



A public-private collaboration providing
developing world institutions with access
to critical scientific research

www.research4life.org

The Research4Life initiative aims to reduce the knowledge gap between industrialized countries and developing countries by providing affordable access to critical scientific research from some 16,000 journals, 46,000 books, and 140 other information resources.

Over 8000 institutions in developing countries are currently registered for access to this content.

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- ❑ Institutions in 71 of the world's poorest countries receive free access to journal and book content via Research4Life
 - ❑ Institutions in a further 44 countries pay US \$1,500 per year for a subscription to the Research4Life content – an effective discount of over 99.9%

Eligible Institutions

- ❑ Eligible categories of institutions are:
 - ❑ national universities
 - ❑ research institutes
 - ❑ professional schools (medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health, dentistry)
 - ❑ teaching hospitals
 - ❑ government: ministries and agencies
 - ❑ national medical libraries
 - ❑ locally based non-governmental agencies

All permanent and visiting faculty, staff members and students are entitled to access and can obtain the institutional User Name and Password.

Research4Life Programmes

Biomedicine

HINARI: www.who.int/hinari

- ❑ 160 publishers: 13,000 journals; 28,000 books
- ❑ 5600 institutions registered for access



Agriculture

AGORA: www.aginternetwork.org

- ❑ 60 publishers: 5200 journals; 4200 books
- ❑ 2300 institutions registered for access



Research4Life Programmes

Environment

OARE: www.unep.org/oare

- ❑ 60 publishers: 5500 journals; 14,000 books
- ❑ 2500 institutions registered for access



Innovation and Technology

ARDI: www.wipo.int/ardi

- ❑ 14 publishers: 3000 journals; 7000 books
- ❑ 170 institutions registered for access



The Core Partners

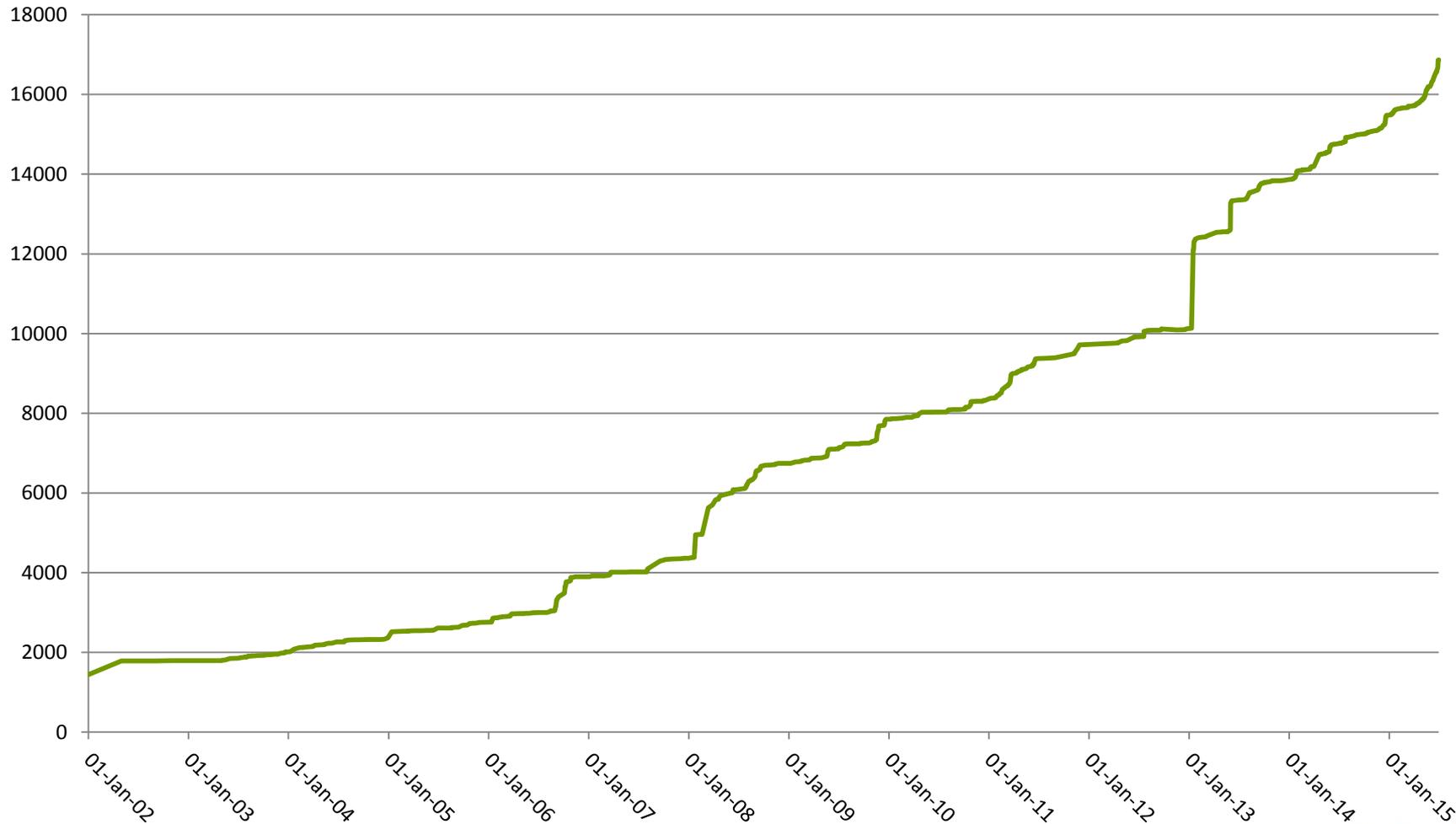
- **UN Agencies**
 - WHO FAO
 - UNEP WIPO
- **US University Libraries**
 - Yale
 - Cornell
- **Technical Partners**
 - Microsoft
 - Proquest
- **STM**
- **Contributing Publishers**

Research4Life

Growth and Impact

Research4Life – 13 Years of Growth

Research4Life 2002-2015 Journal Count



Research4Life has made an impact

Making a difference

Stories from the field:
how access to scientific literature
is improving the livelihoods of
communities around the world

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Researchers
and
Practitioners

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- ❑ allowed a doctor in Ethiopia to successfully treat a patient with a rare and serious condition, and helped his hospital to deliver more effective training to orthopaedic physicians
- ❑ helped a researcher from Burkina Faso to develop better and more informed scientific writing skills, produce focused research that he can discuss with top researchers worldwide, compete more effectively for research funding, and deliver better teaching programmes



Research4Life has made an impact

- enabled a Nepalese paediatrician to save children's lives through better treatment of diarrhoeal diseases, at the same time as developing his hospital's journal into a scientifically rigorous publication



- helped a physician to improve the lives of HIV-infected children in Zambia



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- allowed a Sudanese policy-maker to introduce evidence-based policy development designed to improve the Sudanese people's health in the long term
- enabled a midwife to improve maternity care in Zimbabwe and reduce maternal and neonatal mortality rates



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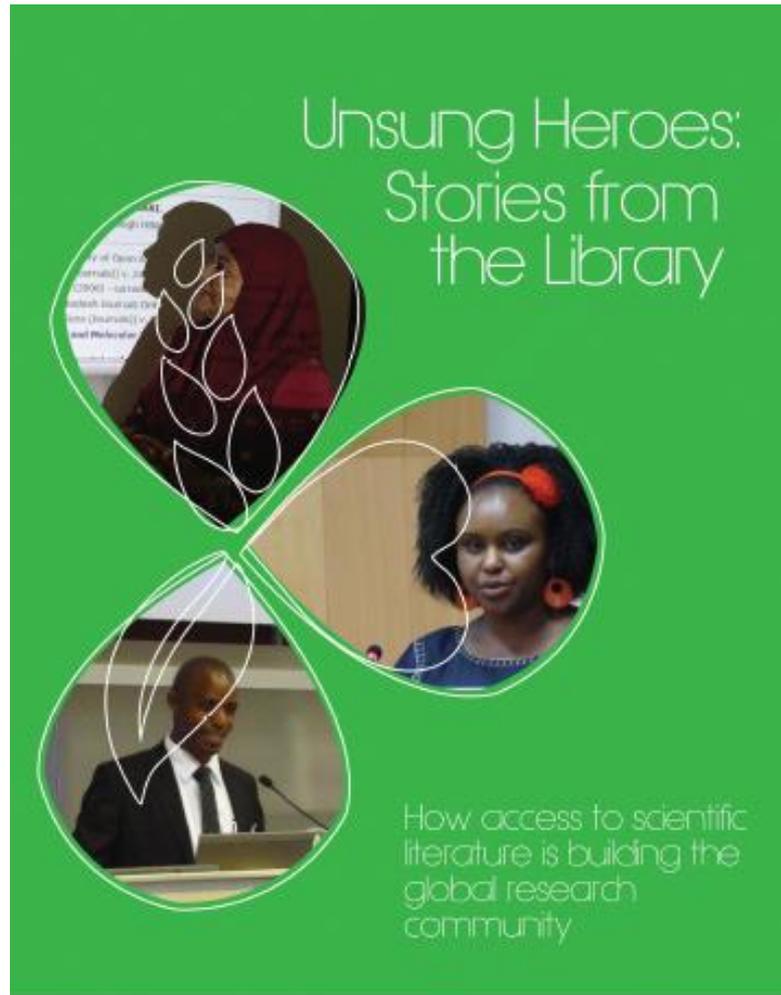
- ❑ Helped an Ethiopian physiotherapist find better ways to treat patients and teach his students
- ❑ See the video at <http://tinyurl.com/Research4Life>



Treating a patient with a spinal cord injury. Research4Life's HINARI programme has led to better results for patients and students, as well as Mr Bayisa himself.

Research4Life has made an impact

Librarians



Research4Life has made an impact

- A Ugandan agricultural scientist has drastically reduced the use of print resources, reducing congestion in the libraries while boosting research and output.



- A Kenyan librarian has increased Research4Life usage across ten campuses, supporting research and demonstrating that digital is research's digital backbone.



- A Ugandan health professional has written her PhD on solving the problem of low Research4Life usage by developing a powerful training infrastructure for Ugandan universities.



Research4Life has made an impact

- A Kenyan librarian has become an expert on information technology and electronic resources at her university, collaborating with doctors and nurses to find the research they need to effectively treat their patients. See the [video](#)
- A tech-savvy Honduran medical librarian has created a one-stop virtual medical library, resolving security issues which had previously prevented access.
- One of the early adopters in Nigeria has turned around medical and nursing curricula to include information literacy and Research4Life training.
- Another Ugandan librarian has introduced Research4Life at Makerere University, resulting in a subsequent substantial rise in research productivity.

Gathering more impact data

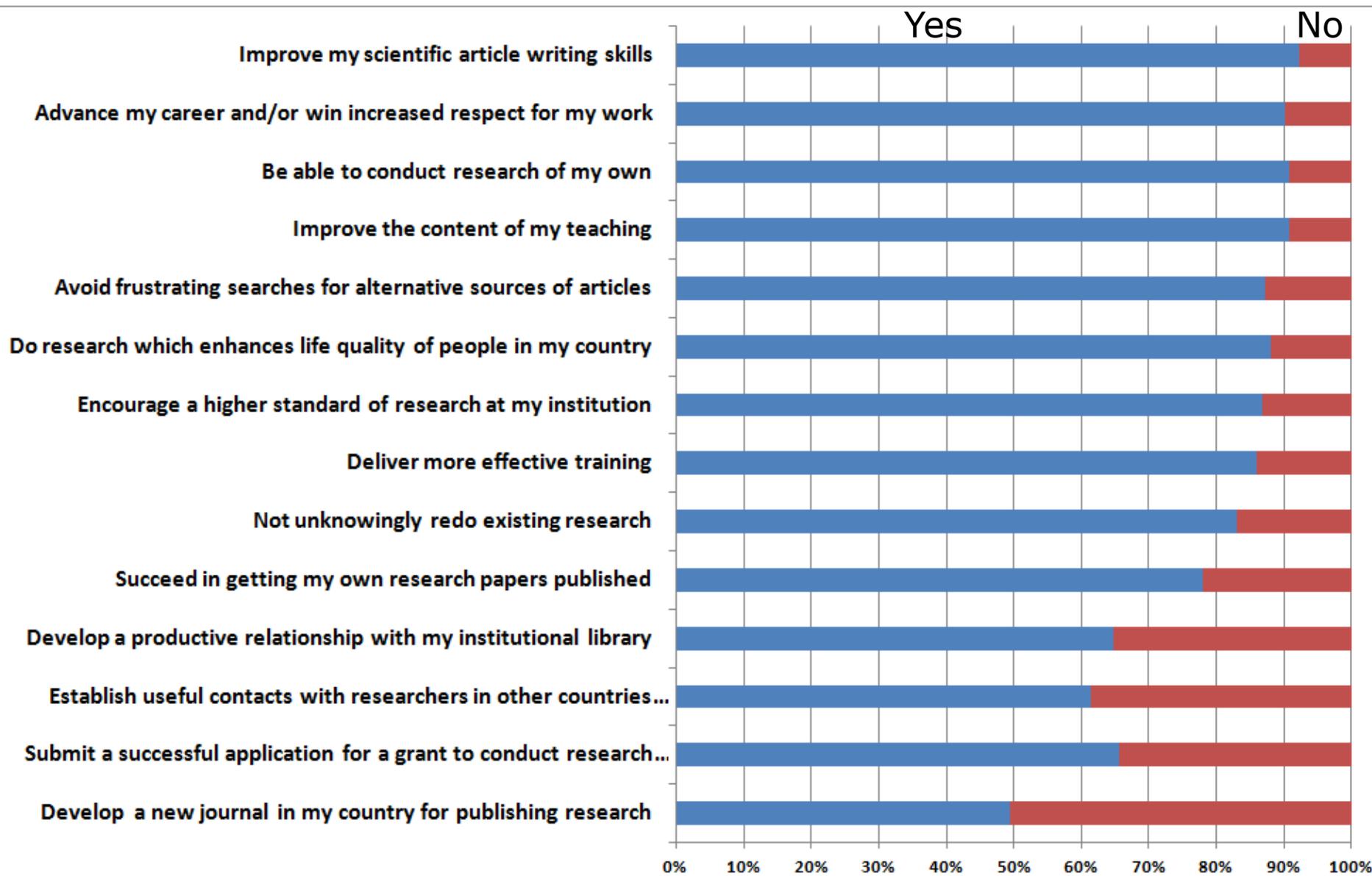


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- Last year we supplemented our case studies with a more extensive survey of HINARI users:-
 - 1034 Respondents
 - Researchers 46%
 - Physicians 32%
 - Students 15%
 - Administrators 4%
 - Librarians 3%

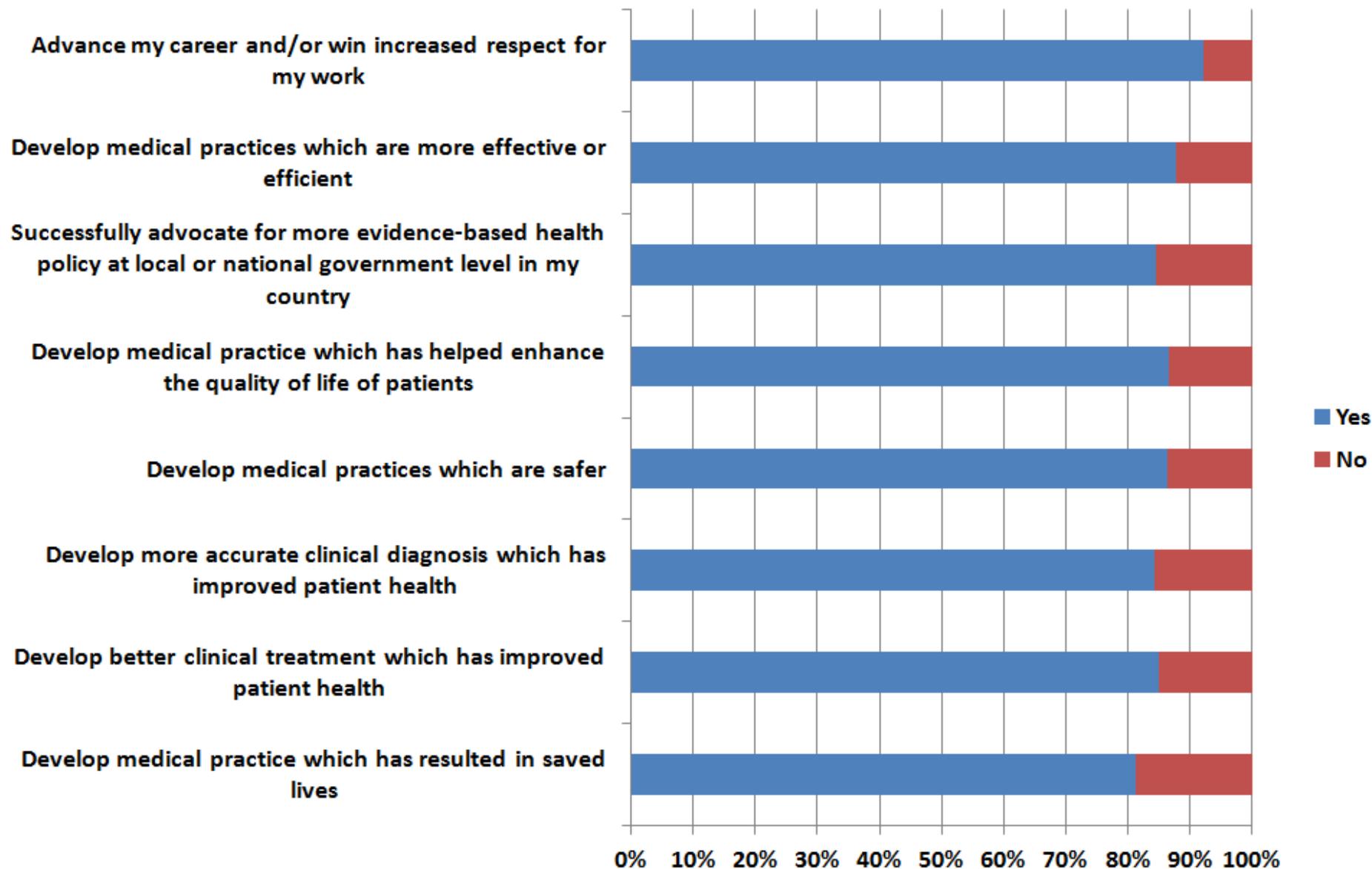
Researchers: Having access to previous research via HINARI, has helped me:

n = 393-523



Physicians: Having access to previous research via HINARI, has helped me:

n = 380-471



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- And lots of positive testimonials to the value of the HINARI programme
 - For us in developing countries, the value of HINARI cannot be overemphasized. It is impossible to conduct meaningful research without access to fulltext articles of previous research and only HINARI provides this for us in developing countries
 - HINARI and AGORA are the two sources which are complete and user-friendly to me and many colleagues of mine. In the absence if these sources, scientific research and manuscript preparation would be practically improbable to me and many others in Ethiopia.

Access the Reports

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