

# **USAID Knowledge Management Inventory**

## **Web-based Partners for Health Reform*plus* bibliographic database**

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

The web-based Partners for Health Reform*plus* bibliographic database was created to consolidate a large number of non-catalogued materials to make them easily accessible to staff, client, and other interested parties worldwide. A web-based bibliographic software was chosen and a keyword list to catalogue materials was developed in consultation with staff. Materials were sorted through, catalogued, entered in the database as per established guidelines, and the database was placed on the web.

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

It was recognized that a wealth of information had been collected by a number of staff, but it was not organized and accessible either to those collecting the information or to others who could benefit from access to the materials. Making the information easily available both in hard copy and electronically proved to be a tremendous asset to not only staff and the client, but to the broader community interested in health reform issues.

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

The database currently contains more than 5,000 bibliographic citations with close to 1,000 livelinks. Staff, client, and users worldwide can access the database via the Internet. The PHR*plus* Resource Center responds to a large number of research and reference requests and generates numerous bibliographies from citations contained in the database. The web-based database greatly facilitates the information broker role of the Resource Center by making a huge amount of information widely available in a quick and efficient manner.

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?

Once the project ends, the database cannot be maintained in its current status by the hosting institution. It is anticipated, and the project's technical advisory group has recommended, that the collection be transferred to an organization that can incorporate the collection and maintain the database. This will be more carefully explored when the project is phased out. With a certain level of funding, the initiative could easily be replicated or scaled up.

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