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*"informing best practice  
in reproductive health"*

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# What is RHL?



- RHL is an electronic library developed 10 years ago in 1997 in the World Health Organization's programme to "Map Best Reproductive Health Practices" (<http://www.rhlibrary.com>)
- a well-established resource enabling health care workers worldwide to keep up-to-date with the latest evidence in reproductive health
- includes the 'gold-standard' of clinical decision-making systematic reviews mainly from the Cochrane Collaboration (well-known for its high standard and independence)

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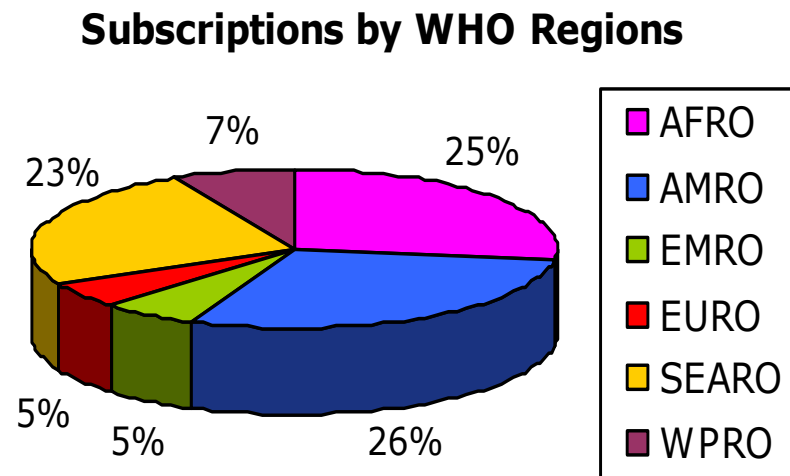
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