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Research4Life is the collective name for the five programmes —Hinari, AGORA, OARE, ARDI and GOALI — which provide the developing world with access to academic and professional peer-reviewed information resources.

Since 2002, Research4Life has given people at more than 9,000 institutions in more than 120 countries and territories free or low-cost online access to up to 100,000 peer-reviewed international scientific journals, books, and databases by the world's leading scientific publishers.

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

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✓ Resources are available in several languages
✓ Research4Life offers training in information literacy and promotional support
✓ Resources which enable researchers to investigate emerging trends, establish hot research topics and identify potential research collaborators

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Launched in 2002, Hinari is managed by the World Health Organization in partnership with Yale University Library and more than a hundred publishers.

Hinari provides access to thousands of journals covering medicine, nursing and related health and social sciences. The collection also includes databases, indexes and reference books, as well as journals in several languages.

The journals can be searched through a special and easy-to use version of PubMed (Medline).

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OARE provides access to thousands of scientific journals covering a wide range of disciplines contributing to our understanding of the natural environment, including environmental toxicology and pollution, zoology, botany, geology, climatology, geography, environmental economics, environmental law and policy, environmental biotechnology, energy, and many other disciplines.

Launched in 2003, AGORA is managed by the Food and Agriculture Organization in partnership with Cornell University and dozens of publishers.

AGORA provides access to thousands of high-quality international journals, covering agriculture, fisheries, food, nutrition, veterinary science and related biological, environmental and social sciences. The journal can be searched using a special subset of CAB Abstracts.

Launched in 2009, ARDI is coordinated by the World Intellectual Property Organization. The aim of ARDI is to promote the integration of developing and least developed countries into the global knowledge economy.

ARDI provides access to up to tens of thousands of journals and e-books in diverse fields of science and technology. ARDI seeks to support researchers in developing countries in creating and developing new solutions to technical challenges faced on a local and global level.

Launched in 2018, GOALI is coordinated by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and its partners, Brill Nijhoff, as founding publisher and initiator of the programme, the International Training Centre of the ILO, Lillian Goldman Law Library at Yale Law School and the Cornell Law School Library as academic partners.

The aim of GOALI is to improve the quality of legal research, education and training in low- and middle-income countries, and in turn strengthen legal frameworks and institutions and further the rule of law. Users can access up to thousands of peer-reviewed journals and e-books in selected subject areas of law from the world’s leading academic publishers.

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