Web4Development

Web4Development is helping to maximise the impact of research to improve health, equity and development by utilising the power and reach of the world-wide web. Through web-based systems W4D offers an effective way for everybody from researchers and institutions through to Governments and funders to collate, manage and monitor research.

Research information becomes readily-accessible through its platform – an online public space offering facilities to share information, discuss and interact with various audiences – from internal departments, through to national and global level audiences.

With complete ownership at every level, and the added facility to collaborate within or outside an organisation, information moves from static reports to an evolving, interactive and valuable resource. Communication of key findings is made easier as a few clicks of the mouse turn data into informative graphs, charts and maps.

W4D web-based tools extend far beyond the management of research data. With our help institutions, governments and regional bodies concerned with the governance and management of research on an institutional, national, regional or global scale can develop a resource to monitor trends, gaps and results. The result is a valuable management tool to help with planning and prioritising, and making better-informed decisions to improve health, equity and development.
The Products and Services

Health Research Web – is an interactive platform that gives rapid access to research information on governance and policies, research projects, publications, ethics reviews and much more. User's research information is easily uploaded from other software programmes and can be managed simply. It is free of charge for registered users – visit www.healthresearchweb.org to sign up.

Website Enhancement – our team can develop clean and simple designs to enhance the functionality of websites, resulting in ease of navigation and increased accessibility for countries with low bandwidth and limited internet access.

Training – is offered on a range of topics regarding web for development and research information systems, including data entry, quality control and maintenance, and production of outputs reports and graphics. A ‘train the trainer’ package provides training and materials to equip organisations to carry out their own training in future.

Maintenance and Support – most clients are able to start using W4D services and maintain them, however, some may prefer to opt for a tailored support package from our team of professionals.

RHInnO – is a system that oversees and automates the entire life-cycle of the research process. From registering Research Institutions to issuing Calls for proposal to publishing research results to HRWeb. Of particular interest to Research Ethics Committees (REC) is the ‘Ethics’ version of RHInnO, designed to streamline the ethics review, produce reports, track projects and produce annual reports.

RHInnO can be tailored to suit the exact needs of the organisation, and can also seamlessly integrate into a website or other existing system.

Visit www.RHInnO.net for more information.

The W4D team continue to research new and innovative web-based solutions, and within the near future plan to offer an application that can be operated by mobile devices too.
The COHRED Group and Web4Development

The COHRED Group focuses on strengthening the governance and management of systems of low and middle-income countries (LMICs) in their efforts to use research, science and technology and innovation to improve health, equity and development. As such, the Group partners with LMICs in providing technical support on research and innovation systems for health. The Group works to share its experiences from the LMICs with high-income countries and their institutions, business and citizens – for the purposes of creating real health change in the LMICs. The Group is also proactive in connecting, advocating and monitoring progress towards health, equity and development through research and innovation at the national, regional and global levels.

It is in this regard that W4D provides web-based tools and information management software for research and innovation systems. W4D helps to create connections between people and institutions – particularly those in the LMICs – by providing online public spaces through which ideas and actions can be generated in order to create health change.

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