INASP services for researchers in the global South

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What are the biggest challenges you see for researchers?

- Access to journals and books to find past research
- Not knowing of good journals published in your country
- Challenges picking a journal you can trust
- Lack of awareness of how to write a research paper
- Challenges with writing in academic English
- Difficulties paying to publish (where that is needed)
- Not feeling you are taken seriously by researchers outside your country
- Lack of data analysis and statistical skills
- Difficulties finding other researchers to work with
What we will talk about today

1. Overview of INASP
2. The AuthorAID project
3. INASP online courses and tutorials
4. The Journals Online project
5. Think. Check. Submit.
6. Time for questions
Our vision

Research and knowledge at the heart of development

Our mission

To support individuals and institutions to produce, share and use research and knowledge to transform lives
What we do

Research capacity

Evidence in policy & practice

Higher education & learning

Understanding & supporting impact
Supporting researchers through:

Mentoring
Collaboration
Discussions
Online courses
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Resources
Community
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Online training in research and proposal writing
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Resources and training materials

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Brian Mandipaza
PhD student, conservation agriculture and cultural farming systems, South Africa
7. Methods

The methods section typically comes after the introduction, but this section can appear with other names. Common headings include:

- Methods
- Methodology
- Materials and methods

The methods section may have sub-sections to describe the methods used for collecting and analyzing data. The method section rarely exceeds five to six pages in length.

In some research papers, there may be no headings at all. Heart Attack in a young woman is usually the first section typically appear after the introduction.

The methods section is a detailed description of what you did, and how you did it. This section is important for both the reviewers of your paper, and the readers of your paper. Journal editors and peer reviewers will be looking to see whether your methods were appropriate and whether the data were collected and analyzed correctly.
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