

Key Facts Brochure

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MED BOX

 THE AID LIBRARY

IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF HEALTH ACTION



>10,600 Documents
uploaded



>590,000 Visitors



>2,8m Downloads



192 Countries reached



12 Toolboxes
established

MEDBOX is an innovative online library aimed at improving the quality of health care in humanitarian action, worldwide.

Quality assurance and accountability are important values in humanitarian action and receive growing attention by affected populations, humanitarian actors, donors and the public alike. The easy-to-use structure of **MEDBOX** facilitates the application of common health standards and increases the quality of interventions and their impact.

Since its launch in 2013, MEDBOX has achieved a remarkable reputation that is reflected in growing numbers of views, downloads, and an enormous increase in number of users per day.

Access thousands of key documents anywhere at any time with the MEDBOX mobile app.



The Challenge: Humanitarian health workers around the world can act effectively if they have access to the necessary information. This is even more valid in situations of crisis or catastrophe, when chaos prevails and real-time access to technical information is vital. The Ebola epidemic in West Africa was one significant recent example.

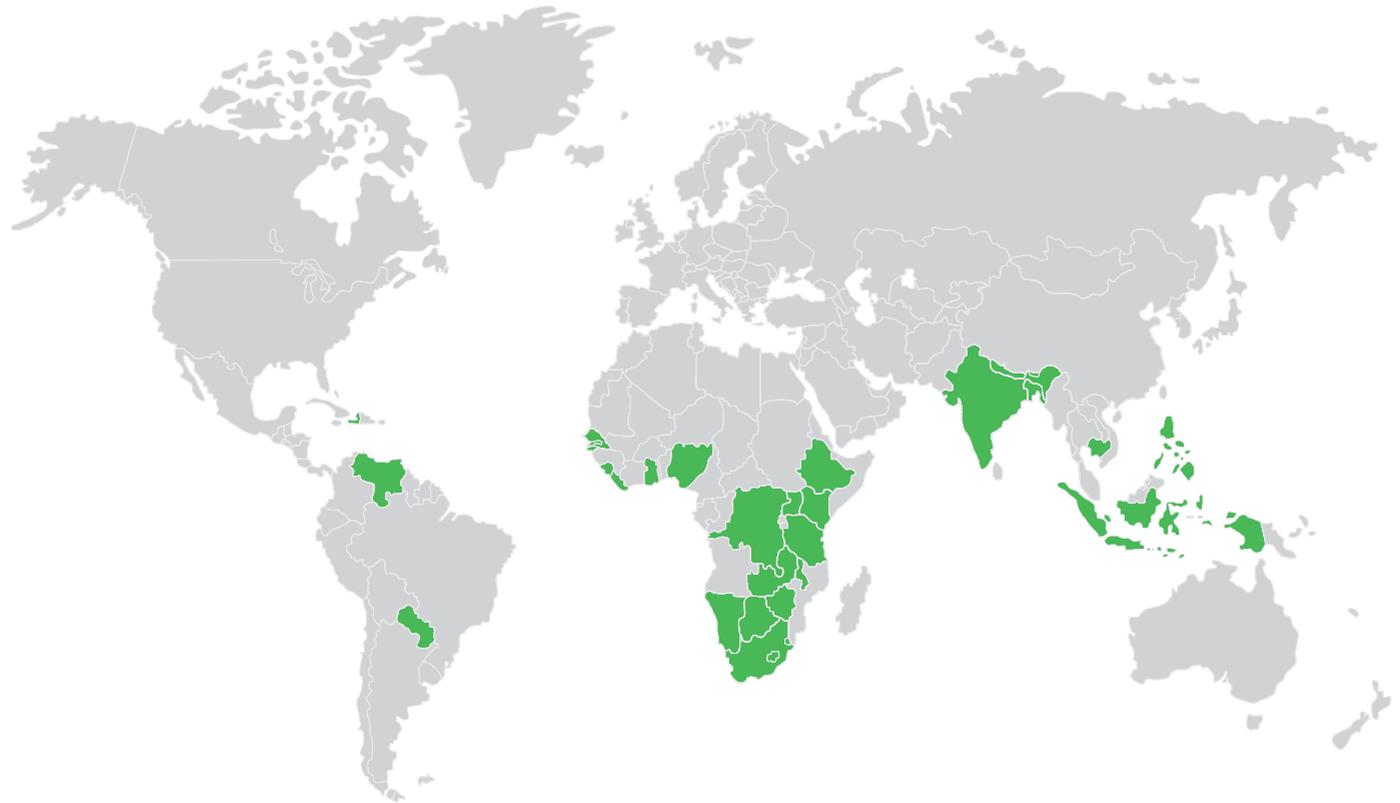
Solution: MEDBOX aims at closing this gap by collating quality, open-access, practical documents such as clinical and public health guidelines, IEC material or textbooks on one website. MEDBOX allows real-time access for humanitarian practitioners to operationally relevant practical tools also in particular scenarios – to better apply what is already known.

Success: As an innovative online library aimed at improving the quality of health care in humanitarian action world-wide MEDBOX has reached an impressive level of consolidation and reputation with over 590,000 visitors since its launch. Concluding its fourth year of existence, over 10,600 documents are available with more to come. These documents were downloaded over 2,8m times, some so far well over 80,000 times, indicating a very active user community!

For user-friendly handling on mobile devices such as tablets and smart phones we offer a responsive design, simplifying access on every hand-held device. An app for offline-use is also available. Registered users have the option to set up their “MY MEDBOX”, saving favourite documents in a closed area of the webpage.

COUNTRIES

The COUNTRIES section is one of the most popular categories of MEDBOX. The high number of downloads and visitors as well as the considerable interest of users in low and middle income countries clearly shows the great demand for country-specific health information. The selection of the almost 30 countries directly targets the interests of our MEDBOX partners working in the field and depends on their feedback and suggestions to guarantee time-saving and effective research and to safeguard access to relevant information.



TOOLBOXES

MEDBOX's toolboxes enable rapid access to specific thematic content. The POLIO TOOLBOX was the first of its kind launched in October 2013 responding to the polio outbreak in Syria. The most prominent example is the EBOLA TOOLBOX, set up in April 2014 reacting to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. The NATURAL HAZARD TOOLBOX provides situation reports, assessments, clinical guidelines and documents regarding the response to recent natural disasters. The REFUGEE TOOLBOX, launched in October 2015, has a continuously growing number of users. The combination of practical health guidelines and culturally sensitive health information in 16 languages is unique and can only be found in the REFUGEE TOOLBOX so far. The TB TOOLBOX was launched

in 2017 and provides free, multilingual and low-threshold access to important guidelines, policies, latest diagnostic methods and high-quality documents. A special focus has been placed on vulnerable groups such as prisoners, intravenous drug users, children and high prevalence regions, such as Eastern European countries. The CONFLICT TOOLBOX includes recent and detailed information regarding ongoing humanitarian crisis such as civil wars and ethnic conflicts. Due to the demand of our users we established the DISABILITY TOOLBOX and the SPECIFIC HAZARDS TOOLBOX recently.

All TOOLBOXES are constantly updated.

EBOLA

NATURAL
HAZARD

CONFLICT

ZIKA

TB

CHOLERA

LEPROSY

POLIO

RAPID
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The support of our partners is vital in enabling **MEDBOX** to fulfil its mission to share practical and relevant guidelines with healthcare workers worldwide.

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