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Information Collection Guide

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The Women and eHealth International Working Group develops a series of guides[1] for its members in order to facilitate the research process described in the WeHealth Workplan 2011[2] and prepare the Millennia2015 International Conference at the UNESCO, Paris, 21 – 22 November 2011. The information[3] collection is the first step of this process and looks at giving a voice to local communities and silent populations living in difficult conditions.

1. Background

Organized under the high patronage of the UNESCO, Millennia2015 "Women actors of development for the global challenges" is a foresight research process launched by The Destree Institute and its international partners in 2007.
The process is structured through three international conferences: "Information Transfer" (IT) in Liege in 2008, "Knowledge Process" (KP) at the UNESCO in Paris in 2011 and "Intelligence Platform" (IP) at the United Nations in New York in 2015[4]. The global and multilingual Millennia2015 KP2010 foresight exercise[5] based on the **37 variables** identified in the IT2010 corpus, will be launched at the UNESCO on the 6 December 2010 in Paris. Results will be analyzed to formulate scenarios, to identify the long term issues, to build the vision at the horizon 2025 and the strategy to reach it. As a result, the Millennia2015 action plan for women's empowerment will be finalized at the UNESCO in December 2011 and actions presented to decision makers at the United Nations in 2015.

2. Millennia2015 variables

The International Conference held in Liege in 2008 (IT 2008), convened a series of presentations covering the whole area of women empowerment. A detailed review of the presentations, comments, questions and discussions of the panelists and participants provided a list of 37 variables. The list of the variables is available on Millennia2015 website in 5 languages for the foresight exercise[6]. Each variable will be studied along 8 questions and analyzed along a selection of related variables.
This is a long and exhaustive work to conduct as a scientific research process. Each variable can therefore become a subject of research by itself. In consequence, Millennia2015 Scientific Committee decided to launch the *first Millennia2015 International Working Group* for the variable V08, "Women and eHealth: connected medical knowledge benefiting all".

3. Variable V08: Women and eHealth: connected medical knowledge benefiting all

This variable[7] opens a large range of diverse topics listed at the IT Liège 2008, such as:
- Women and Health, connected medical knowledge through eHealth as a human right, at all research and practice levels;
- Maternal and infant mortality of the bottom billion people;
- The right for women and girls to control their own bodies and to contraception;
- The medical care requested to heal women and girls victims of violence;
- Taking care of one's health on a daily basis as a means of adding life to the years;

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[1] Available on Millenia2015 website soon : millennia2015.org

[2] See reference above

[3] Information covers a large range of different data and materials such as statistics, graphics, maps, articles, publications, projects or stories.

[4] www.millennia2015.org/Method

[5] www.millennia2015.org/KP2010_Foresight_Exercise

[6] www.millennia2015.org/KP2010_37_variables

[7] www.millennia2015.org/V08_Women_and_eHealth

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- Fair public policies for the health of the less able-bodied and poorest women;
- The approach of health challenges including gender-sensitive issues with a view to the future.

Variable V08 will be studied in depth by a network of experts gathered in the "Women and eHealth" International Working group, or WeHealth IWG.

4. The "Women and eHealth" International Working Group

The WeHealth IWG is in charge to conduct a unique research process at the convergence of three key areas:

- **Women Empowerment**
- **Healthcare Improvement**
- **Digital Solidary**

Composed of 22à members from 61 countries (as of July 2011), it holds two committees of four members, the Scientific and Methodological committees. Launched in August 2010, the WeHealth IWG is coordinated by Dr V. Thouvenot, former eHealth Scientist at WHO Geneva.

The research on Variable V08 will deliver a collection of information, an analysis and Work Plans 2012/2015 to support the achievement of MDGs 4 & 5 by 2015. It will contribute to build the Millennia Knowledge Base and future Intelligence Platform. WeHealth IWG supports actively women empowerment with technologies to access and benefit of better healthcare.

5. The Information[8] Collection Guide

WeHealth Members can actively participate and contribute in collecting, in their home countries, all kind of data available that may illustrate how far women are involved in using technologies to improve healthcare, what are the barriers they have to face, the challenges in their countries and their ideas or proposed solutions to overcome their local problems.
This guide is intended to describe the process of collecting information that illustrate the use of technologies by women for health. A selection of them will constitute the future WeHealth Knowledge Base.

It provides an adapted form for information collection following scientific, technical and ethical requirements.

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Scientific Requirements

The information submitted shall illustrate the research on WeHealth and the powerful impact of using Information Technologies (ITs) for health. It must cover the three areas of the study together: Women, Health and Technologies.

List of key words for WeHealth web-based data search[9]:

Topic/Area	Women	Health	ICTs/ Technologies
General	Gender, feminine, female, sex disaggregated	Healthcare, health facilities, health centers, hospitals, clinics, dispensaries, NGO,	Radio, TV, Internet, mobile phones
Specific	Girl, adolescent girl, grandmother, aunt, baby, family, spouse, wife, women community, women association	Diseases, wellbeing, health promotion, health prevention, nutrition, education, information, traditional care	Access, broadband, communication, satellite, Wi-Fi, Wi-Max, connectivity, wireless, land line, fiber, cable, connections, blogs, website
Professional	Nurse, midwife, doctor, traditional birth attendant (TBA)	Telemedicine, mHealth, eHealth, cyber-health, Teleradiology, Telecare, Telehealth	Technician, engineer, computer specialist, informatics expert, telecom expert, vendors, telecom companies, telecom associations

They should represent as objectively as possible the conditions of the use of technologies by women in normal conditions, avoiding interpretation or artificial scenarisation. For special conditions such as conflicts, refugee camps or emergencies, the information should be collected very carefully and verified by various convergent sources before dissemination. Numbers, percentages or dates must be precise. Estimations can be used with mention of the calculation methods.

The results of the web-based research will be presented at the upcoming Millennia2015 International Conference, "Women actors of development for the global challenges" at the UNESCO in Paris, 21 – 22 November 2011.

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[9] A list of key words is provided in French and Spanish at www.millennia2015.org/Women_and_eHealth

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Technical Requirements

The regular entries of information collected should be submitted, by preference, electronically by email to the coordinator (veronique.thouvenot@gmail.com). For other options, fax or post, please contact the coordinator. For larger submissions a dedicated WeHealth DropBox is available and the link will be sent to the participant upon request.

Information can be submitted in English, French and Spanish without translation. For other languages, a summary should be provided in English.

It is recommended to use Word, Excel or PowerPoint.

The sender shall explain the purpose of the information and ask for permission to share and to use the name or the subject (s) for publication.

Each information submitted shall be accompanied by a Word Doc attachment containing the following details:

Title: The title of the Word doc should match the title of the information submission

Author: Writer's Name

Country: Writer's home country and location where the information was collected

Caption: Short description for the title with the name of the subject(s), place, and/or event

A paragraph describing the circumstances, reasons, location, or/and the purpose of the information.

Optional: a link to the Writer's email, website, institution, etc…

Ethical Requirements

The information content should follow considerations for respect, privacy, non sexual, non gender bias, etc. Common sense is the rule to success.

For interviews, local stories, groups, festivals, the community leaders' permission should be sought.

Local information should be shared with the people involved prior to any sharing and posting on the Dropbox.

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Selection Criteria

All information submitted will enter the selection criteria before being presented.

WeHealth Scientific Committee and Methodological Committee members will select the information based on the combination of the 3 following components:

- Women

- at all ages, if possible in low income settings, urban slums, rural communities

- Health

- at all levels, community, regional, national, international and related education in health promotion and prevention

- ICTs and Technologies

- from the simpler such as local radios, TV, mobile phones to the most sophisticated such as telemedicine, teleradiology, teleimagery…

A particular attention will be given to specific contexts in countries:

- 1. Women living in rural communities

- 2. Girls living in slums in cities

- 3. Women living in conflicts, wars or disasters

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The deadline for all submissions is July 31, 2011.

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WeHealth Information Collection Form

The form is designed to facilitate WeHealth information collection from various sources and formats:
1. Statistics – Figures – Graphs – Maps
2. Articles – Publications (published or unpublished)
3. Projects
4. Story telling – Anecdotes – Interviews - Informal data

It can be adapted by the information provider. There is no obligation to use it.

1. Information Provider	
Name: Date: Institution: Country: WeHealth member: Yes No	Please mention your contact details
2. Information Content	
Purpose/ Rationale:	Explain the context of the data collection
Institution:	Name of the institution that has collected the data
Date:	For statistics, graphs and figures and maps consider **data from 2005 onwards only**
Sources:	
Ownership and authorization for dissemination:	Mention if private or public data
Limitations to dissemination, if any:	
Links to other sources:	
Copy/ paste tables:	Yes/No
Attachments:	Yes/No
3. Women	
Women as beneficiaries	-Number or if % - cite denominator -Specify women status, role/responsibilities
Women as users or professionals	-Number or if % - cite denominator -Specify women status, role/responsibilities
Women as providers/builders of solutions	-Number or if % - cite denominator -Specify women status, role/responsibilities
4. Health	
Healthcare	-Number of healthcare facilities involved or if % - cite denominator -Specify status: community, district, regional, national, international, other
Health promotion/prevention	-Number of healthcare facilities involved or if % - cite denominator -Specify status: community, district, regional, national, international, other
Health education/information	-Number of healthcare facilities involved or if % - cite denominator -Specify status: community, district, regional, national, international, other
5. ICTs	
Type of technology used	Specify if radio, TV, internet, mobile phone, landline phones, telemedicine, others
Materials available and currently in use	Describe materials Number or if % - cite denominator
Limitations if any:	Specify if funding, technology, language, cultural, others
6. Comments and additional information	
	Results, challenges, barriers, negative effects, collaborations, partners, costs, sustainability More information:

Send to :thouvenot.veronique@millennia2015.org

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