

Healthcare Information for All



Review 2014

Working together for a world where every person and every health worker has access to the healthcare information they need to protect their own health and the health of those for whom they are responsible

www.hifa2015.org

What is HIFA?

HIFA is a global campaign and knowledge network with more than 13,600 members in 170 countries, interacting on 5 discussion forums in 3 different languages. Our common vision is a world where every person and every health worker has access to the healthcare information they need to protect their own health and the health of those for whom they are responsible.

Why is HIFA needed?

Every day, tens of thousands of people - mainly children - die needlessly due to failure to deliver basic life-saving interventions. These interventions are often locally available but are not delivered when they are needed. A major contributing factor is lack of access to basic information and knowledge. For example, 9 in 10 children with diarrhoea in India do not receive basic treatment with fluids and almost 1000 die every day as a direct result, in India alone.

Highlights of 2014

- We transitioned from HIFA2015 to HIFA
- We launched the HIFA Voices database: www.hifavoices.org
- We held the 2nd HIFA Conference in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- We presented HIFA at the World Health Summit, Berlin
- The main HIFA forum expanded by 18% to 7865 members from 2000 organisations, producing over 300 discussions with more than 3000 contributions, over half from members in low and middle income countries
- The number of HIFA volunteers increased from 140 to 165, including 115 HIFA Country Representatives in 53 countries
- We hosted extensive discussions on the Ebola information needs of citizens and health workers, sponsored by mPowering Frontline Health Workers and IntraHealth International
- We provided guidance to WHO on a new Ebola community of practice
- We persuaded a major publisher to release Ebola content into the public domain
- We continued to sponsor the HIFA Photographer of the Year 2014 in collaboration with Photoshare (Johns Hopkins)



The HIFA Voices database brings together the experiential knowledge of HIFA members, with thanks to sponsorship from *The Lancet*, Elsevier, mPowering Frontline Health Workers and Intel Corporation.

CHIFA (formerly CHILD2015) increased by 11% to more than 2850 members, in collaboration with the International Child Health Group and the International Society for Social Paediatrics and Child Health. Discussions were held with PAHO on the possible launch of CHIFA-Espanol in 2015.

HIFA-Portuguese increased by 8% to 2150 members in 32 countries including all eight Portuguese-speaking countries, and **HIFA-EVIPNet-French** has grown by 30% to 577 high-level health policymakers and other health professionals from francophone countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Both groups are in collaboration with the World Health Organization, Geneva.

HIFA-Zambia membership increased by more than 25% to 406 members, in collaboration with the Zambia UK Health Workforce Alliance.

Information on Medicines for All - in June 2014 we ratified and implemented the 2nd HIFA SMART Goal, led by the HIFA Working Group on Prescribers and Users of Medicines.

Mobile Healthcare Information For All - The mHIFA Working Group consolidated its survey of mHealth projects in readiness for evidence-based advocacy in 2015.



Priorities for 2015

- Continued strong growth of all HIFA forums
- Launch a new HIFA forum in Spanish
- Work with WHO to help evaluate impact of WHO publications
- Expansion of the HIFA Voices database

Acknowledgements

During 2014, we ratified over 60 new **HIFA Supporting Organisations**, giving a total of **226** organisations worldwide that support the HIFA vision: <http://www.hifa2015.org/how-organisations-support-hifa2015/sos/>

HIFA Country Representatives: HIFA relies on a global network of volunteers, and during 2014 we were delighted to welcome 27 new HIFA Country Representatives (CRs). At the end of the year we had 115 CRs in 53 countries: <http://www.hifa2015.org/how-individuals-support-hifa2015/hifa2015-country-representatives/>

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