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WHO - *Health Information and Libraries in Africa: the case of Mozambique*

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ABSTRACT:

Access to health information for health workers in Africa in general and Mozambique in particular is limited and inadequate; especially for those health workers that are in the rural areas. Therefore, meeting the health workers information needs requires that diverse information delivery methods are used. Beside of many effort and initiatives to provide access to health information for health workers using various formats, these has not yet yield the desired results due to various adversity in the rural areas, from lack of electronic, absence of ICT infrastructures, to absence of printed materials. It is due to those adversities that the identification and strengthening of existing health information delivery mechanisms so as to meet their information needs is critical. In order to do this, it is important to scale up the local initiatives that have been successful in delivering health information to rural health workers with the aim of building up a functional network to reduce the gap between knowledge and access at district level.