

Reaching an Expanded Audience with Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Information

Research and Reference Services

Respond to Information Requests

Annotated Bibliographies

- Global/regional water supply and sanitation coverage
- Household water treatment
- HIV/AIDS and hygiene
- Nutrition and hygiene improvement

E-bulletins

- **Malaria Bulletin:** Bi-weekly. Abstracts of current published malaria studies including environmental management of water sources that are vector breeding sites
- **Environmental Health Update:** Bi-weekly updates on environmental health. Abstracts of recent studies, links to online reports and new or interesting water, sanitation and environmental health websites
- **E-Newsletter:** Distributed every 6 weeks. Contains information on EHP activities and new publications

Webliographies

- Web-based bibliographies
- Developed exclusively for web publishing
- Collate key online resources (reports, news items, organizations) related to a particular topic
- Examples: household water treatment and arsenic pollution of ground water
- Can be accessed from the EHP website: www.ehproject.org

Web-based Virtual Library

- Links to online journals, full text manuals and research reports related to water, sanitation, hygiene, malaria and environmental health from organizations worldwide

E-conferences and Networks

E-conferences

- Create a foundation for networking and knowledge sharing among researchers and field personnel (research to the field)
- Build a database of professionals for information sharing and to foster collaborative approaches
- Dialogue and summaries provided useful insights and ideas that informed operations research and field activities

Information Exchange Networks

- Built around e-bulletin
- Can facilitate information exchange and communication among researchers and field practitioners
- Feedback indicates networks provide a forum for continuing information sharing and are important mechanisms – especially for developing countries – for keeping abreast of the latest research, best practices and lessons learned



EHP-specific Information and Communication Approaches

Briefs

- Short, double-sided, one-page summaries of EHP activities
- Intended for a high-level policy and management audience who may not have time to read full reports

CD-ROMs

- A collection of selected full-text reports and articles
- For dissemination at international workshops and conferences
- Popular information products and are similar to portable libraries

Partnerships

- Play a key role in reaching a diverse, expanded audience with information
- Share information and data
- Share technologies
- Joint provision of services

Website: www.ehproject.org

- A major vehicle for knowledge sharing
- All EHP reports and products can be accessed from the web
- The website and electronic dissemination are found to be the most effective ways to reach and influence a wider range of audiences
- Additional benefit is the decrease in the printing and postage costs of mailing print copies

