

**INFORMATION PROVISION AND DISSEMINATION FOR SCIENCE AND  
RESEARCH IN GHANA PRESENTED AT THE INASP COUNTRY  
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**STRATEGIES FOR ENHANCING RESEARCH INFORMATION AT A  
NATIONAL LEVEL - GHANA**

Strategies Used

- Letters, Circulars, Notices
- Brochures
- Word of Mouth
- Talks at Meetings
- Telephones
- Free internet access training then introduction of PERI

Impact

- Academic / Research staff of universities are aware of resources, about 60% use them regularly
- Most staff of research Institutes are aware of resources, about 30% use them regularly (problem of lack of connectivity)
- Some individuals in other establishments in the country ,about 10% use the resources. Here again problem of no connectivity

We are still working on getting more people interested in e-resources

Strategies Planned

- Publicity (bookmarks, free adverts in gutter columns in newspapers)
- Visits to yet unreached areas
- Encouragement of researchers to contribute research information in journals, including those in AJOL
- Review of each resource and findings publicized among potential users to get them interested
- Listing of steps to follow in accessing each resource and circulating among users/potential users

Strategies envisaged but Constraints in Resources and Logistics

- Radio / Tv discussions
- Advertisement in newspapers
- Support for internet connectivity
- CC personal visits to each relevant institution in the country and holding meetings with the Head and then the Research / Academic staff

Current Problems

- Lack of connectivity

- Slow speed bandwidth
- Computer illiteracy
- Funding for e-resources

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