



WR Library, Information and Documentation Center” Hargeisa, Somaliland



WR Library, Information and Documentation center was established 2003 in Hargeisa. The center collects, organizes and disseminates medical and health-related literature to respond to the information requests of the Public Institutions, other United Nations agencies and international organizations, as well as researchers from the country.

Health Literatures Services (HLT) is an essential component in WHO support services addressed to both WHO and national programmes for health development. It assists in the establishment, development and coordination of national health library and information network (EMLIBNET), responding to requests from WHO staff and key national institutions and individuals, training of library manpower, access to information and document delivery services, sharing expertise and resources and bibliographic control of locally produced health literature. The center has dual basic role: -

- To provide library services to WHO staff members in support of WHO programmes; and.
- To cooperate and assist with Ministry of Health, Medical Universities, Health Science Institutes, Medical Associations and other Public Institutions to improve health science libraries, documentation centers and literature services at country level.

Database

When the center receives publications it registers into the Library WHO Module of WINISIS database using WHO Broad Categories Lists; Subject Names by which WHO Publications are shelved in the module.

Distribution

The center keeps minimum three copies of all the publications received for the Library use. If the copies received are more than three the first priority is to send our sub-offices in Garowe and Mogadishu to make available for the health workers in that area, and the remaining copies distributes to the Learning Institutions i.e. Medical Universities, Health Science Institutes and others as well as Ministry of Health, United Nation Agencies and International NGOS.

Training and Capacity Building

In an effort to promote the use of electronic resources available on the net the center provides trainings to the University Librarians, Medical Practitioners, Professors and other health workers for the proper use of HINARI and other electronic resources.



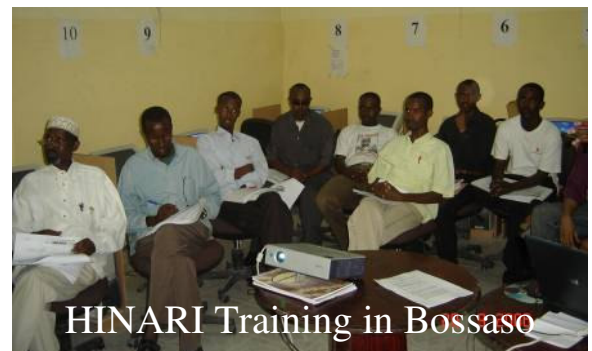
e-Resources available in the center

WHO-HQ Library Database

The WHOLIS database is an electronic memory for all WHO documentation. It contains bibliographic information with subject headings, abstracts for some records, electronic access for some records. WHOLIS indexes all WHO publications from 1948 onwards and articles from WHO-produced journals and technical documents from 1985 to the present. An on-site card catalogue provides access to the pre-1986 technical documents.

Health Internet Work Access for Research Initiatives (HINARI)

Launched in 2001 with close to 2500 public institutions already registered for access in 113 developing countries, HINARI is managed by the World Health Organization in partnership with Yale University Library. Around 90 publishers contribute their journals to HINARI. HINARI provides access to over 4000 peer-reviewed full text journals covering medicine, nursing and related health and social sciences. It also includes Over **25** comprehensive reference resources and databases (e.g. Clinical Evidence; Cancer Handbook; Cochrane Library; BNF; Bloodmed; Biblioteca Cochrane Puls, etc...) Databases and Indexes (e.g. EMRO Index Medicus; AFRO Index Medicus; MeSh, SEARO Index Medicus; LILACS, etc...). 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.



12 Institutions in Somalia are registered in this initiative and using. Two trainings were conducted one in Hargeisa and one in Bossaso; due to security and travel restriction participants from South and Central did not participate the training in Bossaso.

Online Access for the Research in the Environment (OARE)

Launched in 2006, **OARE** is managed by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in partnership with Yale University and more than 35 publishers. **OARE** provides access to more than 1000 scientific journals in a wide range of disciplines contributing to our understanding of the natural environment, including environmental toxicology and pollution, zoology, botany, ecology, environmental chemistry, geology, hydrology, oceanography, meteorology, climatology, geography, environmental economics, environmental law and policy, conservation policy and planning, environmental biotechnology, environmental engineering, energy, and many other disciplines. Journals can be searched through a number of abstract and indexing databases. Access and further information is available at www.oaresciences.org or email oare@oaresciences.org

Over 2035 scientific journal titles owned and published by over 300 prestigious publishing houses, scholarly societies, and scientific associations are now available in 70 low income countries. Another 36 countries will be added by 2008. OARE also provides access to important Abstract and Index Research Databases (A&I Databases), intellectual tools the scientific and professional community uses to search for specific information within thousands of scholarly publications.

Introduction training was conducted in Amman, Jordan – CEHA center and WHO Librarian has attended in August 2007. Since then two institutions in Hargeisa has registered and practical training was provided to them.

Global Information Full Text (GIFT)

The WHO Library team at Headquarters (LNK) has launched an initiative to allow access for all WHO staff worldwide to an online full text library of journals and databases.

Electronic Resources of GIFT are Online full-text journals, free collections and indexes to regional journals and databases; BMJ - Clinical Evidence, Cochrane, International Financial Statistics, Oxford Reference Online, POPLINE, PubMed , TOXNET, World Bank - e-Library, World Bank - Gender Statistics, World Bank - World Development Indicators, Yearbook of International Organizations

Training was done in Nairobi technical staff by Mr. Hatem Nouraldin – EMRO Library Technical Officer and in Hargeisa

Virtual Health Sciences Library (VHSL)

WHO Eastern Mediterranean region created a Virtual Health Sciences Library (VHSL) to enhance and facilitate the universal access to health and biomedical information.

In this initiative you can access: -

1. AIDS Information Exchange Center	2. Medical Library Handbook
3. Arab Medical Library	4. IMEMR Current contents
5. Arabic Medical Subject Heading List	6. List of Basic Sources
7. Index Medicus for WHO Eastern Mediterranean	8. Virtual Library Training
9. EMRO Library Catalogue	10. Useful Links
11. Union catalogue of Health Sciences Journals in EMR	12. WHO – CEHA Library Database
13. WHO – CEHA Environmental Health Articles Database	14.

Document Delivery Services

As part of the development of the Virtual Health Sciences Library of the Eastern Mediterranean Region, the Regional Office has decided to establish a document delivery services among selected Libraries from the region. Three Libraries in Somalia signed the agreement and are part of the Document Delivery Services Network in the region.

Blue Trunk Library

The Blue Trunk Library (**BTL**) project aims to disseminate essential medical and health information at the district level by installing ready-to-use mini-libraries in health centres and hospitals.

The Blue Trunk Library has been developed by the library of the World Health Organization for installation in district health centres in Africa as a means of compensating for the lack of up-to-date medical and health information. The collection, which is organized according to major health subjects, contains more than one hundred books on medicine and public health. The BTLs have been developed in 1996 by the WHO/HQ Library who have selected, indexed and organized about 100 essential medical and health manuals (mainly published by WHO) for the diagnosis and treatment of the diseases which are common in primary health care in Africa.

There are 2 kinds of BTLs

- those which are produced in WHO/HQ-Geneva, made with a blue painted metal trunk,
- and those which are produced by WHO/EMRO in Egypt, manufactured from wood and provided with wheels in order to facilitate their movement.

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