What is it?

• A network which supports health research by sharing knowledge and methods.
Health Research often occurs in isolated silos.....

Researchers have to fight for funding, and don’t share their ideas, methods, or results until publication.
The internet is changing the world in other fields.

People share their experiences and knowledge with one another, creating an evolving body of knowledge.

This is a ‘Community of Practice’.

Health Research needs this!
Clinical research involves many steps...

A mechanism for sharing methods and resources between groups, disease areas and regions would bring:

- Standardisation
- Better research practices
- Immediate access to knowledge & information
- Enable data sharing
- Use of same terminology
- Increased collaboration
- Peer support & networking

...& WOULD SPEED UP RESEARCH!
Therapeutic & Disease Specific Portals
- Respiratory Infections
- Dengue
- Enterics
- Neglected Tropical Diseases
- Cancer
- Non-Communicable Diseases

Cross Cutting Member areas
- Clinical Trialists
- Research Nurses
- Laboratory support
- Research methodology
- Bioethics
- Epidemics
- Regulatory Review
- Data management
- Epidemiology
Statistics

- Over 330,000 visits since May 2010
- Over 27,000 site memberships
Discussion boards overseen by experts; featured discussions such as 'ask the expert'.

Up to date news and events.

Guidance articles e.g.
- how to do a back translation review for ICFs
- Monitoring
- introduction to data management,
- how to manage a trial.....

Hundreds of resources, tools, downloadable SOPs and templates, etc

Free and open access eLearning

Everyone can get involved, whatever your location and role in research

Opportunities for research sites

Track your continued professional development
The Process Map

- Fully interactive and flexible layout
- Serves as a structural way of organising information across the Global Health Network
- Powerful search

Each item links to:
- Formal written information from trialists
- Other links and resources
- Relevant eLearning courses
- Discussions and blogs
In summary

• Using internet sharing, technologies and training to build capacity in health research in LMICs

• Hope that by enabling front line health care workers to acquire the skills to do research, that there will be more locally-initiated and led pragmatic research into health interventions that are appropriate, sustainable and have a high degree of commitment – as they are locally led
Research/collaboration opportunities

• Measuring the impact of the activities of The Global Health Network – what works, what could be done differently (data being collected all the time)
• Global health methodology research; including things like evaluating diagnostics for NTDs
• Ebola intervention studies
• Podoconiosis trial in Ethiopia
• Setting up research networks in Zambia
• The role of nurses in research in LMICs
• The barriers and enablers to the implementation of local investigator-initiated clinical trials in LMICs
• Using big data analysis tools to extract surveillance data from point-of-care diagnostic devices in LMICs
• Analysis social media to understand disease and health patterns
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