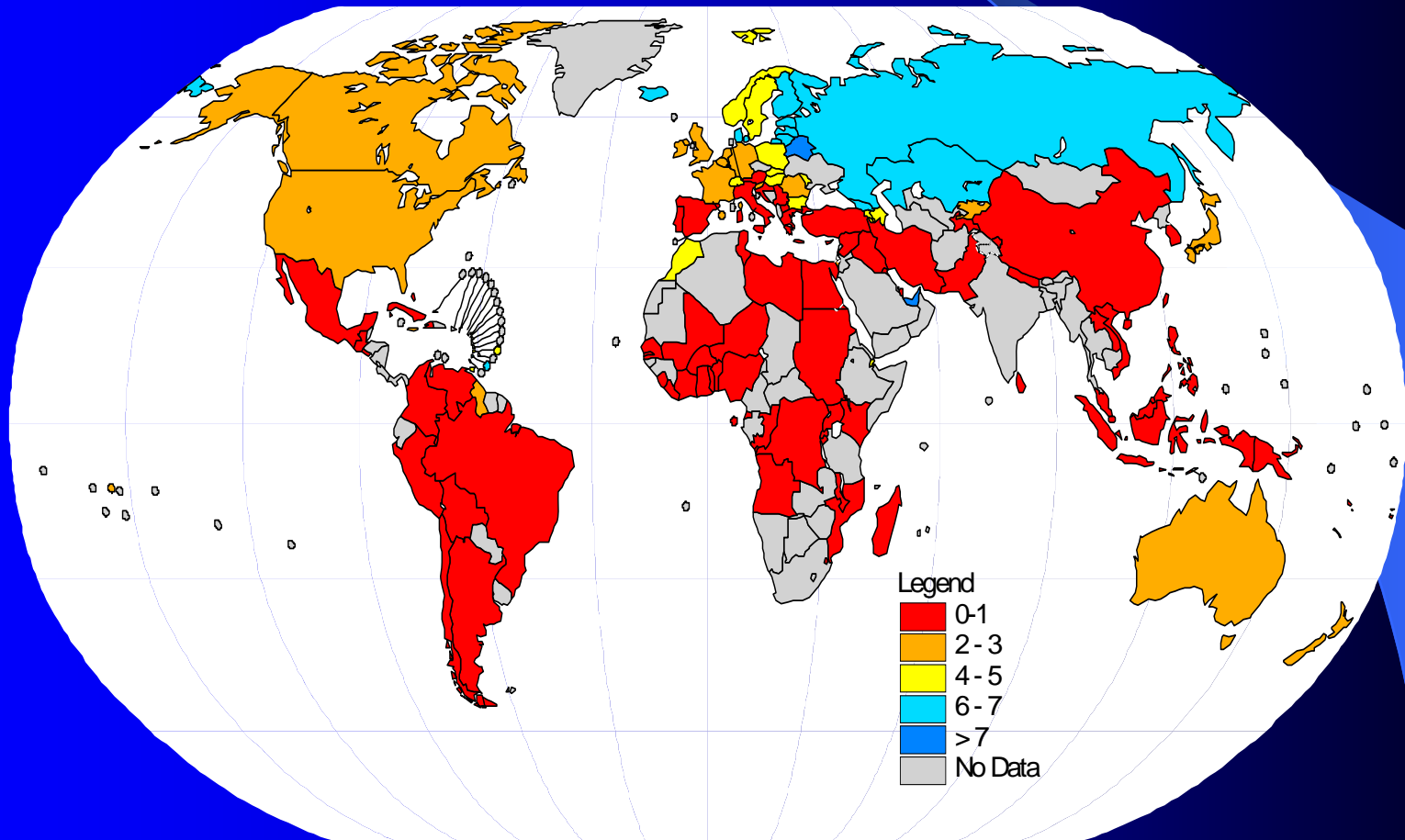
Health information and knowledge

- Knowledge exists, but remains inaccessible to those who need it most
- The world has needs as well as responsibilities
- Improving health and health systems is the antidote to poverty; health is the basis of development; and health information and knowledge is the basis of health



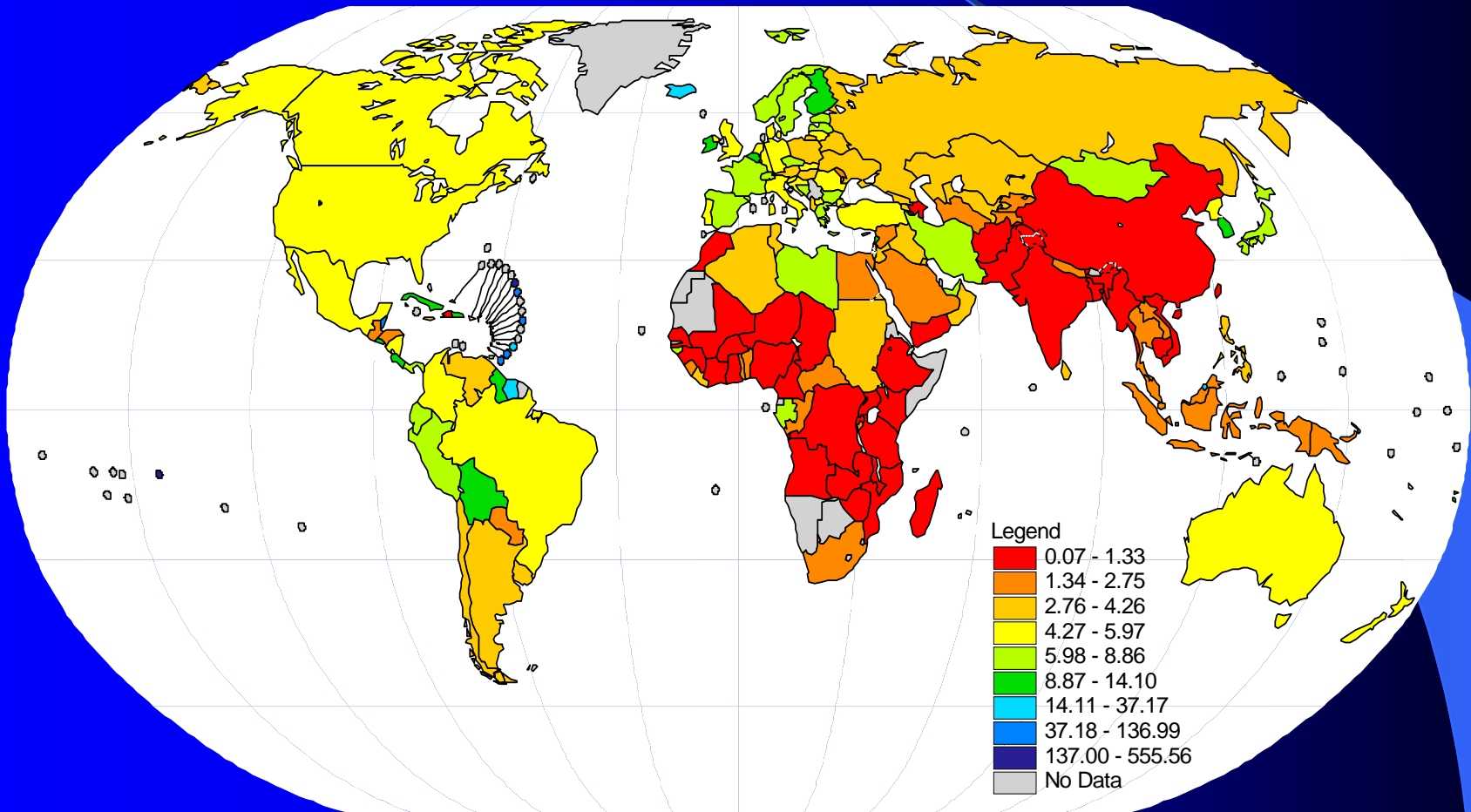
Public Library books per capita.

Red represents areas with less than one book per citizen



Medical Schools (per 10,000,000)

Red represents 1.3 or less schools/medical libraries



Strategy

- WHO is initiating a worldwide coordinated effort
- Key players are invited to participate
- A global steering committee is being formed
- Working groups will concentrate on specific modules



What is the Global Health Library?

The Global Health Library is a WHO Library initiative which will provide first stop access to health information in paper, electronic, and any other media as necessary, to those who need it



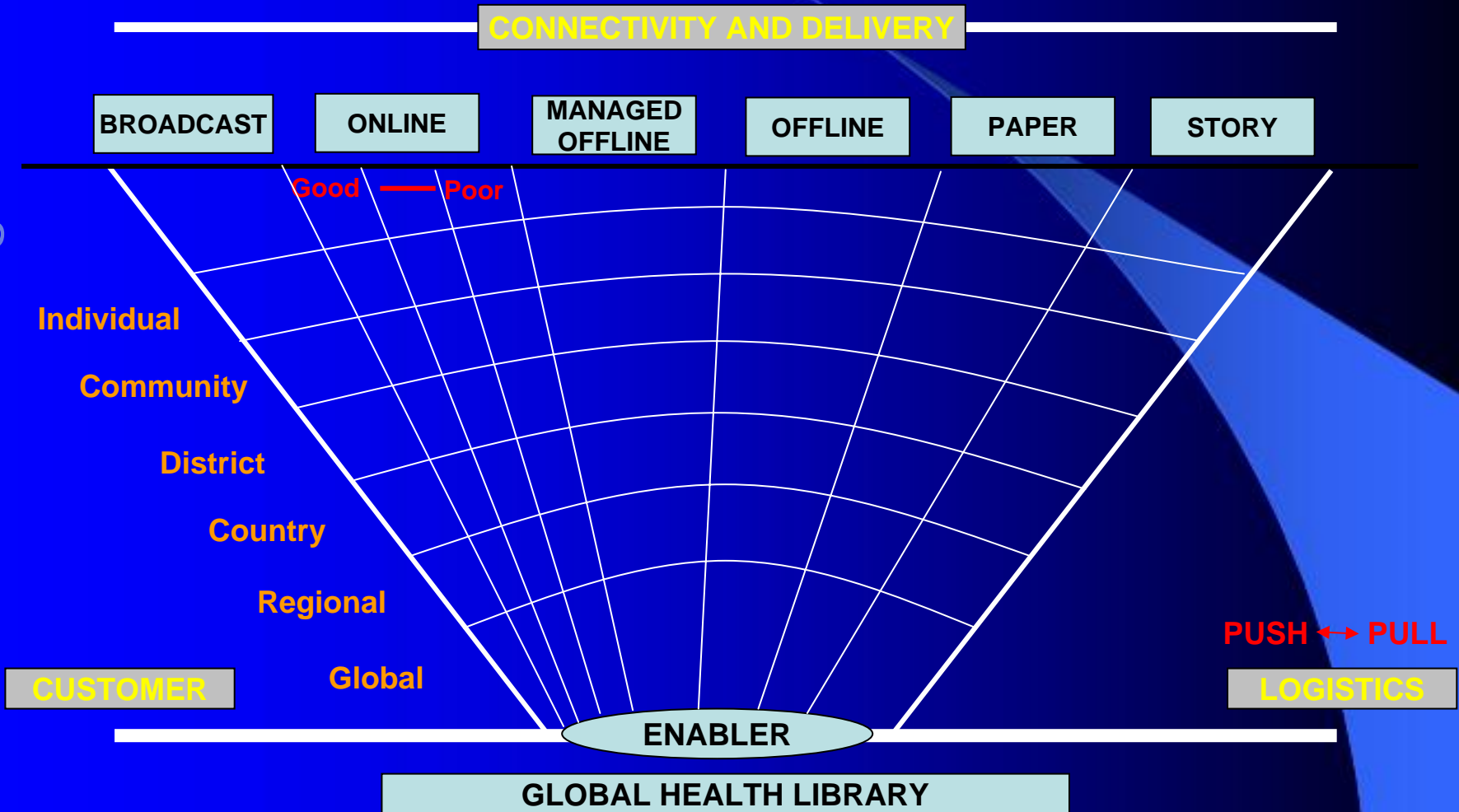
The GHL aims to:

- point to reliable information collections and systems
- facilitate and enable access to information contents produced by key providers
- support communities of practice and training



LANDSCAPE – HEALTH INFORMATION

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR EQUITY

	Broadcast	Online			Managed Offline	Offline	Print	Story
		Good	Medium	Poor				
Individual	Well Served	Well Served	Poorly Served	Poorly Served	Poorly Served	Poorly Served	Moderately Served	Poorly Served
Community	Well Served	Well Served	Moderately Served	Poorly Served	Poorly Served	Poorly Served	Moderately Served	Poorly Served
District	Moderately Served	Well Served	Moderately Served	Poorly Served	Poorly Served	Moderately Served	Well Served	Poorly Served
Country	Moderately Served	Well Served	Well Served	Poorly Served	Poorly Served	Moderately Served	Well Served	Poorly Served
Region	Well Served	Well Served	Well Served	Moderately Served	Poorly Served	Well Served	Well Served	Poorly Served
Global	Well Served	Well Served	Well Served	Moderately Served	Poorly Served	Well Served	Well Served	Poorly Served

Well Served

Moderately Served

Poorly Served

Note: This is a schematic to show how different opportunities can be prioritised and does not reflect any current focus



A Starting Point

- Portal Interface
- Global Index Medicus:
African, Eastern Mediterranean, Latin American,
South-east Asian, Western Pacific
- World Wide Directory of Medical Libraries
- Multilingual WHOLIS
- Mobile Libraries
- HINARI



GLOBAL INDEX MEDICUS

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Non PUBMED
Peer Reviewed
Grey

AFRO AMRO EMRO EURO SEARO WPRO



AIM

VHL

IMEMR

Hellis Asia Pacific

FEDERATED – MULTILINGUAL SEARCH



Multilingual WHOLIS

- Web-based full text access to WHO knowledge: 30,000 links
 - 6 official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish)
 - 50 other languages



Mobile libraries: GHL Express

Trunk concept

- blue trunks, multilingual, multisubject
- blue trucks
- blue mobiles (bibliobus bleus)
- blue donkey
- blue helpline
- blue partners
- red HIV/AIDS knowledge cases



Print and Story


Ready to use mini-library

- print
- practical manuals
- district health centres
- material available locally is added adaptable in size, subject, audience
- from push to pull – bouquet of choice
- inclusion of tacit knowledge
 - Knowledge journalists
 - Story telling



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Health InterNetwork Access to Research Initiative

The HINARI program, set up by WHO together with major publishers, enables developing countries to gain access to one of the world's largest collections of biomedical and health literature. Over 3280 journal titles are now available to health institutions in 113 countries, benefiting many thousands of health workers and researchers, and in turn, contributing to improved world health.

HINARI/AGORA USER SURVEYS


HINARI/AGORA User Surveys
 In a continuing effort to improve this programme by enhancing access, dissemination, and the usage of research information and knowledge available on the HINARI website, we ask you to complete this short survey. Please note that the survey takes only 5-10 minutes to complete; there is no identifying information attached to the survey; there are no right or wrong answers and the

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The Global Health Library

Access to reliable health information for those who need it

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

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.

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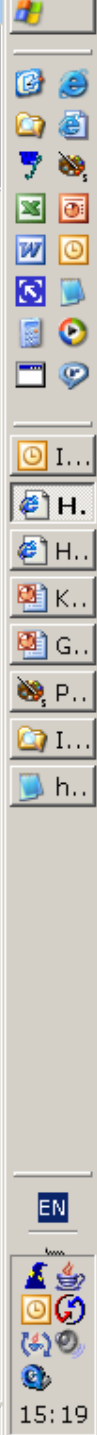
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In conclusion

- Ottawa Charter
- UK national gateway, others followed
- Funding for health
- Little funding for health information content
- Partnerships are needed and welcome



How can partners contribute?

Be part of a GHL Working Group

1. Fundraising
2. World Medical Libraries Directory
3. Mapping existing resources
4. Mobile libraries
5. Multilingual sources
6. Global Index Medicus

