

About Us

Health Action Information Network or HAIN was established to serve the information and research needs of community-based health programs (CBHPs) in the Philippines.

The Resource Center has a collection of more than 4000 books, 120 current periodicals and thousands of vertical files that include issue papers, newspaper clippings, research reports, theses/dissertations and IEC (information, education, communications) materials. The collection covers the following topics:

- Environmental health
- Family planning
- Gender and sexuality
- Health and development issues
- Health policy reform
- HIV/AIDS/STIs
- Primary health care
- Rational drug use
- Sexual and reproductive health
- Young adults

We believe that in carrying out activities to promote health, it is important that the basis for increasing access to information should be the users' needs, and that the twinning of IT and traditional methods and combined with strategic plans will ensure equitable access.

Services

Information Retrieval

Staff at the resource center provides assistance in information through website, visit in the resource center, letter, email and fax.

Resource sharing

Most of the collection, especially, books and unpublished materials are for room use only but we allow lending of multimedia materials to partner organizations for use in the community.

Selective dissemination of information

Information is disseminated according to the needs and topics of interest of key partners. If you wish to avail of this service, write to HAIN and indicate your topics of interest

Technical assistance

HAIN provides technical assistance in developing and managing resource centers for those who want to establish or develop their collection. It includes information needs assessment and capability building. Minimal fees may be charged depending on the scope of needs.

Skills building

HAIN conducts training and consultations intended for key people in the resource centers from different local and international organizations, the academe and local government units. The training-consultation provides a venue to discuss issues related to the resource center management, to update and share experiences and resources, expand partnership and to strengthen networking among resource centers across sectors.

Reference and referral services

HAIN maintains linkages with a number of partners both local and international. In cases where information is not available at the resource center, HAIN will refer you to appropriate resources where information may be available.

IT Initiatives (Information Technology)

- Website development (OPAC is underway)
- AIDS Action Newsletter in CD-ROM
- E-publishing
- PinoyRH – e-forum on reproductive health
- FTP (File transfer protocol) – HAIN utilizes IT to transmit data and/or documents to inquirers
- Training on how to access and evaluate information through Internet
- Evaluation of websites

Networking

HAIN Resource Center collaborates with local and international organizations to increase access to information.

RCNet – collaboration of resource centers in the Philippines, an offshoot of HAIN's training

GWHAN – Girls, Women and HIV/AIDS Network – a multisectoral network pushing for the issues related to girls and women

MAHLAP or Medical and Health Librarians Association of the Philippines, Inc.

GRHPP or Gender, Reproductive Health and Populations Policies Project – an international network of researchers sharing innovations, updates and research proposals

Apprenticeship and Volunteer Program

HAIN welcomes volunteers who wish to share their knowledge and skills in any field. We are also open to Library Science students who wish to expand their theoretical knowledge into practice. HAIN allows creativity and innovations to future health librarians.

How to Apply

Submit a letter of introduction from your Professor/Dean, addressed to the Resource Center Coordinator. Indicate name of student/s, number hours required, and other necessary requirements for the completion of apprenticeship.

For NGO staff who wish to be trained, please submit a letter addressed to the Resource Center Coordinator expressing your interest and letter of endorsement from your immediate supervisor and/or head of organization. Fees incurred in this undertaking must be shouldered by the requesting organization.

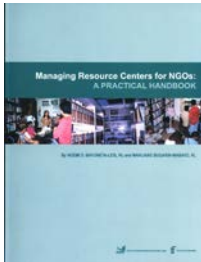
For volunteers, send a letter addressed to the Resource Center Coordinator expressing your interest to be a volunteer. Please attach a resume with references.

Fees and other charges

HAIN does not require admission and membership fees to the Resource Center. However, Charges may apply to photocopying, bulk mailing and purchase of publications.

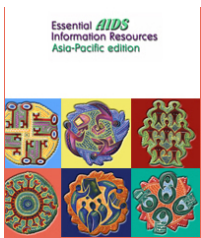
Resource Center Publications

Managing Resource Centers for NGOs: A Practical Handbook, 2005



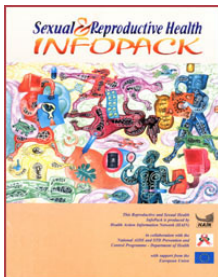
Serves as a guide to organizing resource centers with relatively small collection.

Essential AIDS Information Resources: Asia Pacific edition, 2001



Contains 400 resources on HIV/AIDS with brief descriptions and full details on how to access and obtain them. The resource list includes print, non-print materials and even Internet sources.

Sexual and Reproductive Health InfoPack, 2000



The SRH InfoPack contains summaries of materials produced and reproduced by HAIN relating to sexual and reproductive health. It is intended for people involved in SRH work in the Philippines.



RC Net

A multisectoral collaboration of resource centers in the Philippines supporting information needs and ensuring equal access to quality health and sexual reproductive health information.

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HAIN Resource Center: Strengthening Skills to Increase Access to Information



For inquiries, the Resource Center is open
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coming over.

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