

# A global campaign: Healthcare Information For All



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**“Healthcare Information For All is an ambitious goal but it can be achieved if all stakeholders work together.”**

*World Health Organization, Geneva*

## **HIFA**

HIFA is a global campaign and professional network with more than 19,000 health professionals, librarians, publishers, researchers, policymakers and human rights activists from >3,000 organisations in 180 countries. Our shared vision:

**A world where every person will have access to the healthcare information they need to protect their own health and the health of others**

## **People are dying for lack of knowledge**

Thousands of children and adults die needlessly every day because they do not receive basic life-saving interventions - interventions that are often locally available but are simply not provided due to indecision, delays, misdiagnosis, and incorrect treatment. Many would still be alive today if their parent, caregiver or health worker had access to basic healthcare information. Research indicates that:

- **6 in 10** parents in India wrongly believe they should *withhold* fluids if their child has diarrhoea, thereby tragically increasing their risk of death from dehydration\*
- **3 in 4** doctors caring for sick children in Africa and Asia lack basic knowledge of common life-threatening illnesses\*
- **2 in 5** family doctors in Pakistan incorrectly use tranquillisers to treat hypertension\*
- **7 in 10** women giving birth in health facilities in Africa and South Asia are mismanaged during the 3rd stage of labour, thereby increasing risk of death from postpartum haemorrhage\*

Citizens and healthcare providers in low-resource settings do not have access to relevant, reliable healthcare information, contributing to massive unnecessary death and suffering.

\*See: [www.hifa.org/about-hifa/why-hifa-needed](http://www.hifa.org/about-hifa/why-hifa-needed)

## HIFA Projects

HIFA currently supports 12 projects including: Access to Health Research; Citizens, Parents and Children; Community Health Workers; Evidence-Informed Policy & Practice; mHealth (mobile health); Library & Information Services; Family Planning; and Newborn Care.

## HIFA Thematic Discussions

HIFA runs in-depth discussions on priority global health issues. Current sponsors include the World Health Organization, The Lancet and Elsevier.

## HIFA Voices

The HIFA Voices database brings together the experience of HIFA members to advance the HIFA vision.

**“HIFA achieves an extraordinary level of activity on minimal resources from which many people around the world benefit”**

*HIFA External Evaluation Report*



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## HIFA Supporting Organisations

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- **British Medical Association**
- **Chartered Society of Physiotherapy**
- **Child Family Health International**
- **Commonwealth Nurses & Midwives Federation**
- **Elsevier**
- **Enablement**
- **EqualHealth**
- **Foundation for Mother & Child Health**
- **George Institute for Global Health (University of Oxford)**
- **Global Health Media Project**
- **Hacey Youth Initiative (Nigeria)**
- **Hardie Wren Development Initiatives**
- **Health Research Advisory Board (Pakistan)**
- **International Child Health Group**
- **International Foundation for Dermatology**
- **International League of Dermatological Societies**
- **International Society for Social Paediatrics and Child Health**
- **Joanna Briggs Institute**
- **Kaicombey Foundation (Sierra Leone)**
- **The Lancet**
- **LiveWell Initiative (Nigeria)**
- **London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine**
- **Medic Mobile**
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- **Nagasaki University**
- **Network for Information and Digital Access**
- **OncArt**
- **Perinatal Care Project**
- **Primary Care International**
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- **The Mother and Child Health and Education Trust**
- **World Health Organization**
- **Your.MD**

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