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Population and Health Resources

The Internet has a lot to offer population and health professionals in the form of Websites full of rich information ranging from statistics to articles. Journals, magazines, and newspapers provide information on the latest research. Subscribe to electronic news alerts or discussion groups to receive e-mail updates on the latest news and share ideas on important issues.

Websites

Bibliographic Databases

HIV InfoWeb (ÆGIS)

www.aegis.com/default.asp?req=/search

This AIDS database searches through many resources including books-in-print, journals, newspapers, newswires, AIDS websites, and government databases. Displays abstracts as well as full-text documents.

ingenta (formerly Uncover)

www.ingenta.com

Provides brief, descriptive information for over 8,800,000 journal articles from over 18,000 multidisciplinary journals published since Fall 1988. Table of contents for journal issues are provided as well. Fax copies of articles can be ordered for a fee.

NLM Gateway (National Library of Medicine)

<http://gateway.nlm.nih.gov/gw/Command>

The NLM Gateway searches through several health databases simultaneously. The databases include MEDLINE/PubMed, LOCATORplus, Meeting Abstracts, HSRProj, MEDLINEplus, ClinicalTrials.gov, and DIRLINE.

POPLINE (Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs, Population Information Program)

<http://db.jhuccp.org/popinform/basic.html>

A database providing abstracts of journal articles, monographs, technical reports, and unpublished works covering worldwide population, family planning, and related health issues, including family planning technology and programs, fertility, and population law and policy. A User's Guide to POPLINE keywords is available in English, French, and Spanish.

Population Index (Princeton University, Office of Population Research)

<http://oprtest.princeton.edu/popindex/index.html>

Annotated bibliographies of books, journal articles, working papers, and other materials published on population topics. Contains 46,035 abstracts. Allows searching by author, subject, region, and free-text.

PubMed (National Library of Medicine)

www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed

Provides access to abstracts of biomedical literature in databases such as MEDLINE, which contains over 11 million citations from 4,300 journals dating back to 1966.

Source, International Information Support Center

www.asksource.info/databases.html

Source provides online information related to international health, disability, and development. Its databases include journals, newsletters, books, reports, posters, videos, CD-Roms, and links to related organizations.

Directories of Population Resources

Development Gateway Population and Reproductive Health Portal

www.developmentgateway.org/node/146526

The portal presents an expansive collection of links to population and reproductive health resources produced by organizations including government, international, and nongovernmental agencies. Its contents are updated by UNFPA in collaboration with 12 partner institutions in the population community. Additional features include a news service, bulletin board, events calendar, project information, and a discussion forum.

Internet Guide to Demography and Population Studies

<http://demography.anu.edu.au/VirtualLibrary>

Provides information on census and data servers, electronic journals, historical demography resources, demography and population conferences, and electronic mailing lists.

Netlinks (Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs)

www.jhuccp.org/info/netlinks.php

Netlinks is a searchable database of online resources, organizations, companies, and institutions related to health, population, and international development. This includes international health organizations, government organizations, national and local non-governmental organizations, production companies, educational institutions, publishers, and others. Allows searching by country, resource type, and subject.

PopNet (Population Reference Bureau)

www.popnet.org

PopNet is a comprehensive directory of population-related websites available by organization, by region or country, or by topic within countries. PopNet presents information on population topics such as demographic statistics, economics, education, environment, gender, policy, and reproductive health. Its resources include websites produced by government and international organizations, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), university centers, and associations and listservs.

General News –Asia

Asia News Network

www.asianewsnet.net

The Asia News Network is a network of national daily newspapers published in Asian cities to optimize coverage of major news events in the region.

Asia Observer

www.asiaobserver.com

The Asia Observer provides political and economic news and information within the region. Its target audience consists of journalists, researchers, politicians, students, business people, and government officials.

Asia Times Online

www.atimes.com

Asia Times Online is an Internet-only publication that reports and examines geopolitical, political, economic, and business issues from an Asia perspective.

East Asia News

www.eastasianews.com

East Asia News provides the latest news from the World News Network. The site covers topics such as health and education. It also provides a search engine, and one can subscribe to get news updates via e-mail.

Far Eastern Economic Review

www.feer.com

The Far Eastern Economic Review is a business magazine that reports on politics, business, economics, technology, and social and cultural issues throughout Asia, with a particular emphasis on both Southeast Asia and China.

Health –Asia

Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health Photo Database

www.unescobkk.org/ips/arh-web/photodatabase/main.cfm

Provides photographs from the region free of charge to professionals working in the area of adolescent sexual and reproductive health.

Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development

www.afppd.org

The Asian forum works to inform, educate, and motivate parliamentarians about population issues and how they relate to issues of reproductive health, sustainable development, food security, environment, and migration. The forum conducts national and regional seminars, conferences, and study visits as means to educate parliamentarians.

Asian Media Information and Communication Center (AMIC)

www.amic.org.sg

Established in 1971, the AMIC aims to spearhead the development of media and communication expertise in the Asia-Pacific to foster socio-economic progress in the region. Its website offers links to information on conferences and training opportunities.

Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH)

www.apacph.org

APACPH is a consortium of schools of public health in the Asia-Pacific region and works to improve professional education in public health. The consortium also publishes the Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health and the APACPH newsletter. The website provides information about its members, upcoming events, and activities.

Chinese Cochrane Center

www.chinacochrane.org/index_english.htm

The Center promotes activities on evidence-based health care in China through preparation, maintenance, dissemination, and application of high quality systematic reviews. The website provides information to help decision makers make well informed decisions to improve clinical practice and use health resources more efficiently.

Coordination of Action Research on AIDS and Mobility (CARAM) Asia

<http://caramasia.gn.apc.org>

By focusing on the issue of migration, CARAM Asia works to reduce HIV/AIDS vulnerability through the promotion and protection of migrant workers' rights. It conducts participatory research, implements community based interventions, and engages in advocacy efforts in a number of countries including Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Health Action Information Network (HAIN)

www.hain.org

Based in the Philippines, HAIN is a non-profit organization engaged in research and health education, primarily in reproductive and environmental health. HAIN conducts training and education activities within the country and publishes the Asia-Pacific Edition of the AIDS Action newsletter.

Health Action International Asia-Pacific (HAI-AP)

www.haiap.org

HAI is a membership organization that promotes health equity by ensuring access to essential and affordable medicines. HAI carries out its work through advocacy, research, and educational campaigns.

SEA-AIDS

<http://unaidsapict.inet.co.th>

Managed by UNAIDS, SEA-AIDS provides information support services for people living with HIV/AIDS in the Asia-Pacific region, including an e-mail discussion group service.

WWW Virtual Library: Public Health, Asia

www.ldb.org/vl/geo/asia/index.htm

Provides information and resources related to public health, organized by region and by country.

Health –Global

Adapting to Change (World Bank)

www.reprohealth.org

This learning program on population, reproductive health, and health sector reform provides a document database of training courses and events. Each event has information including agendas, contacts, biographical references for trainers and participants, and reading materials. Downloadable presentations are available for some events. Visitors are encouraged to sign up for the Adapting to Change Newsletter to receive updates regularly.

Advocates for Youth (AFY)

www.advocatesforyouth.org

Since 1980, Advocates for Youth's mission has been "to increase the opportunities for and abilities of youth to make healthy decisions about sexuality." The website has information on AFY's programs including HIV education/prevention, an international division focusing on Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa, legislative affairs, media projects, peer education, sexuality education, support center for school-based health care, and a teen pregnancy initiative. A list of publications and conference information is also provided.

The Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI)

www.agi-usa.org

The mission of the institute is "to promote free, informed and responsible choices for all men and women with regard to sexual activity, reproduction and family formation, in the United States and throughout the world." Provides information on the following topics: reproductive health, sexual behavior, pregnancy and birth, prevention and contraception, abortion, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), youth, and law and public policy. The tables of contents from the periodicals *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, *International Family Planning Perspectives*, and *The Guttmacher Report* are included, as well as a publications catalog and a "question of the week". A local search engine is also available.

Center for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA)

www.cedpa.org

CEDPA's mission is to empower women at all levels of society to be full partners in development. The site contains current population news, highlights of publications, a publications list, and information about programs and training sessions.

Center for Health and Population Research (ICDDR,B)

www.icddrb.org

The Center is an independent, international, non-profit organization for research, education, training, clinical services, and information dissemination. It has a mission to develop and disseminate solutions to major health and population problems facing the world. The site provides news and events, information about the work of the center, its publications, upcoming events, and links to donor and resource sites.

Center for Population and Family Health (CPFH), Columbia School of Public Health

www.mailman.hs.columbia.edu/popfam/index.html

The Center for Population and Family Health addresses the problems of poverty and the disadvantaged throughout the world by integrating academic training with applied research and community service to train a corps of committed public health specialists. Site contains information about the Masters of Public Health Program, faculty and staff, research reports, service delivery programs, and list of publications and presentations.

Center for Reproductive Rights

www.crlp.org

The Center for Reproductive Rights, formerly the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy, is dedicated to ensuring that all women have access to appropriate and freely chosen reproductive health services. The site includes information about the organization and its work in the USA and worldwide, a list of publications, current news, and *Reproductive Freedom News* in full-text.

Childinfo (UNICEF)

<http://childinfo.org/index2.htm>

This website provides information collected from UNICEF's assessment of the situation of children worldwide during the past decade. Topics covered include child survival and health, nutrition, maternal health/maternal mortality, water and sanitation, education and child rights. Several databases providing country-specific statistics are included, as well as current news, and data from the country-specific Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS).

Commercial Market Strategies (CMS)

www.cmsproject.com

CMS, a USAID-funded project, builds markets for family planning and other health products and services in developing countries. Its website includes information on the organizations behind CMS, their areas of expertise including social marketing, NGO sustainability, and health financing alternatives, the countries they work in, and their publications.

The Communication Initiative

www.comminit.com

The Communication Initiative is a partnership of development organizations seeking to support effective communication for international development. Its website includes extensive resources including upcoming events, publications, news, and other information.

Engender Health

www.engenderhealth.org

EngenderHealth, formerly AVSC, works to improve the lives of individuals by making reproductive health services safe, available, and sustainable. Its website covers issues pertaining to reproductive health including family planning, maternal and child health, men's health, postabortion care, and sexually transmitted infections. The site also has information about projects and resources.

Family Care International (FCI)

www.familycareintl.org

FCI is dedicated to improving women's sexual and reproductive health and rights in developing countries with a special emphasis on making pregnancy and childbirth safer. The site presents information on programs and publications, and links to additional resources. The website is available in English, Spanish, and French.

Family Health International (FHI)

www.fhi.org

FHI works to improve reproductive and family health around the world through biomedical and social science research, innovative health service delivery interventions, and training and information programs. The website includes information about its Family Planning and HIV/AIDS programs, services and products, publications, and training. Many reports, briefs, and factsheets are available in full-text. The site is also available in French, Spanish, Russian, and Arabic.

YouthNet (a project of Family Health International)

www.fhi.org/en/youth/youthnet/ynetindex.html

YouthNet, a project under FHI, is a global, USAID-sponsored program to improve reproductive health and prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS among people 10 to 24 years old. The website provides resources by topic, news and events, research, programs, and family life and sexuality education information.

Getting Research into Policy and Practice (GRIPP)

www.gripp-resources.org

This website is a resource for researchers to aid them in changing policy by directly accessing and communicating with policymakers. It includes some helpful guides on communication strategies and identification of target audiences.

Global Development Network (GDNET)

www.gdnet.org

GDNET was launched in 1999 to help research and policy institutes generate and share knowledge for development, and bridge the research to policy gap. It has a website dedicated to research dissemination and practical implementation, including links to case studies and relevant documents.

Global Health Council

www.globalhealth.org

The Global Health Council works to mobilize effective action by advocating for needed policies and resources, building networks and alliances among those working to improve health, and communicating innovative ideas, knowledge, and best practices in the health field. The site provides health news, information about membership, upcoming conferences, congressional updates, its global AIDS program, news and events, and links to web resources. The Council hosts a Global Health Conference annually. The next conference entitled, Youth and Health: Generation on the Edge, will take place June 1–4, 2004 in Washington, DC.

Global Reproductive Health Forum (GRHF)

www.hsph.harvard.edu/Organizations/healthnet

The GRHF aims to encourage the proliferation of critical, democratic discussions about reproductive health, rights, and gender on the Internet. The site includes information on projects, working papers from the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, access to the Database on Law and Population, and the online journal re/productions. The site is available in English, Spanish, and French. A local search engine is provided.

Health Communication Partnership

www.hcpartnership.org

The Health Communication Partnership is an innovative team with the overall aim of promoting health competent societies by advancing the field of health communication, based on proven and evidence-based strategies, experience, and the development of new approaches. The Partnership will create supportive environments, effective health services, and health literacy at both the individual and societal levels.

Health Information and Publications Network (HIPNET)

www.hopkinsmedicine.org/ccp

The Health Information and Publications Network (HIPNET) is a group of organizations who work with the Global Health Center of USAID. HIPNET's purpose is to encourage cooperation among organizations, eliminate duplication of materials, and promote the dissemination and utilization of each organization's materials. The website allows the partner organizations to share information and resources with each other and with other organizations working in the field of population, health and nutrition in developing countries. While the primary audience is the Working Group, the information may also be useful to other organizations and professionals.

Reproductive Health Gateway (Project of HIPNET)

www.rhgateway.org

The Reproductive Health Gateway is a project of HIPNET as listed above. The Gateway searches through a group of websites carefully selected for accuracy, authority, and relevance to provide useful reproductive health information.

Healthlink Worldwide

www.healthlink.org.uk

Healthlink Worldwide, formerly Appropriate Health Resources and Technologies Action Group (AHRTAG), works to improve the health of poor and vulnerable communities by strengthening the provision, use, and impact of information. Site provides access to a bibliographic database of materials focusing on the management and practice of primary health care and disability in developing countries, information about publications, programs and projects, partner organizations, and other resources.

HIV/AIDS Surveillance (U.S. Census Bureau)

www.census.gov/ipc/www/hivaidsn.html

This site provides (1) a database of HIV/AIDS information compiled from studies appearing in the medical and scientific literature, presented at international conferences, and appearing in the press, (2) a Monitoring the AIDS Pandemic (MAP) Network, and (3) Country Profiles.

HIV/AIDS Survey Indicators Database

www.measuredhs.com/hivdata/start.cfm

This website provides comprehensive information on HIV/AIDS for over 50 developing countries. The HIV-Stat compiler allows you to produce data tables such as knowledge of HIV/AIDS, youth sexual behavior, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), health, and social impact.

id21

www.id21.org

The id21 website was launched in 1997 as a way to give policymakers and development practitioners faster access to research findings. The site features research highlights, which link to full-text reports. In addition to posting the information on the site, id21 disseminates the highlights through a listserv and a quarterly print review. The organization recently assessed its use of the Internet as a route of policy influence. The results are in the report: *Tracking routes toward impact: id21 study on research to policy linkages*.

International Family Health (IFH)

www.ifh.org.uk

IFH aims to improve the sexual and reproductive health and rights of disadvantaged people in resource-poor settings. Its website provides news and information on international projects.

International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)

www.ippf.org

Provides much of IPPF publications in full-text covering the following topics: sexual and reproductive rights, reproductive health, need for family planning for men and women, rights of women, women's health, empowering youth, unsafe abortion, and Beijing Women's Conference analysis. A list of publications is provided as well as full-text of the periodicals.

International Rescue Committee (IRC)

www.intrescom.org

Founded in 1933, IRC is a non-sectarian, private voluntary organization providing relief, protection, and resettlement services for refugees around the world. IRC activities include resettlement assistance, global emergency relief, rehabilitation, and advocacy for refugees. Information about programs and weekly updates as well as country reports are available through the website.

International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC)

www.iwhc.org

IWHC is a nonprofit organization that works with individuals and groups in Africa, Asia, and Latin America to promote women's reproductive and sexual health and rights. The site contains information on country programs, global activism, publications and reports (some in full-text), and the Cairo International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Fourth World Conference on Women.

Ipas

www.ipas.org

Ipas works globally to improve women's lives through a focus on reproductive health. Areas of work include rights and policy, elective abortion, postabortion care, reproductive health technology, and manual vacuum aspiration. Its website provides news, publications, and links to related sites.

John Snow, Inc. (JSI)

www.jsi.com

JSI is a consulting firm dedicated to improving the quality and accessibility of health care and human services around the world. It provides technical assistance, training, and research assistance to public and private agencies in the following fields: health care consulting and research, international health project management, information systems, environmental health, and marketing.

DELIVER (JSI Project)

<http://deliver.jsi.com/2002/whatsnew/index.cfm>

The DELIVER project helps developing countries establish effective and efficient supply chains for public health and family planning programs. DELIVER is managed by John Snow, Inc. as the expanded follow-on project to the Family Planning Logistics Management projects that facilitated the improvement of family planning and health logistics systems in more than 30 countries. That experience has enabled DELIVER to continue developing new approaches to supply chain management that promote commodity security for contraceptives, HIV/AIDS commodities, drugs for treating sexually transmitted infections and tuberculosis, and other essential health products.

Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs (JHU/CCP)

www.jhuccp.org

As part of the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, CCP works to enhance health and family planning programs around the world through the development of communication strategies for public health. It provides technical expertise in reproductive health, family planning, women's health, child survival, nutrition, community mobilization, and other related areas. The Center also provides communication services in training, research and evaluation, and knowledge sharing via their Media/Materials Clearinghouse and POPLINE database. CCP also houses Photoshare, a database of photographs accessible free of charge for nonprofit, educational use.

Management Sciences for Health (MSH)

www.msh.org

MSH is an educational and scientific organization working to close the gap between knowledge and action in public health. The website includes information about the organization, its technical areas and projects, management training, publications, and an electronic resource center for health managers.

Manager's Electronic Resource Center (ERC), (by MSH)

<http://erc.msh.org>

Produced by Management Sciences for Health (as listed above), the ERC provides a wealth of useful resources for health managers. Its popular publications are accessible in full-text, many other management tools and information resources are grouped by topics, and a free membership is offered that allows access to the message boards. For those with limited Internet access, newsletters and web pages via e-mail are also available from the ERC.

Maternal and Neonatal Health (MNH) Program

www.mnh.jhpiego.org

This USAID initiative is operated by a complementary partnership of four organizations: JHPIEGO Corporation, CEDPA, JHU/CCP, and PATH. It aims to save the lives of mothers and newborns in Africa, Asia, and Latin America by promoting the use of skilled healthcare services. The website has information about the program, best practices, resources, and updates.

Marie Stopes International

www.mariestopes.org.uk

Marie Stopes International (MSI) is a major provider of family planning and reproductive health care throughout the developing world and in Europe. The site contains information about clinics in the United Kingdom, overseas programs, press releases, and a list of resources and publications.

MEASURE Program (Monitoring and Evaluation to ASsess and Use REsults)

www.measureprogram.org

Funded by USAID, MEASURE includes several components-- *MEASURE DHS+*, *MEASURE Evaluation*, *U.S. Bureau of the Census (SCILS)*, and *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Division of Reproductive Health*--dedicated to providing accurate and timely information for informed decisions on population, health, and nutrition in developing countries. The projects offer technical services in data collection, analysis, dissemination, and use. This gateway website includes links to project sites and additional information sites, current project news, information and findings organized by region, topic and format, courses offered, forums for discussion, libraries online, and staff information. Site visitors are invited to register.

National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Population (CPOP)

www7.nationalacademies.org/cpop

The CPOP was established by the NAS in 1983 to bring the knowledge and methods of the population sciences to bear on major issues of science and public policy. The Committee's work includes both basic studies of fertility, health and mortality, and migration, and applied studies aimed at improving programs for public health and welfare in the United States and in developing countries. The Committee also fosters communication among researchers and policymakers. The site includes information on members, current projects, full-text publications, and links to related sites.

Panos

www.panos.org.uk

The Panos Institute specializes in information for development. It works with the media, non-governmental and governmental agencies to facilitate both North-South and South-South dialogue. Its website provides news and features, media briefings, oral testimonies, information on HIV/AIDS, women, and health.

Pathfinder International

www.pathfind.org

Pathfinder International has worked with institutions all over the world to create and improve access to the fullest possible range of quality information and services to enable individuals and couples to make reproductive health choices. It is a winner of the 1996 United Nations Population Award. The website contains information about the organization, its mission, and projects.

PLANetWIRE

www.planetwire.org

Developed by the Communications Consortium Media Center, DDB Worldwide Communications and ForumOne Communications, PLANetWIRE is a newsroom for journalists who want the latest information about international family planning, population, reproductive health, and the environment. It provides recent news, press releases, information on events, story ideas, news beats and issue areas, audio and visuals, experts and sources, facts and figures, key documents, and a glossary of terminology.

Planned Parenthood Federation of America—International Division

www.plannedparenthood.org/global

The international service division of Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), has been a leader in the international reproductive health movement since 1971. It works with local communities around the world to overcome barriers in accessing reproductive health services. The international division focuses on both services and advocacy. It builds partnerships to share ideas and expertise; nurtures local leadership to foster sustainable health programs; and shares experience in linking health services and education with advocacy for sexual and reproductive rights. The site provides news, links to related sites, and information about projects in Latin America, Africa, and Asia and the Pacific.

Population Action International (PAI)

www.populationaction.org

Dedicated to advancing policies and programs that slow population growth in order to enhance the quality of life for all people, PAI advocates the expansion of voluntary family planning, other reproductive health services, and educational and economic opportunities for girls and women. The website contains selected publications in full-text, such as *Why Population Matters*. Also available are information on other publications, population facts and figures, population news, and a poll for site visitors.

Population Council

www.popcouncil.org

The Population Council focuses on reproductive health, population issues and trends, contraceptive research, and public policy. On-line abstracts and subscription information for *Studies in Family Planning* and *Population and Development Review* are available on the site. Other newsletters and publications are available (full-text) directly on the site. The website has free software including the newly developed Household Registration System, a computer system for the automated generation of database software for longitudinal survival studies.

Frontiers in Reproductive Health (Population Council)

www.popcouncil.org/frontiers

Frontiers is a global operations research project that provides the empirical base for implementing successful, innovative, high-quality family planning and reproductive health programs. It builds on the work of three regional operations research and technical assistance (OR/TA) projects in dozens of countries in the developing world. Project publications as well as the OR/TA publications are accessible on the site.

Population Reference Bureau (PRB)

www.prb.org

Founded in 1929, PRB is America's oldest population organization working to increase the amount, accuracy, and usefulness of information about population trends and their implications. The website offers recent news and data on population and related issues, and topical searching through a wealth of publications. For demographic and health statistics on world regions and over 200 countries, refer to the annual *World Population Data Sheet* or run a search using the DataFinder. One can read about population issues in the quarterly *Population Bulletins*, in the regions pages, and in other publications. Print copies of publications can be ordered from prborders@prb.org. The website is available in French, English, and Spanish, and is supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Other PRB websites include **Ameristat** (www.ameristat.org) for US population data and to to the **Educators Forum** (www.prb.org/ef) for tools for teachers.

Population Services International (PSI)

www.psiwash.org

PSI is a leading social marketing organization with projects in more than 50 countries on five continents. Its website has information on programs, country-specific projects, and resources.

Population Technical Assistance Project (POPTECH)

www.poptechproject.com

POPTECH provides short-term technical assistance in support of the population and reproductive health program of the U.S. Agency for International Development. The site includes information about the project, consultants, and lists of reports and executive summaries (many are full-text pdf files).

Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)

www.path.org

PATH's mission is "to improve health, especially the health of women and children." Information about programs, publications, offices, and links to other sites are provided. The programs cover a wide variety of areas— reproductive health including cervical cancer, contraceptive production, family planning, female genital cutting, programs for men and youth, safe birth, children's health including nutrition education, oral rehydration therapy (ORT), prevention and control of communicable diseases (AIDS and STIs), Communication and Training Activities, and Financing.

Reproductive Health for Refugees Consortium (RHRC)

www.rhrc.org

The RHRC's goal is to increase access to a broad range of quality, voluntary reproductive health services to refugees and displaced persons around the world through needs assessments, design, monitoring and evaluation of reproductive health projects, training, research, advocacy, and documentation and dissemination. The site contains full-text publications and links to consortium member websites.

Reproductive Health Outlook (RHO) (PATH)

www.rho.org

Provides in-depth information on reproductive health topics covering adolescents, cervical cancer, family planning, gender, harmful traditional health practices, HIV/AIDS, infertility, men, refugees, reproductive tract infections, and maternal health. Each topic includes an overview/lessons learned, key issues, an annotated bibliography, program examples, links, and for some, presentations as well.

Reproductive Health Online (ReproLine) (JHPIEGO Corporation)

www.reproline.jhu.edu

Designed for family planning and reproductive health trainers and faculty, ReproLine provides information on family planning/contraception, maternal and neonatal health, cervical cancer, HIV/AIDS and STIs, tools for trainers, full-text reference documents, and health news headlines.

Safe Motherhood Program

www.safemotherhood.org

The global Safe Motherhood Initiative was launched in 1987 to improve maternal health and reduce the number of maternal deaths worldwide. The many organizations involved with the initiative include UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO, World Bank, IPPF, Population Council, and Family Care International. This site provides a wealth of information about maternal health including facts and figures, action messages, events, news articles, resources, and partners involved. A local search function is also included.

Science and Development Network (SciDev.Net)

www.scidev.net

This website is dedicated to both reporting on and discussing the role of science and technology in meeting the needs of developing countries. SciDev is committed to help build capacity in science and technology communication and coordinates a variety of events, ranging from short discussion meetings to workshops.

UNAIDS (Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS)

www.unaids.org

Co-sponsored by UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, UNESCO, WHO, and the World Bank, UNAIDS provides a wealth of information about HIV/AIDS in the world. Press releases, fact sheets, lengthy reports (in PDF format), regional and country statistics, and other HIV/AIDS issues are available. A local search engine is provided, as well as information in French and Spanish.

UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund)

www.unfpa.org

UNFPA works with governments and non-governmental organizations in over 140 countries with the support of the international community. It supports programs that help women, men, and young people plan their families and avoid unwanted pregnancies, undergo pregnancy and childbirth safely, avoid sexually transmitted infections (STIs) - including HIV/AIDS, and combat violence against women. The site also has a section with Population and Reproductive Health Country Profiles. Users can view individual country profiles or compare country indicators. The website is updated annually www.unfpa.org/profile.

United States Agency for International Development

www.usaid.gov

The website provides information about USAID's work and policies in the following areas: agriculture, governance, economic growth, education, environment, global health, and humanitarian assistance.

Global Health (USAID)

www.usaid.gov/our_work/global_health

USAID's Global Health program works to improve the quality, availability, and use of essential health services. USAID's strategy for global health seeks to stabilize world population and protect human health through programs in maternal and child health, HIV/AIDS, family planning and reproductive health, infectious diseases, environmental health, nutrition, and other life-saving areas. The website provides access to publications, news, and other resources.

US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Reproductive Health Information Source

www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/drh/index.htm

A collection of information from various CDC programs on reproductive health covering racial and ethnic minorities, men, and women, as well as research, surveillance, national and international scientific and technical assistance, and assisted reproductive technology.

World Health Organization

www.who.int

Extensive source of information for all WHO activities, publications, programs, and documents, including a keyword search and links to UN systems and other major international organizations. A well-designed library offers catalogue information for all WHO publications, with a keyword search and extensive cross-referencing, as well as a directory of NGOs in official relations with WHO. The annual World Health Reports are available here, as well as the WHO Statistical Information System and the WHO Weekly Epidemiological Record (requires Adobe Acrobat Reader®). The site covers all regional programs, including Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America, and Oceania.

The Reproductive Health Library (RHL), WHO

www.who.int/reproductive-health/rhl/dissemination.html

RHL is an annual electronic review journal that provides up to date evidence for reproductive health care in developing countries.

World Population Foundation (WPF)

www.wpf.org

WPF, a Netherlands-based organization, works to improve the quality of life of all people by promoting gender equity and advancing reproductive rights. The website includes information about projects, media and advocacy, staff, and links to other organizations.

Population and Health Statistics

Demographic and Health Surveys (Macro International)

www.measuredhs.com

Important source for information on fertility, knowledge and use of family planning, maternal and child health, and household living conditions in developing countries. The STATcompiler allows users to build custom tables from hundreds of surveys and indicators. Many publications including *Analytical Reports*, *Comparative Studies*, *Further Analyses*, and *Basic Documentation* are available online or can be ordered from the site.

GENDERSTATS (World Bank)

<http://devdata.worldbank.org/genderstats/home.asp>

A database of gender statistics for countries covering basic demographics, population dynamics, labor force structure, education, health, and maternal mortality.

International Data Base (United States Bureau of the Census)

www.census.gov/ipc/www/idbnew.html

A data bank containing statistical tables of demographic and socioeconomic data for 227 countries and areas of the world, for selected years from 1950 to 2050. Data include population by age and sex, vital rates, infant mortality, life tables, fertility and child survivorship, migration, marital status, family planning, ethnicity, religion, language, literacy, labor force, employment, income, and households.

Population Database (United Nations Population Division)

<http://esa.un.org/unpp>

Database provides estimates of population trends covering the period 1950-2000, and four projection variants for the period 2001-2050. Data are provided for world regions as well as for individual countries.

Population Reference Bureau (PRB)

www.prb.org

For demographic and health statistics on world regions and over 200 countries, refer to the annual *World Population Data Sheet* or run a search using the DataFinder. One can read about population issues in the quarterly *Population Bulletins*, in the regions pages, and in other publications. Print copies of publications can be ordered from prborders@prb.org. A glossary of population terms is also provided.

UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund)

www.unfpa.org

UNFPA works with governments and non-governmental organizations in over 140 countries with the support of the international community. It supports programs that help women, men, and young people plan their families and avoid unwanted pregnancies, undergo pregnancy and childbirth safely, avoid sexually transmitted infections (STIs) - including HIV/AIDS, and combat violence against women. The site has a section on Population and Reproductive Health Country Profiles. Users can view individual country profiles or compare country indicators. The website is updated annually www.unfpa.org/profile.

World Population Trends (United Nations Population Division)

www.un.org/popin/wdtrends.htm

Contains several wallcharts and tables on world population estimates and projections, including demographic impact of HIV/AIDS, populations of cities, urban agglomerations, and rural areas, fertility trends, international migration, abortion policies, contraceptive use, and women's development.

Population Policy

Annual Review of Population Law (Harvard Law School)

www.law.harvard.edu/programs/annual_review/annual_review.htm

A database containing summaries and excerpts of legislation, constitutions, court decisions, and other official government documents from every country relating to population policies, reproductive health, women's rights, and related topics.

Periodicals for Population and Health Research

The following is a list of electronic journals, magazines, and newsletters. The list provides links to Websites that house the table of contents for these journals to keep you informed of the latest research. Some even offer full-text versions of their journals online with or without a subscription fee.

Health InterNetwork Access to Research Initiative (HINARI)

www.healthinternetnetwork.org

HINARI was launched by the United Nations and World Health Organization to provide free or nearly free access to major journals in biomedical and related social sciences. Institutions in countries with a GNP per capita below US \$3000 are eligible for free or nearly free access. Over 2000 journals from 28 publishers are accessible at this time.

Adolescents

Adolescence Education Newsletter, 2 issues/year, Bangkok, Thailand:
Regional Clearing House on Population Education and Communication / UNESCO,
www.unescobkk.org/publicat/rechpec4.htm

Adolescent and Family Health: A Journal of the Institute for Youth Development, Quarterly, Washington DC: Institute for Youth Development,
www.afhjournal.org

Adolescent Forum Newsletter, 8 issues/year, New York: International Planned Parenthood Federation, Western Hemisphere Region (IPPF/WHR),
www.ippfwhr.org/publications/publication_detail_e.asp?PubID=31

Transitions, Quarterly, Washington, DC: Advocates for Youth (formerly Center for Population Options (CPO)),
www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/freepubs_type.htm

AIDS

AIDS Action, Quarterly, London: Healthlink Worldwide (formerly AHRTAG),
www.healthlink.org.uk/pubs/rnews.html

Global AIDSLink (formerly AIDSLink), Bi-monthly, White River Jct., VT: The Global Health Council (formerly the National Council for International Health, NCIH), www.globalhealth.org/publications

HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report, Monthly, Atlanta, GA: CDC Division of HIV/AIDS, www.cdc.gov/hiv/stats/hasrlink.htm

IAVI Report, bimonthly, New York: International AIDS Vaccine Initiative,
www.iavi.org/iavireport

Demographics

Demographic Research, Annual, Rostock, Germany: Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, www.demographic-research.org

Demography, Quarterly, Silver Spring, MD: Population Association of America (PAA), <http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/dem>

Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, Monthly, New York: UN Statistics Division, <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mbs>

Population, Bimonthly, Paris: Institut National d'Etudes Demographiques (INED), www.ined.fr/publicat/population/indexF.html

Population et Societes, Monthly, Paris: L'Institut National d'Etudes Demographiques (INED), www.ined.fr/englishversion/publications/population/englishselection/index.html

Population Studies: A journal of demography, 3 issues/year, Population Investigation Committee, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), www.lse.ac.uk/depts/pic

Review of Population Reviews, Quarterly/Semi-Annual, Paris: Committee for International Cooperation in National Research in Demography (CICRED), www.cicred.ined.fr

Development

Cooperation South, 2 issues/year, New York: UNDP Special Unit for Technical Cooperation Among Developing Countries, <http://tcdc.undp.org/TDCDpubl.asp>

Education

Adolescence Education Newsletter, 2 issues/year, Bangkok, Thailand: Regional Clearing House on Population Education and Communication / UNESCO, www.unescobkk.org/publicat/rechpec4.htm

Environment

E - Environmental Magazine, Bi-monthly, Syracuse, NY: Earth Action Network, Inc., www.emagazine.com

Earth Negotiations Bulletin, Irregular, Winnipeg, Manitoba: International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), www.iisd.ca/linkages/voltoc.html

Earth Times, Monthly, New York, NY: Earth Times, www.earthtimes.org

Ecoforum, Bimonthly, Nairobi, Kenya: Environment Liaison Center International (ELCI), www.elci.org

Environment Matters, World Bank, 3 issues/year, Washington, DC: World Bank Environment Department,
<http://Inweb18.worldbank.org/ESSD/envext.nsf/41ByDocName/PublicationsEnvironmentMattersAnnualReviewEnvironmentMatters2003>

Environmental Change and Security Project Report, annual, Washington, DC: Woodrow Wilson Center, <http://ecsp.si.edu>

Human Nature, 2 issues/year, Washington, DC: Environmental Education and Communication (GreenCOM) Project,
www.greencom.org/greencom/human_nature.asp

Journal of Environment and Development, Quarterly, Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, Inc., www.sagepub.com/journal.aspx?pid=43

Population and Environment: A journal of interdisciplinary studies, Bimonthly, New York: Human Sciences Press, Inc.,
www.wkap.nl/journalhome.htm/0199-0039

Population and Habitat Update/Program, Bimonthly, Boulder, CO: Population and Habitat Campaign of the National Audubon Society,
www.audubonpopulation.org

Sustainability Communicator, Bimonthly, Gaithersburg, MD: Izaak Walton League of America, www.iwla.org/sep/newsltr/index.htm

Sustainable Developments, Irregular, Winnipeg, Manitoba: International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), www.iisd.ca/linkages/sd

World Watch, Bimonthly, Washington, DC: World Watch Institute,
www.worldwatch.org/mag/index.html

Family Planning / Contraceptives

Contraceptive Technology Update, Monthly, Chicago, IL: American Health Consultants, www.ahcpub.com/ahc_root_html/products/newsletters/ctu.html

EngenderHealth Update, Quarterly, New York, NY: EngenderHealth,
www.engenderhealth.org/pubs/ehnews/index.html

International Family Planning Perspectives, Quarterly, New York, NY: Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI), www.agi-usa.org/shopper/periodicals.html

JOICFP News, Monthly, Tokyo: Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning, www.joicfp.or.jp

Network (in English/French/Spanish), Quarterly, Research Triangle Park, NC: Family Health International (FHI),
www.fhi.org/en/fp/fppubs/network/ntgroupng.html

Studies in Family Planning, Quarterly, New York: The Population Council,
www.popcouncil.org/publications/sfp/default.htm

General News

BBC, www.bbc.co.uk

Christian Science Monitor, Daily, Des Moines, IA: Christian Science Monitor, www.csmonitor.com

CNN, www.cnn.com

New York Times (Daily + Sunday), Daily, New York: National News Agency, www.nytimes.com

NewsDirectory, newspapers/magazines by country and subject, www.newsdirectory.com

Washington Post (Daily + Sunday), Daily, Washington, DC: National News Agency, www.washingtonpost.com

Geography

National Geographic Magazine, Monthly, Washington, DC: National Geographic Society, www.nationalgeographic.com/ngm/index.html

Health

American Journal of Public Health, Monthly, Washington, DC: American Public Health Association (APHA), www.ajph.org

Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health, 2 issues/year, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: University of Malaysia and the Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health, www.apjph.org.my

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: The International Journal of Public Health, 6 issues/year, Geneva: World Health Organization (WHO), www.who.int/bulletin

Child Health Dialogue, Quarterly, London: Healthlink Worldwide (formerly AHRTAG), www.healthlink.org.uk/pubs/rnews.html

Disability Dialogue, Quarterly, London: Healthlink Worldwide (formerly AHRTAG), www.healthlink.org.uk/pubs/rnews.html

Global HealthLink, Bimonthly, Washington, DC: Global Health Council [formerly National Council for International Health (NCIH)], www.globalhealth.org/publications

Health Policy and Planning, Quarterly, Oxford Univ Press/London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, <http://heapol.oupjournals.org/contents-by-date.0.shtml>

Journal of Health and Population in Developing Countries, Quarterly, Chapel Hill: Univ of North Carolina, Dept of Health Policy and Administration, www.unc.edu/~sorton/epdc.htm

The Lancet, Weekly, London: The Lancet Ltd., www.thelancet.com/journal, for archives: www.info.sciencedirect.com/backfiles/collections/lancet/index.shtml

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, Weekly, Waltham, MA: Massachusetts Medical Society/CDC, www2.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwr_wk.html

Outlook, Quarterly, Seattle, WA: PATH (Program for Appropriate Tech in Health), http://vps.path.org/resources/pub_outlook.htm

Perspectives in Health, 2 issues/year, Washington, DC: Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), www.paho.org

Safe Motherhood Newsletter, 3 issues/year, Geneva: WHO, Division of Family Health, MHFMP, www.who.int/reproductive-health/publications/index.htm

Weekly Epidemiological Record (WER), Weekly, Geneva: World Health Organization (WHO), www.who.int/wer

Labor

Bulletin of Labour Statistics, Quarterly, Geneva, Switzerland: International Labour Office (ILO), www.ilo.org/public/english/support/publ/pindex.htm

International Labour Review, 6 issues/year, Geneva: International Labour Office, www.ilo.org/public/english/support/publ/pindex.htm

Migration

International Migration Review, Quarterly, New York: The Center for Migration Studies of New York, Inc., <http://cmsny.org/cmspage2.htm>

IOM News (+ North American Supplement), Quarterly, Geneva: International Organization for Migration (IOM), www.iom.int

MigrationWorld Magazine, Bi-monthly, Staten Island, NY: Center for Migration Studies of New York, Inc., <http://cmsny.org/cmspage2.htm>

Organizations

Front Lines, 11 issues/year, Washington, DC: US Agency for International Development (USAID), www.usaid.gov/press/frontlines

Go Between, Bimonthly, Geneva: United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN NGLS), www.unsystem.org/ngls

InterDependent, Quarterly, New York: United Nations Association of the USA (UNA/USA), www.unausa.org

IUSSP Policy and Research Papers, Irregular, Liege, Belgium: International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), www.iussp.org

NGLS Roundup, Irregular, Geneva: United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN NGLS), www.unsystem.org/ngls

UN Chronicle, Quarterly (Aug/Sept combined), New York: UN Dept of Public Information, www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle

UN Vision, Irregular, Washington, DC: United Nations Association / National Capital Area (UNA / NCA), www.unanca.org/unvision.htm

Policy

Guttmacher Report on Public Policy, Bimonthly, New York: Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI), www.agi-usa.org/shopper/periodicals.html

Population Issues

CEDPA Network, 3 issues/year, Washington, DC: Center for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA), www.cedpa.org/publications/index.html

Choices: the human development magazine, Quarterly, New York, NY: UNDP Division of Public Affairs, www.choices.undp.org

Dossiers du CEPED, Irregular, Paris: Centre Francais sur la Population et le Developpement (CEPED), www.ceped.ined.fr/activite/publi/dossier.htm

Global Intersections (formerly 'International Dateline'), Monthly, New York: Population Communications International (PCI), www.population.org/gi.htm

New Internationalist, Monthly, Lewiston, NY: New Internationalist Publications Ltd., www.newint.org

People and the Planet (formerly 'People'), Quarterly, London: International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), www.peopleandplanet.net

POPLINE - World Population News Service, Bi-monthly, Washington, DC: Population Institute, www.populationinstitute.org

Population and Development Review, Quarterly, New York: The Population Council, www.popcouncil.org/publications/pdr/default.htm

Population Briefs: Reports on Population Council Research, Quarterly, New York: Population Council, www.popcouncil.org/publications/popbriefs/default.htm

Population Bulletin, Quarterly, Washington, DC: Population Reference Bureau, www.prb.org

Population Bulletin of the United Nations, Biannual, New York: UN Population Division, www.undp.org/popin/popdiv/catalogue/catper.htm

Population Headliners, Monthly, Bangkok: UN ESCAP Population Division, www.unescap.org/pop/publicat/periodic.htm

Population Index, Quarterly [discontinued end of 1999], NJ: Office of Population Research, Princeton University, <http://popindex.princeton.edu>

Population Newsletter, Bi-annually, New York: UN Population Division, www.un.org/esa/population/unpop.htm

Population Reports, Irregular, Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs (JHUCCP), www.infoforhealth.org/pr

Population Today, (No longer in publication, but website has access to back issues) Monthly, Washington, DC: Population Reference Bureau, www.prb.org/pt

the reporter, Monthly, Washington, DC: Population Connection (formerly Zero Population Growth), www.populationconnection.org

SINET - Social Indicators Network News, Quarterly, Atlanta, GA: SINET, www.soc.duke.edu/resources/sinet/index.html

Population Software

Population Software Notes, Bimonthly, New York: United Nations Statistics Division, <http://unstats.un.org/unsd>

Refugees

East Timor News, www.timor.com

Refugee Reports, Monthly, Washington, DC: U.S. Committee for Refugees, www.refugees.org

Refugees (formerly 'Refugees Magazine'), Quarterly, Washington, DC: UNHCR Public Information Services, www.unhcr.ch

UNRWA News, 2 issues/month, Vienna, Austria: UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, www.un.org/unrwa/news/newsletter/index.html

Regions/Countries –All

Background Notes, Irregular, Washington, DC: Dept of State Publications, Office of Media / GPO, www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn

International Population Reports, Series P-95, Irregular, Washington, DC: Census Bureau, www.census.gov/ipc/www/publist.html

Population and Vital Statistics Report, Quarterly, New York: UN Statistics Division, <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/pubs>

Regions/Countries –Asia

AIDS Action, Asia-Pacific Edition, Quarterly, Quezon City, Philippines: Health Action Information Network, www.hain.org/aidsaction01.html

Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health Newsletter, Brisbane: Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health, www.apacph.org/news.asp

Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health, 2 issues/year, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: University of Malaysia and the Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health, www.apjph.org.my

Asian Development Bank Partnership Newsletter, 6 issues/year, Manila: Asian Development Bank, www.adb.org/Documents/Periodicals/NGO_Newsletters/default.asp

Asian Forum Newsletter, 6 issues/year, Bangkok: Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development, www.afppd.org/newsletter.htm

Asian Journal of Communication, 2 issues/year, Nanyang Link, Singapore: Asian Media Information and Communication Center and the School of Communication and Information, Nanyang Technological University, www.amic.org.sg/pub2.html

Media Asia, 4 issues/year, Nanyang Link, Singapore: Asian Media Information and Communication Center, www.amic.org.sg/pub2.html#medasia

Statistical Newsletter, 4 issues/year, Bangkok: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, www.unescap.org/publications

Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific, 1 issue/year, Bangkok: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, www.unescap.org/publications

Reproductive Health

Choice Notes, 4 issues/year, New York: Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health, www.prch.org/publications/newsmain.shtml

Initiatives in Reproductive Health Policy, Biannual, Carrboro, NC: IPAS, www.ipas.org/english/publications

Policy Matters, Irregular, Washington, DC: POLICY Project, Futures Group, www.policyproject.com/BySeries.cfm/RBS

Progress in Human Reproduction Research, Quarterly, Geneva: WHO, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction, Special Programme of Research, www.who.int/reproductive-health/publications/index.htm

Reproductive Freedom News, Irregular, New York: The Center for Reproductive Rights, www.crlp.org/rfn.html

Reproductive Health Matters, 2 issues/year, London: Reproductive Health Matters, www.rhmjournal.org.uk

Surveys

DHS+ Dimensions [formerly "DHS Newsletter"] (Demographic and Health Surveys), Irregular, Columbia, MD: IRD/Macro International, www.measuredhs.com

Women

Association for Women in Development (AWID) News, 4 issues/year, Washington, DC: Association for Women in Development (AWID), www.awid.org/publications/publications.html

Gender, place and culture: a journal of feminist geography, 3 issues/year, Dunnellon, FL: Carfax Publishing Company, www.tandf.co.uk/journals/carfax/0966369X.html

Health Care for Women International [The Journal of the International Council on Women's Health Issues], 8 issues/year, London: Taylor and Francis, www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/07399332.html

Network Newsletter, Irregular, Manchester: The British Council, Governance, Gender Team, www.britcoun.org

Violence Against Women, Monthly, Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications Inc., www.sagepub.co.uk

we!, Electronic version weekly, print version monthly, Quezon City, Philippines: Isis International Manila, www.isiswomen.org/pub/we/index.html

Women's Commission News, Irregular, New York: Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, www.womenscommission.org

Women's Environment and Development Organization News and Views, Irregular, New York: Women USA Fund, Inc., www.wedo.org/news/news.htm

Population and Health InfoShare www.phishare.org

Population and Health InfoShare is an electronic library of material submitted by partner organizations working in less developed countries. InfoShare features documents in reproductive and child health, HIV/AIDS, and population.

The primary objectives of InfoShare are to increase access to important population and health information, provide a means for organizations to share and exchange information, and foster greater dissemination of research findings and lessons learned. The ultimate objective is to advance knowledge in the population and health field, leading to improved living conditions.

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Electronic News Alerts and Discussion Groups

Electronic news alerts and discussion groups are mailing lists of individuals interested in a particular topic. By subscribing to join these lists, you will receive e-mail messages to keep you informed of population and health news or be invited to join in debates on today's issues. These lists are either in the style of announcements in which you are merely the recipient of messages, or in the form of discussions in which you can also participate in sending messages for all subscribers to read.

To join one of these lists, you must first subscribe to the list administrator. These services are usually free. Each service is different so you will need to follow the instructions on the website. To stop receiving the newsletter, send an e-mail to the administrator including the message unsubscribe followed by the name of the list and your e-mail address. It is a good idea to save any instructions you receive when you first subscribe.

News Alerts

Adolescent Forum (IPPF, WHR)

www.ippfwhr.org/publications/subscribe_e.asp

Adolescent Forum is IPPF/WHR's electronic newsletter on sexual and reproductive health programs for adolescents. Subscription information is available on the website.

The Drum Beat

www.comminit.com/drum_beat.html

The e-mail and web network from THE COMMUNICATION INITIATIVE partnership – The Rockefeller Foundation, Ford Foundation, BBC World Service, The CHANGE Project, CIDA, Exchange, Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs, The Panos Institute, One World, Soul City, The Synergy Project, PCI, UNAIDS, UNICEF, USAID, WHO, FAO– working together to improve strategic communication thinking on development issues. Subscription information is on the website.

HNPFlash (World Bank)

www.worldbank.org/html/extdr/hnp/hddflash/contents.htm

HNPFLASH is a monthly electronic newsletter on recent trends and developments in the fields of education, health, nutrition, population, and reproductive health. To subscribe, send a message to majordomo@jazz.worldbank.org. In the subject line, type Subscription. In the body of the message, type subscribe hnpflash *your e-mail address* (e.g. subscribe hnpflash JDoe@internet.com).

IPPF News

www.ippf.org/newsinfo/subs

IPPF News is a daily news service providing international news on sexual and reproductive health and rights. Subscription information is available on the website.

Kaiser Daily Health Reports (Kaiser Family Foundation)

www.kaisernetwork.org

Stay informed about health policy issues, news, and events through a free subscription to any or all of the following. Subscription information is available on the website.

- ◆ Kaiser Daily Health Policy Report, Kaiser Daily Reproductive Health Report, and Kaiser Daily HIV/AIDS Report provide the latest news on legislative, political, legal, scientific, and business developments.
www.kaisernetwork.org/daily_reports.
- ◆ HealthCast Emails let you know about upcoming webcasts.
www.kaisernetwork.org/health_cast
- ◆ AdWatchUpdates alert you to new health policy issue ads.
www.kaisernetwork.org/adwatch

Partners for Health Reform*plus*

www.abtassociates.com

The Partners for Health Reform*plus* (PHR*plus*) project is a USAID project providing technical assistance in health care reform, health policy, management, health financing, and systems strengthening. To subscribe to its electronic news service, send an email to: phr-infocenter@abtassoc.com.

The Pop Reporter

www.infoforhealth.org/popreporter

The Pop Reporter is a weekly e-zine that links to research and news reports on reproductive health. It has links to news stories, reports, and related developments worldwide. Subscribers can tailor the newsletter to their interests. Subscription information is available on the website.

UN Wire (UN Foundation)

www.unfoundation.org

UN Wire is a daily news summary covering a wide range of issues including health, environment and development, women and population, human rights, UN reform, peacekeeping and security. A new edition is posted to the website each day. Subscription information is on the site.

Weekly Epidemiological Record WER (World Health Organization)

www.who.ch/wer

The WER serves as an instrument for the rapid and accurate dissemination of epidemiological information on cases and outbreaks of diseases, other communicable diseases including newly or re-emerging infections, and non-communicable diseases. It is distributed every Friday in English and French. To subscribe, send a message to majordomo@who.ch. The subject field should be left blank and the body of the message should contain only the line subscribe wer-reh.

Women's eNews

www.womensenews.org

Women's eNews is a nonprofit, independent news service covering issues that are of particular concern to women. Subscription information is available on the website.

Discussion Groups

COMMUNITY-HEALTH-L (MSH)

<http://erc.msh.org/forums/chealth.htm>

With over 650 subscribers from more than 50 countries, COMMUNITY-HEALTH-L provides a forum for exchanging experiences in managing community health services. To subscribe, send an e-mail to LISTSERV@MAIL.MSH.ORG, leave the subject line blank, and type SUBSCRIBE COMMUNITY-HEALTH-L in the body of the message.

DemoNetAsia

<http://membres.lycos.fr/demonetasia>

DemoNetAsia has an e-mail discussion group with 100 members focusing on population and new information technologies. Subscription information and discussion archives are available on the website.

Gender-AIDS (SEA-AIDS)

www.hivnet.ch:8000/topics/gender-aids

Gender-AIDS is a topic specific discussion forum under SEA-AIDS. Subscription information is available on the website.

HealthDev (SEA-AIDS)

www.hivnet.ch:8000/asia/sea-aids

HealthDev is an e-mail discussion group that exchanges information and experiences on HIV/AIDS in Asia.

Interagency Gender Working Group (IGWG) (PRB)

www.prb.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Measure_Communication/Gender3/IGWG_Listserv.htm

The IGWG promotes gender equity to improve reproductive health and HIV/AIDS outcomes. The listserv informs members about the group's progress and provides gender related news on upcoming conferences, workshops, and presentations. Membership is open to anyone interested in the topic area. Members are encouraged to submit gender articles and conference announcements regarding population, health, and nutrition in order to expand the network of information. To join, please contact the Listserv Moderator: hkashiwase@prb.org.

PROCAARE: The Program for Collaboration Against AIDS and Related Epidemics

www.procaare.org/subscribe.php

This discussion group provides a forum for dialogue among clinical and public health physicians, nurses, researchers, policymakers, and program managers who are engaged in the fight against AIDS. Discussion centers on biomedical and care issues such as prevention, access to drugs, home and institutional care, education, and epidemiology. Subscription information is available on the website.

Repronet-L (JHPIEGO)

www.reproline.jhu.edu

REPRONET-L is an e-mail discussion group on reproductive health training, established by Reproductive Health Online (Reproline). Joining the discussion group includes free subscription to **JHPIEGO TrainerNews** newsletter. Subscription information and the archives of the discussions are available on the website.

Online Learning

Becoming Webwise (BBC)

www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/learn/index.shtml

Becoming Webwise is an online course providing instruction on the basics of using the Internet.

The Biology Project, University of Arizona

www.biology.arizona.edu/human_bio/human_bio.html

Provides problem sets and tutorials related to the basics of biology. The section on Sex and Reproduction includes problem sets on reproductive biology, contraception, and STIs.

Emerging Infections of International Public Health Importance, University of Washington

<http://depts.washington.edu/eminf/2002>

This free online course introduces students to the field of emerging infections and provides them with the tools to examine the importance of new diseases. Specific diseases such as tuberculosis, dengue, influenza, and HPV are discussed. Emphasis is placed on their public health implications in the areas of prevention, surveillance, and control.

HyperStat Online Textbook

<http://davidmlane.com/hyperstat>

This free online statistics course, developed by a professor, covers probability, distributions, hypothesis testing, power, ANOVAs, and chi squares.

North Carolina Center for Public Health Preparedness (NCCPHP), University of North Carolina School of Public Health

www.sph.unc.edu/nccphp/training/training_list

The NCCPHP offers free short Internet-based trainings on public health preparedness, sampling, surveillance, community assessment, outbreak investigation, epidemiology methods, and emerging and re-emerging disease agents.

Population Change and Public Health, The Bill and Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health, Johns Hopkins University

www.gatesinstitute.jhsph.edu/cddemo/population/index.htm

This course introduces the basic elements of population studies, including population size, composition, and distribution, as well as the causes and consequences of changes in these characteristics. An overview of demographic processes and measures used to assess them is presented.

Public Health Training Network, Centers for Disease Control

www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTN/catalog.asp

The Public Health Training Network (PHTN) is a distance learning system that uses a variety of instructional media to meet the training needs of the public health workforce. The site provides links to a number of training courses. Although PHTN is currently focused on US based needs, its long-term vision is that of a global network that will serve the training needs of public health practitioners worldwide.

Supercourse: Epidemiology, the Internet, and Global Health, University of Pittsburgh

www.pitt.edu/~super1/index.htm

The course provides an overview on epidemiology and the Internet for medical and health related students around the world. It contains as many as 1500 lectures all of which have been developed by global academic faculty.

Virtual Activism: Closing the Digital Divide

www.virtualactivism.org/workallworkshops/main.htm

Virtual Activism offers free online web courses for staff of progressive and liberal human rights or social justice/development organizations and researchers. It covers such topics as Internet Use, Human Rights, and Development; Web Design Simplified; and Privacy and Human Rights.

Conferences

The 2nd Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health

www.apcrsh.com

The conference took place on October 6-10, 2003, highlighting the need to link advocacy and research with implementation to improve the reproductive and sexual welfare of people in the region. As a result of the conference, a Network on Social Science and HIV/AIDS was established. The Network will promote the application of social research and the dissemination and sharing of social research findings relevant to HIV/AIDS. If you are interested in being involved in this initiative, please write to aidsocscience@yahoo.com to be added to the mailing list, or subscribe directly www.yahogroups.com/aidsocscience.

World Summit on the Information Society

www.itu.int/wsis

The World Summit sets out to engage governments, private sector, civil society, and the UN in a global discussion about the information revolution and its effect on the international community. The Summit will be held in two phases, the first of which will take place in Geneva from December 10-12, 2003. It will address a wide range of issues related to the Information Society and develop a plan of action. The second phase will take place in Tunis from November 16-18, 2005. It will focus on development themes, assess progress to date, and determine a future plan of action.

Exercise III



Internet Resources Scavenger Hunt

1. Basic Health Indicators

The World Health Organization (WHO) publishes its World Health Reports online. The report includes data on indicators for population, life expectancy, and probability of dying.

Activity: Investigate the basic indicator data from the WHO report for Indonesia.

☞ www.who.int/whr

1. Click on **<Chapter Index>**
2. Select **<Full Text>** under Annexes and Tables
3. Choose **<Annex 1>** Basic Indicators for all Member States

2. UNAIDS

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, UNAIDS provides epidemic updates, press releases, fact sheets, lengthy reports, regional/country statistics, and other HIV/AIDS issues.

Activity: Find out the most recent estimate of the number of children living with AIDS in Cambodia.

☞ www.unaids.org

1. From the menu bar at the left, under Resources choose **<Epidemiology>**
2. Select the Table of UNAIDS/WHO country-specific HIV/AIDS estimates end-2001 **<PDF>**
3. In the top left hand corner, Select **<PDF>** again

3. Demographic and Health Surveys

MEASURE *DHS+*, a project of Macro International, is an important source for demographic and health survey reports and information. The STATcompiler allows users to build custom tables from hundreds of surveys and indicators.

Activity: Look at the data from the DHS for the Philippines 1998 and explore the number of children who received vaccinations in their first year.

☞ www.measuredhs.com

1. Choose **<STATcompiler>** from the top right
2. Select **<Southeast Asia>** under 1. Available Surveys
3. Check box for **<Philippines 1998>**
4. Click on **<Select>**
5. Go to 2. Available Indicators
6. Choose **<Maternal and Child Health>**
7. Choose **<Vaccinations in first year of life by current age>**
8. Check box for **<All values>** under child's age
9. Click on **<Select>**
10. Go to 3. View Survey Data and Click on **<Create Table>**

4. Population Data and Information

The Population Reference Bureau publishes demographic statistics on more than 190 countries; one can query the *World Population Data Sheet*. The website offers recent news and data on population and related issues, and topical searching through a wealth of publications.

Activity: What is the infant mortality rate for Southeast Asia (according to the *World Population Data Sheet*)?

☞ www.prb.org

1. Click on **<DataFinder>** from the top banner
2. Select **<Southeast Asia>** from Select Region scroll box
3. Select **<Infant Mortality Rate>** from Select Population and Health Variables box
4. Choose **<Submit Query>**

5. Directory of Population Websites

PopNet is a comprehensive directory of population-related Websites from governments, international organizations, nongovernmental organizations, university centers, and associations.

Activity: Find a Website for an organization that supports women's projects and their inclusion in development programmes.

☞ www.popnet.org

1. Under Organizational Sources on the left, select **<International>**
2. Select **<view all related records>** at the end of the page to get an alphabetical listing

6. Bibliographic Databases

POPLINE is a searchable database providing abstracts of journal articles, monographs, technical reports, and unpublished works covering worldwide population, family planning, and related health issues.

Activity: Explore a list of citations from the United Nations on fertility in Laos.

☞ <http://db.jhuccp.org/popinform/basic>

1. Key in the Subject field **"fertility & Laos"**
2. Key **"United Nations"** in the Author field
3. Select **<Search>**
4. Browse and read related articles

7. Online Newspapers

Asia Times Online is an Internet only publication that provides an overview of Asian news.

Activity: Search for the latest news on health in Vietnam.

☞ www.atimes.com

1. Key **"health"** AND **"Vietnam"** in the first search box
2. Browse and read related articles

Vietnam News is the National English daily provided online.

Activity: Check out the latest edition.

☞ <http://vietnamnews.vnagency.com.vn>

Glossary

Boolean search: A search allowing the inclusion or exclusion of documents containing certain words through the use of operators such as AND, NOT, and OR.

Browse: To follow links in a page, to shop around in a page, explore what's there. The opposite of browsing a page is **searching** it. When you search a page, you find a search box, enter terms, and find all occurrences of the terms throughout the site. When you browse, you have to guess which words on the page pertain to your interests. Searching is usually more efficient, but sometimes you find things by browsing that you might not find because you might not think of the "right" term to search by.

Browsers: Browsers are software programs that enable you to view WWW documents. They "translate" HTML-encoded files into the text, images, sounds, and other features you see. Microsoft Internet Explorer (called simply IE), Netscape, Mosaic, Macweb, and Netcruiser are examples of browsers that enable you to view text and images and many other WWW features. They are software that must be installed on your computer.

Case sensitive: Capital letters (upper case) retrieve only upper case. Most search tools are not case sensitive or only respond to initial capitals, as in proper names. It is always safe to key all lower case (no capitals), because lower case will always retrieve upper case.

Download: To copy something from a primary source to a more peripheral one, as in saving something found on the Web (currently located on its server) to diskette or to a file on your local hard drive.

HTML: Hypertext Markup Language. A standardized language of computer code, imbedded in "source" documents behind all Web documents, containing the textual content, images, links to other documents (and possibly other applications such as sound or motion), and formatting instructions for display on the screen. When you view a Web page, you are looking at the product of this code working behind the scenes in conjunction with your browser. Browsers are programmed to interpret HTML for display. HTML often imbeds within it other programming languages and applications such as SGML, XML, Javascript, CGI-script and more. It is possible to deliver or access and execute virtually any program via the WWW. You can see HTML in Netscape by selecting the View pop-down menu tab, then "Document Source." If you download a document as "Source," the file will contain HTML markup codes and can be viewed in Netscape and other browsers.

Keyword search: A search for documents containing one or more words that are specified by a user.

Link: The URL imbedded in another document, so that if you click on the highlighted text or button referring to the link, you retrieve the outside URL.

Listservs: A discussion group mechanism that permits you to subscribe, receive, and participate in discussions via e-mail.

Nesting: A term used in Boolean searching to indicate the sequence in which operations are to be performed. Enclosing words in parentheses identifies a group or "nest." Groups can be within other groups. The operations will be performed from the innermost nest to the outermost, and then from left to right.

Phrase search: A search for documents containing an exact sentence or phrase specified by a user.

Precision: The degree in which a search engine lists documents matching a query. The more matching documents that are listed, the higher the precision. For example, if a search engine lists 80 documents found to match a query but only 20 of them contain the search words, then the precision would be 25%.

Proximity search: A search where users specify that documents returned should have the words near each other.

PDF or .pdf or pdf file: Abbreviation for Portable Document Format, a file format developed by Adobe Systems, that is used to capture almost any kind of document with the formatting in the original. Viewing a PDF file requires Acrobat Reader, which is built into most browsers and can be downloaded free from Adobe.

Scroll (DOWN, UP, LEFT, RIGHT): Moving up or down within a document in your screen. Use scroll bar at right. Click on arrow down or arrow up. Drag the scroll button down or up. Or click on the page up or page down icons at the bottom of the bar. If you need to scroll left or right, use the scroll bar at the bottom.

Search Engine: The software that searches an index and returns matches. Search engine is often used synonymously with spider and index, although these are separate components that work with the engine.

Stemming: The ability for a search to include the "stem" of words. For example, stemming allows a user to enter "swimming" and get back results also for the stem word "swim."

Stop words: Conjunctions, prepositions, articles, and other words such as AND, TO, and A that appear often in documents yet alone may contain little meaning.

Truncation: Also known as stemming, this search technique concerns the ability to search on a word root that can have multiple endings. If a symbol is used, it is most often an asterisk. Thus colleg* will return hits on college, colleges, collegium, collegial, etc.

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