

Report on eighth year of Transitional Path offer

Eligible Transitional Path countries for 2020:

Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Thailand
Dominican Republic	Lebanon	Turkmenistan
Indonesia	Philippines	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	South Africa	

Publishers participating

For 2020, all 12 publishers who participated in 2019 continued to make available their information resources to at least one of the Transitional Path countries.

American Academy of Family Physicians	ProQuest Wellcome Trust Collection
Company of Biologists	RMIT
JoMI	Rockefeller University Press
National Academy of Sciences	Royal College of General Practitioners
NEJM Group	The Royal Society
Pharmaceutical Press	Scientific Journal Publishers, Ltd.

Institutions registered for access

Four – 3 are national NGOs, and 1 offers vocational training . Two are from Dominican Republic, 1 from Indonesia, and 1 from South Africa.

Discussion

This eight year of the Transitional Path offer continues as a careful balancing act. with a minimal approach to the Transitional Path offer in the affected countries, making an effort to avoid drawing down resources needed to devote to our Core Offer countries and institutions. To this end, the programme office does almost no marketing in the Transitional Path countries.

The main reason for caution in marketing this Transitional Path offer is to contain expectations on the parts of those individuals or institutions who are aware of the full scope of the Core Offer and might expect the Transitional Path offer to be more extensive than it currently is. We continue to hope that additional publishers without alternative means of offering their information resources to these very small institutions will consider also making available their content in the Transitional Path offer as they have a chance to assess the types and identities of the institutions being judged eligible. We do note that almost no usage is being made by these institutions, but have not attempted to discern if that is because of the lack of content available, or simply the nature of these very small institutions.
