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# About us

Knowledge is power, but only if you possess it. Health professionals in the poorest regions of the world need access to knowledge, education and tools to help them use it. The Joanna Briggs Foundation (JBF) seeks to support the work of the Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) in the development of a strong, reliable knowledge bank for the developing world, to provide access to this knowledge and to teach people how to use it through the Joanna Briggs Institute's twenty established Collaborating Centres and Groups in Africa, South America, Myanmar and parts of Asia.

## The Joanna Briggs Institute

The Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) is a not-for-profit, global organisation with headquarters in Adelaide and an acknowledged leader in the International Evidence-Based Movement.

The Institute aims to improve the health of people across the globe by summarising the best available evidence on all of the common health care interventions and practices. It then makes this information (and provides tools to use it) available to health care professionals (doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and health workers) in developing countries.

In developed countries like Australia, the US, Canada, the UK and Europe, JBI is able to do this through its online program called JBI COonNECT (Clinical Online Network for Care and Therapeutics) and over 7000 health services in 49 developed countries use this service, 24 hours a day with millions of downloads per month. To do this, JBIs 70+ collaborating centres across the world conduct rigorous, scientific reviews of the global evidence and specialist staff in Adelaide draw on this growing body of evidence to deliver the JBI COonNECT service.

In the developing world, where the burden of disease is greater but the infrastructure poorer, JBI has invested a great deal of resources (with some minimal funding in 2004-2007 from WHO) to: (a) train doctors and nurses in Africa, Asia and South America in the process of finding, evaluating and summarising evidence; (b) promote the use of evidence (rather than routines and traditions) in delivering health care and find ways to deliver this information in usable formats to countries where, even if electricity and computing facilities are available, there is poor connectivity to the internet and the health workers.

The poorest countries of the world also need support and guidance in making the right decisions. The Foundation does this by providing a 'hand up' rather than a 'handout' so that individuals and communities can be responsible for their own practice and health outcomes.

The JBI Africa project (Africa is our first priority at present) seeks to establish, with our African centres and the Ministry of Health in each country, a process to build new systems to summarise evidence appropriate to the African context to get this knowledge into the hands of those who provide health care.

## Measures of success

The Joanna Briggs Foundation will have worked directly with the JBI to support it to deliver the following 8 objectives.

Each objective will include an evaluation component that will measure resource usage; user satisfaction with resources; and measurement of practice change. By the end of the three years, a final report on resources produced; how often they are accessed, by which workers and in which settings and countries; on health worker decision making; and on how health outcomes might have been impacted (such as mortality rates related to malaria, diarrhoeal diseases).

## Projects requiring support

From 2012 onwards the JBI needs approximately A\$1.5 million each year over three years. The JBI has established the following 8 priorities:

- In 2011/2012 JBI is seeking to fund and hold an African Summit in Nairobi, Kenya and to provide some modest funds to the African Centres.

The Summit will be attended by: three staff from each African JBI Centre (Botswana, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria), Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda, at least one representative from the Ministry of Health from each country, all members of the Forum of African Medical Editors (FAME), leaders from Health Information for All by 2015 (HIFA2015) and six staff from JBI Adelaide.

This two week intensive summit would develop a plan of action and begin to set in place a three year work program to: develop an evidence resource for health workers at all levels in all of the participating countries: develop an information dissemination and access program: establish national evidence based health care training programs to be delivered by African staff who lead our African JBI Centres; and, a program of evaluation.

The 3 year funding would cover the costs of travel and accommodation for attendees at the Summit; a grant of \$20,000 for each of the 12 African Centres to lead each in-country training and promotion initiative; and the costs of developing evidence resources and cover grants for each of the 12 African Centres to continue to lead each in-country training and promotion initiatives.
- Sponsoring members of our Centres to complete the JBI Clinical Fellows Program (a six month program conducted in Adelaide – with the Fellow spending 20 weeks in their own country conducting an evidence implementation project).
- Sponsoring members of our Centres to complete the JBI Systematic Review Train-the-Trainer Program (a one week program conducted in Adelaide).
- Sponsoring computer and internet access for our Centres in 2013.
- Sponsoring an administrator in each of our Centres.
- Sponsoring the establishment of a global Developing Countries Evidence Based Practice Resource Centre (which would develop and disseminate evidence based decision support tools electronically and in print format).
- Sponsoring the development, publication and distribution of evidence-based practice manuals for village health workers in 2014.
- Sponsoring the development, publication and distribution of evidence-based practice manuals for doctors and nurses in district hospitals over time.

Your support can help deliver these vital resources.