



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

[www.research4life.org](http://www.research4life.org)

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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

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- ❑ 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

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## Biomedicine

**HINARI:** [www.who.int/hinari](http://www.who.int/hinari)

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



## Agriculture

**AGORA:** [www.aginternetwork.org](http://www.aginternetwork.org)

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



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## Environment

**OARE:** [www.unep.org/oare](http://www.unep.org/oare)

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



## Innovation and Technology

**ARDI:** [www.wipo.int/ardi](http://www.wipo.int/ardi)

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



# The Core Partners

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## □ **UN Agencies**

- WHO    FAO
- UNEP    WIPO

## □ **US University Libraries**

- Yale
- Cornell

## □ **Technical Partners**

- Microsoft
- Proquest

## □ **STM**

## □ **Contributing Publishers**

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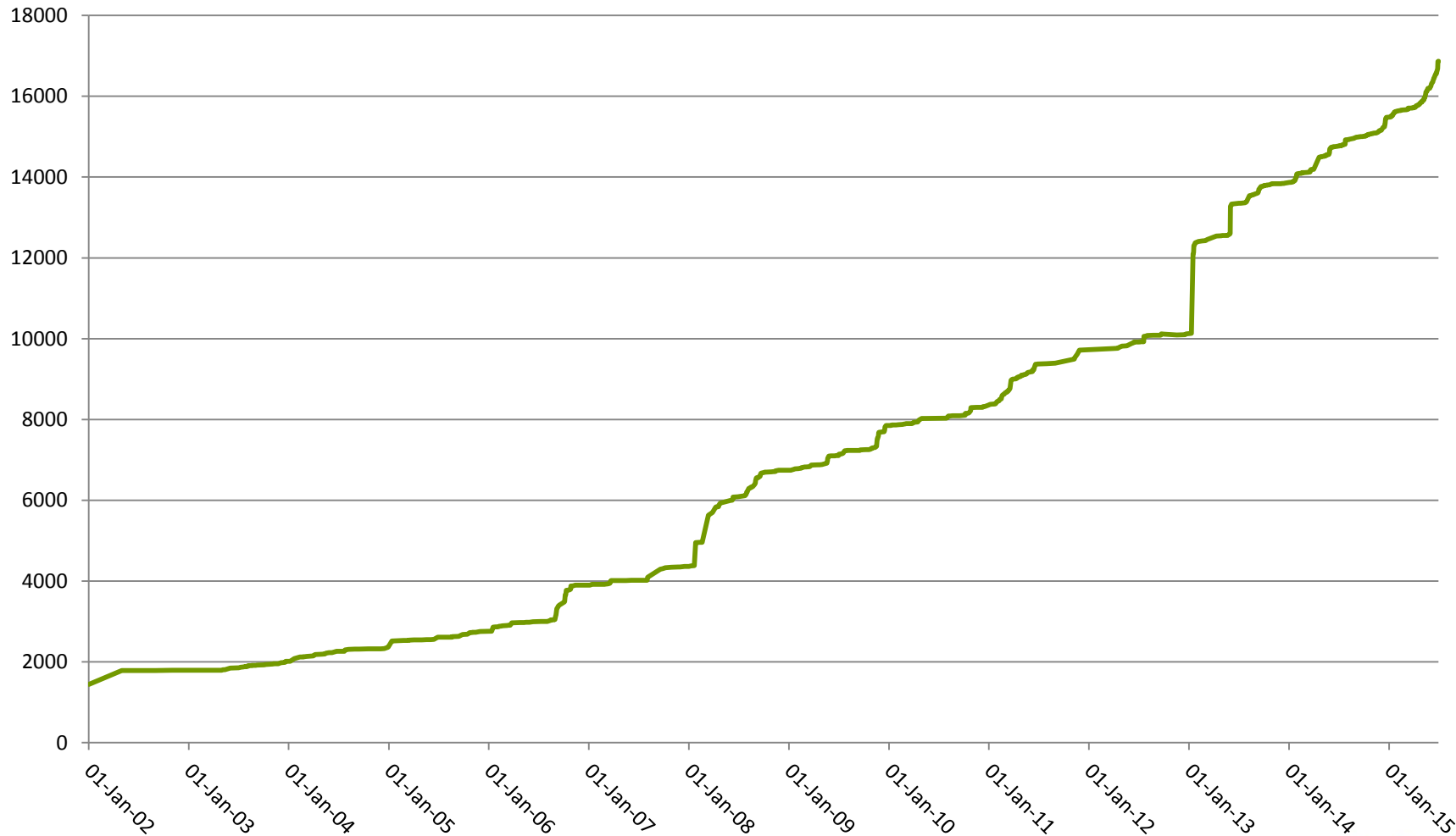
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## Growth and Impact



# 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



Unsung Heroes:  
Stories from  
the Library



How access to scientific  
literature is building the  
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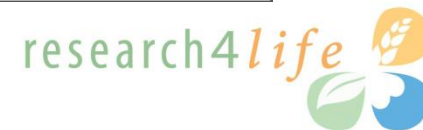
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Researchers  
and  
Practitioners

## Making a difference

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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



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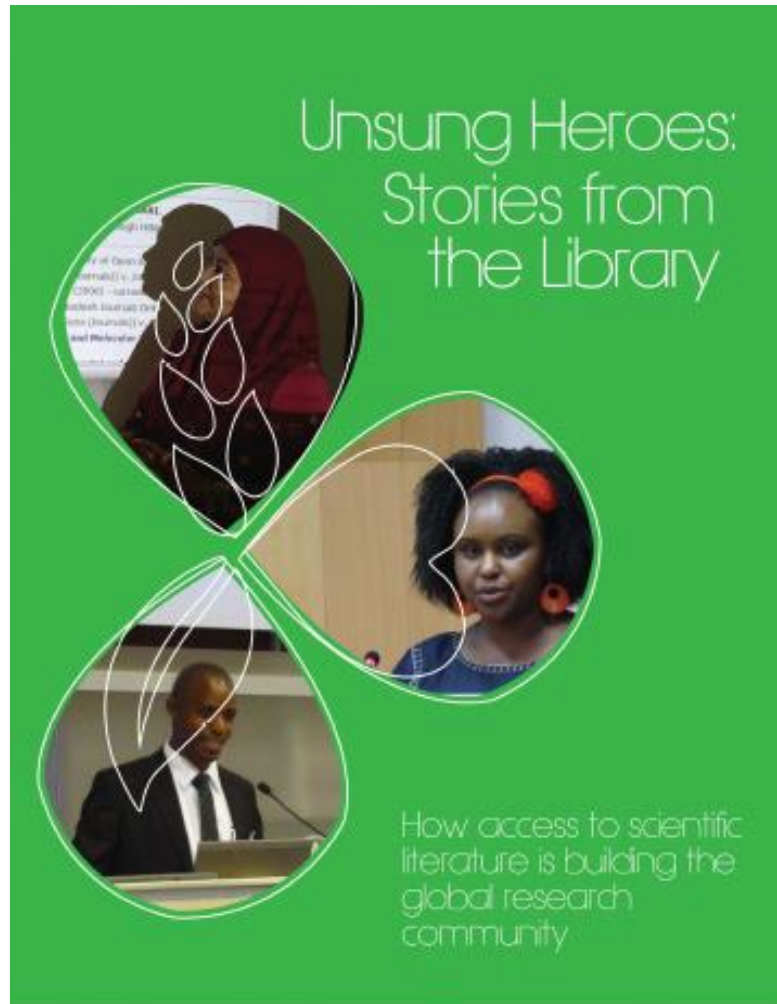
- ❑ Helped an Ethiopian physiotherapist find better ways to treat patients and teach his students
- ❑ See the video at <http://tinyurl.com/Research4Life>



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.



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- 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, which has seen a subsequent substantial rise in research productivity.

# Gathering more impact data

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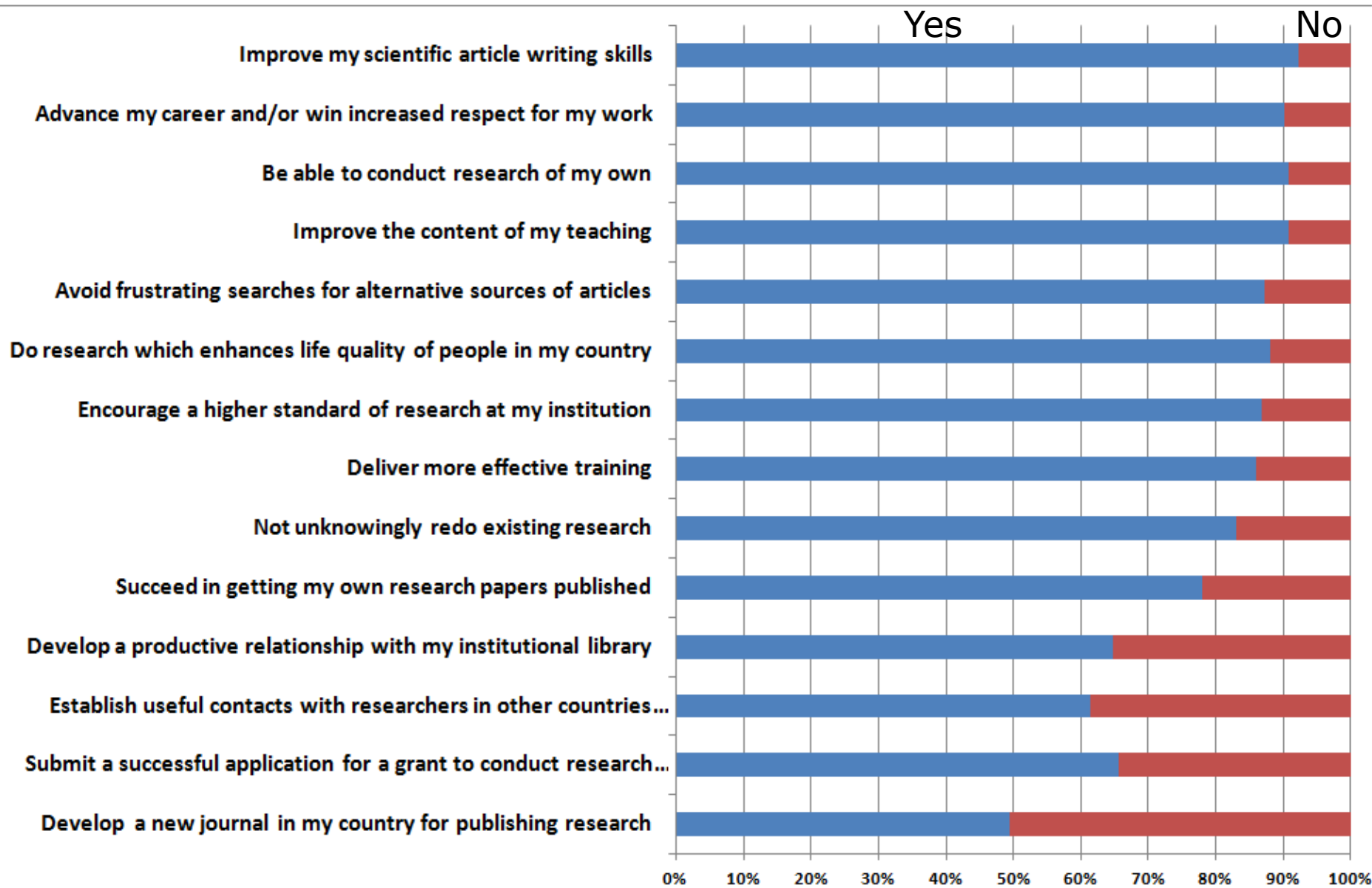
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- Last year we supplemented our case studies with a more extensive survey of HINARI users:-
  - 1034 Respondents
    - Researchers 46%
    - Physicians 32%
    - Students 15%
    - Administrators 4%
    - Librarians 3%

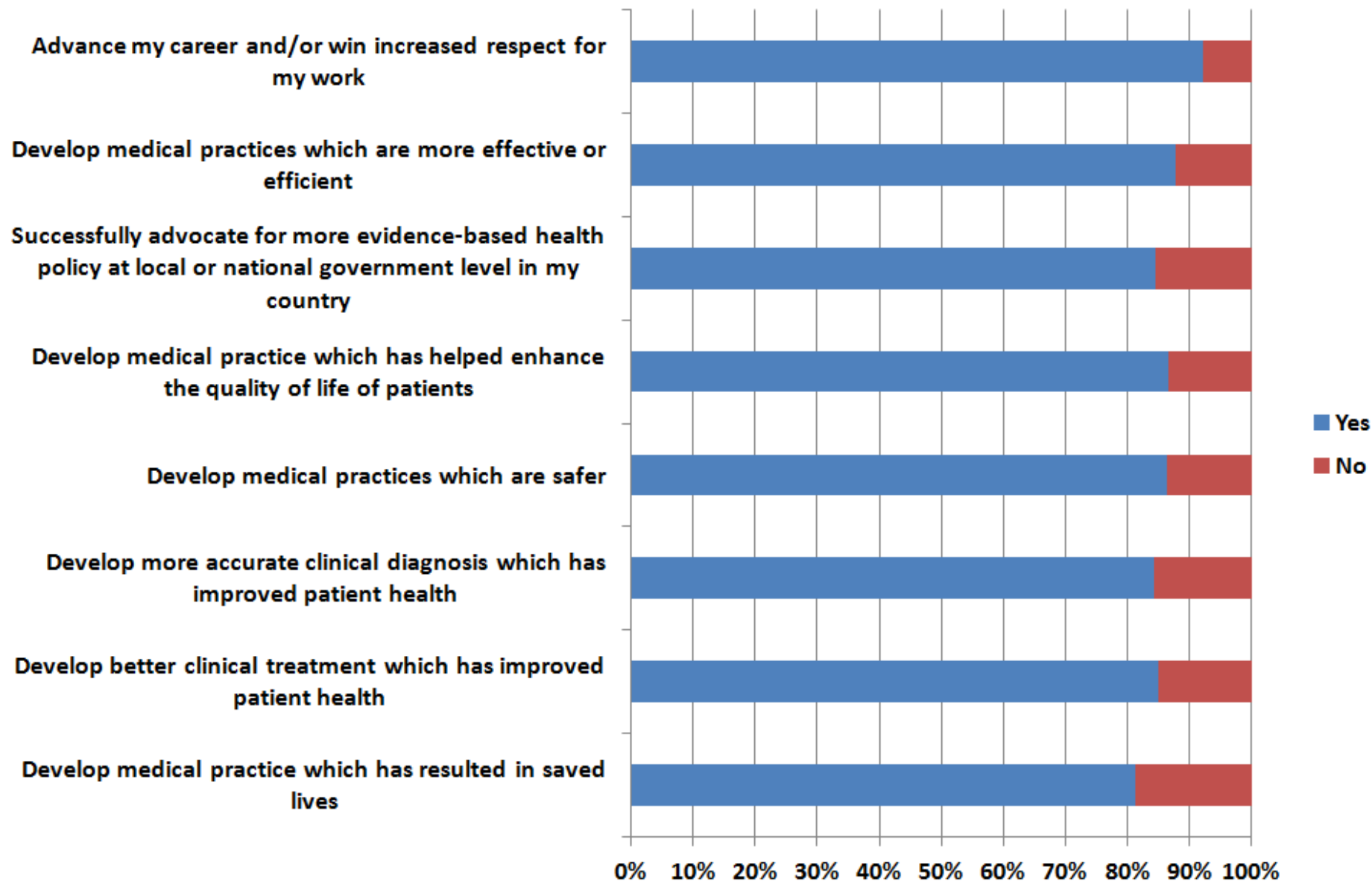
# Researchers: Having access to previous research via HINARI, has helped me:

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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