

*United Nations Millennium Action Plan*  
Health InterNetwork  
Research Network Pilot

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# Health InterNetwork Goals

Improve global public health by facilitating the flow of health information worldwide, using Internet technologies.

Enable more effective health service delivery through

- access to high quality, relevant and timely information
- better communication within the public health community.

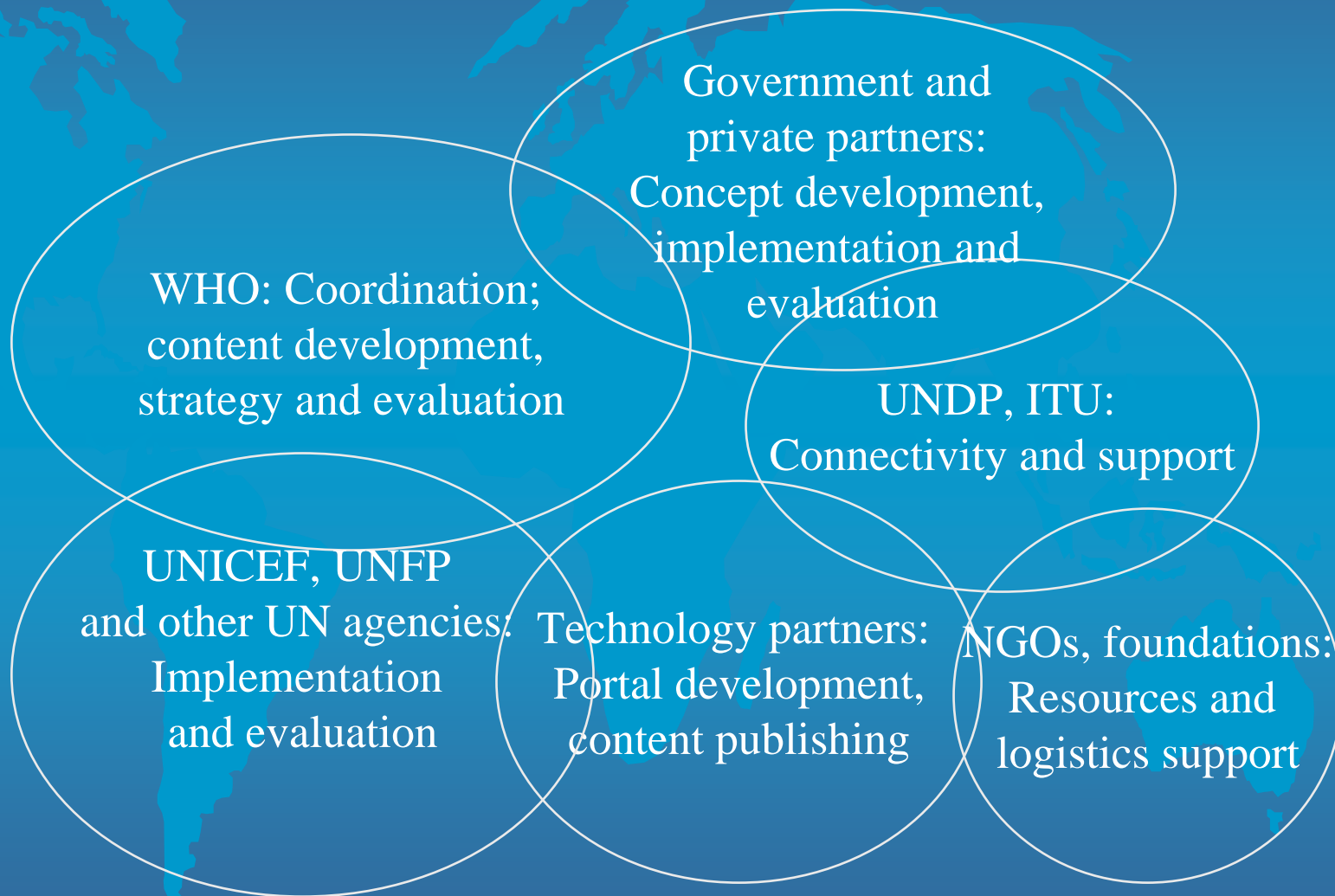


# Health InterNetwork Partners

- United Nations agencies
- Government ministries
- Private sector, non-governmental organizations and foundations
- Collaborating institutions, universities and health centers.



# Health InterNetwork Partner Roles



# Health InterNetwork Community

## Initial participants:

- public health professionals
- researchers and scientists
- policy makers at all levels.



# Health InterNetwork Concept

## The cornerstones of the project:

- Content: provided through an Internet-based web portal
- Connectivity: at selected public health information access points
- Training: skills development for information access and management.



# Research Network Pilot

## Goal:

- Test whether online delivery of high quality information and international connectivity answers the information and communication needs of developing country researchers.



# Research Network Pilot

## Partners:

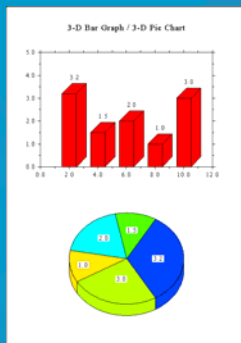
- WHO Collaborating Centres in Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Africa (8)
- Open Society Institute, Soros foundation network
- International content producers and aggregators: ISI, SilverPlatter and Elsevier Science.



# HIN Portal: Examples of Content Areas



Government reports & policies



Data & statistics



Library & reference



News



Research & laboratory reports



Electronic meeting & communication



# Research Network Pilot

## Deliverables:

- Evaluation of logistics, cost and impact of content, ICT components and training
- Model developed for identification and production of local content
- Plan developed with partners for large-scale roll-out.



# Research Network Pilot Status

- Initial collaborating centers selected
- Content partners on board
- Training arrangements under discussion
- Press conference held to launch pilot
- Work plan being developed: target February 2001

