What is Research4Life?

Research4Life is the collective name for four public private partnerships —HINARI, AGORA, OARE and ARDI— which seek to help achieve the UN’s Millennium Development Goals by providing the developing world with access to critical scientific research.

Since 2002, the Research4Life initiative has given people at more than 8000 institutions in more than 100 countries and territories in the developing world free or low cost online access to more than 68,000 peer-reviewed international scientific journals, books, and databases provided by the world’s leading science publishers.

Research4Life empowers universities, colleges, research institutes and government ministries as well as non-governmental agencies, extension centres and hospitals with access to scientific knowledge that was never before imagined.

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- Full-text articles which can be downloaded for saving, printing or reading on screen
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- Resources which enable researchers to investigate emerging trends, establish hot research topics and identify potential research collaborators

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Eligibility

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The Research4Life programmes are a public-private partnership between WHO, FAO, UNEP, Cornell and Yale Universities, and more than 200 science publishers facilitated by the International Association of STM Publishers. The partnership’s goal is to reduce the gap in scientific knowledge between industrialized countries and the developing world.

If you are interested in becoming a partner or you are an institution seeking research support please get in touch: visit www.research4life.org or email info@research4Life.org

Over 5700 public institutions are registered for access to HINARI, which covers over 14,000 peer-reviewed journals, over 46,000 online books as well as many databases, and indexes. An easy-to-use version of PubMed (Medline) also enables searching all journals. Launched in 2002, HINARI is managed by the World Health Organization in partnership with Yale University Library and over 150 global publishers.

For further information visit www.who.int/hinari or email hinari@who.int

Launched in 2003, AGORA (Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture) is managed by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in partnership with Cornell University and over 70 publishers. Over 2900 institutions have registered for access to AGORA which provides access up to 6100 journals, up to 5800 e-books, and up to 20 other information resources covering agriculture, fisheries, food, nutrition, veterinary science and related biological, environmental and social sciences in public institutions across the world.

For further information visit http://www.fao.org/agora/ or email agora@fao.org

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For further information visit http://www.unep.org/oare/en/ or email oare@research4life.org

Launched in 2009, ARDI (Access to Research for Development and Innovation) is coordinated by the World Intellectual Property Organization together with its partners in the publishing industry with the aim to promote the integration of developing and least developed countries into the global knowledge economy. By improving access to scholarly literature from diverse fields of science and technology, ARDI is designed to reinforce the knowledge infrastructure in developing and least developed countries and to support researchers in creating new solutions to technical challenges faced on a local and global level.

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