Information management systems for R4H

There is growing pressure within the multi-billion-dollar research and innovation sectors for more and better data with which to establish programme priorities and to monitor and evaluate progress and programmes. There are thousands of organizations in the world involved in the research and innovation sector, as well as government ministries, research councils, research institutions, ethics committees, academic institutions and multilateral organizations. In most cases, the information needed can only be found through an extensive search combining several different sources. This search is an administrative and logistic nightmare – and has failed to provide sufficient and sufficiently current data for the needs of international development. HealthResearchWeb (HRWeb) is a global interactive and flexible data repository for better management of health research. It has been funded by grants from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC), the Netherlands-Africa partnership for capacity development and clinical interventions against poverty-related diseases (NACCAP), and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/SAREC). HealthResearchWeb offers an alternative through a customized site where information is available in one place. Further features include the ability to analyze varied data from different angles. It also includes an area to map out government policies, national priorities, key institutions and networks, ethics review committees, civil society organizations (CSO), research projects and publications in countries.