

USAID Knowledge Management Inventory

Data Online for Population, Health and Nutrition (DOLPHN) - PHNIP

1. Describe your knowledge sharing activity - what did you do? – how did you do it?

The PHNI Project has created and released an online statistical data resource called **Data Online for Population, Health and Nutrition (DOLPHN)**. This Web site is a data resource containing selected current and historical country-level demographic and health indicator data. Also found on the Web site are Country Health Statistical Reports (CHSR) for all USAID presence countries (in addition to several other countries), which provide a very easy reference guide for country information.

DOLPHN is updated with new data as it becomes available and CHSR's show the most recent data available from our standard sources. Sources include Demographic Health Surveys (DHS), BUCEN, World Bank, CDC as well as other resources commonly used by USAID.

2. Describe your motivation / rationale / value proposition / business case for the initiative – why did you do it? – for whom?

The DOLPHN system was designed to provide users with quick and easy access to frequently used statistics and can be helpful as both a reference and analytical tool. Relevant data from a variety of sources has been pulled together into a single location. The user can quickly and easily obtain a comprehensive statistical picture of various health scenarios and make timely comparisons among several countries.

3. Describe the results of the effort – who and/or what was impacted and how? – what are the benefits?

DOLPHN was recently released to the USAID's Bureau for Global Health but remains in the initial phase of development. The Web site is currently available to all interested users and can be found at www.phnip.com/dolphn. The Country Health Statistical Reports that are available on the site have already been used by USAID staff as quick reference guides before trips to various countries around the world. Efforts to expand the reach of this information to USAID field missions in underway.

4. Describe any future implications or issues related to the initiative, e.g., what plans are in place? What current constraints or challenges are you facing? How is the initiative being sustained / maintained? How can it be replicated or scaled up?

In addition to the current information available, graphing capabilities, aggregated information at the regional level, and increasingly complex information searches are being designed to allow USAID to obtain statistical data in many more forms.

The PHNI Project plans to also expand the number of indicators available in DOLPHN. The major challenge of this is learning which indicator data would prove most useful for the Agency and finding the best source for that information.

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