

Selected Global Health Free Online Resources

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Access UNDP (United Nations Development Programme)

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home.html>

Topical sectors covered includes agriculture, education, employment, health, human settlements, humanitarian aid relief, population, social conditions and equity, development economics & finance (and more)

African Index Medicus (WHO)

<http://indexmedicus.afro.who.int/>

A product of the WHO and the Association for health Information and Libraries in Africa (AHILA), it is an international index to African health literature and information sources.

AGRICOLA

<http://agricola.nal.usda.gov/>

A bibliographic database of citations to the agricultural literature created by the National Agricultural Library and its cooperators. The OPAC describes the books, serials, audiovisuals, and other resources held by NAL and its Cooperators.

Contains references for journal articles, book chapters, audiovisuals, and other resources on all aspects of agriculture, forestry, rural and community development, food and human nutrition, and more.

Also available on UWM database list

CANCERmondial (WHO)

<http://www-dep.iarc.fr/>

This website provides access to various databases containing statistics and other information on the occurrence of cancer worldwide. Produced by the WHO International Agency for Research on Cancer.

CDC Global Health

<http://www.cdc.gov/globalhealth/index.html>

Information on outbreaks, diseases & conditions, travel, health security, and the CDC's global programs are just a few of the things you can find here.

CDC Travelers Health

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>

Includes reference materials about diseases, disease outbreaks, locations, specific precautions, vaccination information, and geographic health recommendations. Has a special section on the Zika Virus. Resources section includes information on bug bites, food & water, getting health care abroad plus many more topics of interest.

CIA World Factbook

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

Provides information on the history, people, government, economy, geography, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues for 267 world entities. For each country under "People and Society" tab you will find info on health, health services, mortality, sanitation, etc.

Demographic and Health Surveys

<http://dhsprogram.com/>

The Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) Program has collected, analyzed, and disseminated accurate and representative data on population, health, HIV, and nutrition through more than 300 surveys in over 90 countries that can be used for monitoring as well as impact evaluation.

Development Experience Clearinghouse (USAID)

<https://dec.usaid.gov/dec/home/Default.aspx>

Collection of USAID technical and program documents on international development projects funded by USAID. Topics include: democracy, governance, economic growth and agricultural development, health, population and nutrition, humanitarian assistance, world environment (and more)

EuroStat

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>

From the Statistical Office of the European Union, this is a source for health, economic, and general statistics about the nations of the European Union that enables comparison between countries and regions.

Gapminder World

<https://www.gapminder.org/world/>

This site provides graphic software for comparing countries to show the world's most important trends. It also produces videos, Flash presentations, and PDF charts showing major global development trends with animated statistics in colorful graphics. Site includes a tutorial.

Global Atlas of Infectious Diseases (WHO)

<http://gamapserver.who.int/GlobalAtlas/home.asp>

From the World Health Organization (WHO), it includes standardized data and statistics at country, regional, and global levels. Includes information on demography, socioeconomic conditions and environmental factors, languages and facilitates early detection of global public health threats.

Data Query – allows users to browse, view, query, search the contents of the WHO's Communicable Disease global database and output data in reports, charts and maps.

Interactive Mapping – provides a user-friendly mapping interface that allows users to select geographic areas of interest and create maps of diseases, the location of health facilities, schools, roads, geographic features.

Maps and Resources – provides access to the public domain to static maps and related documents, publications and statistics on infectious diseases.

Global Health and Human Rights Database

<http://www.globalhealthrights.org>

A fully searchable online database of more than 1000 judgments, constitutions, and international instruments that deal with the intersection between health and human rights. Allows you to search judgements by health topic, region, country, human rights, international bodies, and regional bodies.

Global Health Atlas (WHO)

<http://apps.who.int/globalatlas/>

Provides standardized data and statistics for infectious diseases at country, regional, and global levels. Updated constantly, the system monitors, organizes, integrates, filters, visualizes and disseminates online information about emerging diseases. Includes links to FluNet and DengueNet.

Global Health Data Exchange

<http://ghdx.healthdata.org/>

From the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation of the University of Washington, This site states that it has the “most comprehensive catalog of surveys, censuses, vital statistics, and other health-related data.” Can be searched by country, data type, keyword, organization, survey family, series or systems.

May require a fee depending on type of data download requested.

Global Health Hub

<http://www.globalhealthhub.org>

An online gateway of news, commentary, and resources related to global health for public health professionals. Includes sections on infectious diseases, noncommunicable diseases, women & children, policy, technology, and aid & development.

Global Health NOW

<http://www.globalhealthnow.org/subscribe.html>

From John Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, it has been called “an essential daily read for the global health community.” The site offers summaries and exclusive articles on the latest public health news. A free subscription (sign-up) will deliver it daily.

Global Health Observatory (WHO)

<http://www.who.int/gho/en/>

Provides access to data and analyses for monitoring global health and presents data from all of the WHO programs and provides links to supporting information.

Global Index Medicus (WHO)

<http://www.globalhealthlibrary.net/php/index.php>

This gives access to biomedical and public health literature from the WHO’s regional indexes and from the WHO Institutional Repository.

Global Library of Women’s Medicine

<http://www.glowm.com/>

Includes a vast range of detailed clinical information across the field of women’s health. Some of the areas covered include: women’s medicine, safer motherhood, maternal health, pregnancy & childbirth. There are videos, visuals, and textbooks available.

Health Map

<http://www.healthmap.org/site/about>

*“HealthMap, a team of researchers, epidemiologists and software developers at **Boston Children's Hospital** founded in 2006, is an established global leader in utilizing online informal sources for disease outbreak monitoring and real-time surveillance of emerging public health threats. The freely available Web site 'healthmap.org' and mobile app 'Outbreaks Near Me' deliver real-time intelligence on a broad range of emerging infectious diseases for a diverse audience including libraries, local health departments, governments, and international travelers. HealthMap brings together disparate data sources, including online news aggregators, eyewitness reports, expert-curated discussions and validated official reports, to achieve a unified and comprehensive view of the current global state of infectious diseases and their effect on human and animal health. Through an automated process, updating 24/7/365, the system monitors, organizes, integrates, filters, visualizes and disseminates online information about emerging diseases in nine languages, facilitating early detection of global public health threats.”* Searchable by disease or location.

HIV InSite Countries and Regions Page

<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu/InSite>

A comprehensive, up-to-date list of regional and country-specific resources from 195 countries, all related to HIV information, prevention, treatment, policy, and education. From the University of California, San Francisco.

Human Development Reports

<http://hdr.undp.org/en>

Provides full-text information from the UN Development Programme's global, regional and national reports. Describes development issues including: human rights, poverty, education, economic reform, HIV/AIDS, globalization, health, and capacity building.

Immigration & Refugee Health Information (CDC)

<http://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/index.html>

Source of information about refugees, medical examination of immigrants and refugees, refugee health guidelines, international adoption, refugee health profiles, laws and regulations and more from the CDC.

Index Medicus for the Eastern Mediterranean Region/MEMR (WHO)

<http://www.emro.who.int/information-resources/imemr/imemr.html>

Provides access to health literature published in or related to the Eastern Mediterranean Region. Produced by the Eastern Mediterranean Region Library Network (EMLIBNET), it indexes the Eastern Mediterranean health literature and information sources using headings according to the Medical Subject Headings MeSH list of the U.S. National Library of Medicine.

International Health from Medline Plus, a service of the National Library of Medicine

<https://medlineplus.gov/internationalhealth.html#summary>

Includes links to news, specific conditions, journal articles, statistics, research, and clinical trials related to global health.

LANIC (Latin American Network Information Center)

<http://lanic.utexas.edu>

A source for locating country-specific health and education resources on South America, Central America, and the Caribbean. Check out their other digital initiatives on its website.

LILACS (BIREME)

<http://lilacs.bvsalud.org/en/>

The Latin American and Caribbean System on Health Sciences Information is a comprehensive index of scientific and technical literature of Latin America and the Caribbean. It is produced by BIREME, the Latin American & Caribbean Center on Health Sciences.

Malaria World

<https://malariaworld.org>

Calls itself “The world's scientific and social network for malaria professionals.” Includes access to scientific articles and access to the *Malaria World Journal*. Also includes news and an online forum.

MEASURE DHS (Monitoring and Evaluation to Assess and Use Results- Demographic and Health Surveys)

<http://microdata.worldbank.org/index/php/catalog/dhs/about>

Provided by the World Bank, it provides data, statistics, and reports from more than 90 countries on fertility, family planning, maternal and child health, gender, HIV/AIDS, malaria, and nutrition.

Migration Policy Institute (MPI)

<http://www.migrationpolicy.org>

From an independent, non-partisan, nonprofit think tank devoted to the study of movement of people worldwide, it provides analysis, development, and evaluation of migration and refugee policies at local, national, and international levels.

Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)

<http://www.paho.org/hq>

Serves as the specialized organization for health of the Inter-American System and as the Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization. Also a source for public health statistics for countries in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

Rand Global Health

<http://www.rand.org/topics/global-health.html>

The RAND Corporation analyzes global health issues such as health care quality, costs, delivery, and access as well as disease prevention and public health preparedness and offers recommendations to help governments, health organizations, and other stakeholders arrive at better outcomes. Their reports are often used to support public health policy-making.

Sustainable Development Goals (UN Development Programme)

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/sdgooverview/post-2015-development-agenda.html>

*“The Sustainable Development Goals, otherwise known as the **Global Goals**, build on the **Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)**, eight anti-poverty targets that the world committed to achieving by 2015. The MDGs, adopted in 2000, aimed at an array of issues that included slashing poverty, hunger, disease, gender inequality, and access to water and sanitation. Enormous progress has been made on the MDGs, showing the value of a unifying agenda underpinned by goals and targets. Despite this success, the indignity of poverty has not been ended for all.*

The new SDGs, and the broader sustainability agenda, go much further than the MDGs, addressing the root causes of poverty and the universal need for development that works for all people.”

Click on each of the 17 goals adopted in 2015 for more information.

This Week in Global Health (TWIGH)

<http://www.twigh.org/>

Provides a weekly global health news roundup.

UK National Statistics

<https://www.ons.gov.uk>

Resource for finding health and social care statistics for England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Most of the information on health is from the National Health Service.

UNAIDS – The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

<http://www.unaids.org>

Goal of this global partnership is to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support.

UNICEF

<http://www.unicef.org>

Advocates for the protection of children’s rights, helps meet children’s basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential.

UNICEF Customized Statistical Tables

http://www.unicef.org/index_countrystats.html

Includes economic and social data from 195 countries and territories with relationship to children's well-being.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org>

The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) provides international protection to refugees and also attempts to find long-lasting solutions to their problems. UNHCR is the major international organization for the world's 20 million refugees. It aids refugees directly and coordinates the work of NGOs involved in refugee relief.

Our accurate, relevant and timely data and statistics are crucial to refugee operations. This key resource is used by all partners to respond to the needs of refugee populations.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Statistical Database.

<http://popstats/inchr.org>

UNHCR's Statistics Database provides data, reports and other information essential for field operations. It also carries statistical reports on people of concern – refugees, asylum seekers, returned refugees, the internally displaced and stateless people. Detailed information on country of asylum, place of origin, gender, age, location and legal status of refugees is available. Indicators on the quality of refugee protection and UNHCR operations are increasingly being collected.

USAID

<https://www.usaid.org>

Its site contains information about U.S. foreign aid and data resources about country development. Provides tools for monitoring country progress in economic, health, and social goals.

Vaccine Resource Library

<http://www.path.org/vaccineresources/index.php>

Provides immunization resources and documents and links to specific diseases and topics.

WHO AFRO Library

<http://afrolib.afro.who.int/>

A collection of medical and health-related literature organized by the WHO Regional Office for Africa (AFRO). You can do simple or advanced searching. Indexes WHO AFRO technical documents, monographs, and some African medical articles. Full-text is available for most.

World Bank e-Atlas of Global Development

<http://www.app.collinsindicate.com/worldbankatlas-global/en-us>

Maps and graphs more than 175 thematically organized indicators for over 200 countries and allows you to visualize and compare progress on some of the most important development challenges. Most indicators cover several decades.

World Bank e-Library

<http://elibrary.worldbank.org/>

Allows access to publications and data of the World Bank. You can search by region, country, topic, collections, data, and recommended readings. Some of the many topics included are agriculture, education, finance, health, nutrition, population, poverty reduction, water supply & sanitation, infrastructure and development.

World Bank Organization

<http://www.worldbank.org>

Comprised of two development organizations owned by 187 member countries: the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association (IDA). A vital source of financial and technical assistance to developing countries, including making investments to improve health.

World Development Indicators

<http://database.worldbank.org/data/home.aspx>

(also available from the UWM Libraries database page)

A comprehensive selection of economic, social, and environmental indicators drawn from the World Bank and its partner agencies. Covers over 900 indicators for the economies of 210 nations.

Provides a tool for analysis and visualization for time series data on a variety of topics. You can create your own queries, generate tables, charts, maps and can save, embed, and share them. A tutorial and FAQs are available at the website.

Website will link you to individual databases (there are many more than listed here):

Education Statistics
Gender Statistics
Health Nutrition and Population Statistics
Poverty and Equity Database
Millenium Development Goals
African Development Indicators

World Health Organization (WHO)

<http://www.who.int/en>

This body is the United Nations' director and coordinator for health within the United Nations system, responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, including shaping the health research agenda.