



MAKING HEALTH INFORMATION AVAILABLE THROUGH STRENGTHENING REGIONAL REFERRAL HOSPITAL LIBRARY

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INTRODUCTION



- ▶ Gulu RHH is the medical training institution in the catchment area of Acholi sub-region of Uganda comprising of 7 districts.
- ▶ It was established in 1934 by the British colonialists. It became referral hospital in 2001.
- ▶ The catchment population traverses as far as South Sudan, DRC Congo.
- ▶ The hospital provides general and specialized services.
- ▶ It is also a training hospital where medical interns are posted for one year under the supervision of qualified and experienced medical doctors etc.



Objectives



- ▶ Support establishment of libraries and information centres in regional referral hospitals in Gulu.
- ▶ make available health information resources (books) to support training and continuing medical education for health workers.
- ▶ Provide an information centre for hospital staff to support day to day work at the hospital.

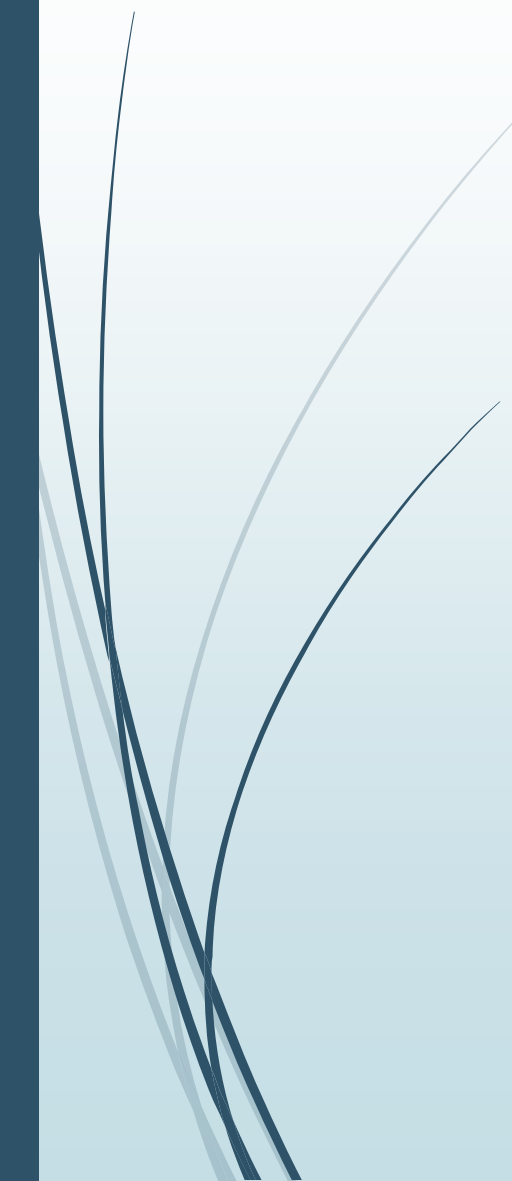
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Justification

- Availability of real time health information is critical to the work of health workers in their day to day work. A well stocked library is necessary if the information needs of health workers is to be met.



What was accomplished

- ▶ Library was refurbished by;
 - ▶ Carrying out fixtures of broken windows, ceiling, doors etc.
 - ▶ Painting
 - ▶ All this provided a good facelift for the Library
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What was accomplished

- ▶ Under the project, the Library received over 1,000 medical books
- ▶ Hospital Librarians were trained in Library management skills
- ▶ Other staff members were also trained in accessing health information online through HINARI and other online sources.





IMPACT/RESULTS



- ▶ The hospital now has a well functioning library
- ▶ Staff and students have access to latest health books and online resources.
- ▶ Medical students from Gulu University also get to benefit from the refurbished and well stocked Library.



Conclusion



- ▶ Library plays a very central role in building capacity of the health workforce.
- ▶ It is thus important that more health institution libraries are strengthened to ensure that the health workforce whether in pre-service or in-service have access to relevant health literature.