



# Grey Literature and Development: The Non-Governmental Organization in Action

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# Why the NGO?

Expertise

Credibility

Effective networks



# Health Related Organizations

- HIV/Aids
- Reproductive Rights
- Women and Children
- Sanitation
- Malaria and other tropical diseases



# Structure of Disclosure

- First Disclosure – primary literature, book, thesis, article, presentation
- Secondary Disclosure – reviews, bibliographies, indexes, abstracts, summaries, digests, guides
- Tertiary Disclosure – reference works, popular synthesis



# NGO Information Resources

- Newsletters and/or bulletins
- Papers – briefing papers, policy papers, policy briefs
- Books
- Journals
- Videos
- Press Releases



# Resources Continued

- Training materials
- Pamphlets
- Factsheets
- Annual Reports and similar materials
- Blogs
- Databases
- PowerPoint presentations



# What is missing?

- Governmental reports
- Funding body reports
- Subject population materials



# Possible reasons for lack of disclosure

- Competition for funding dollars
- Confidentiality of client records
- Fear of reprisal
- Lack of expertise in web programming



# Archiving Tools

- Subject repositories
- Institutional repositories
- “The Way-Back Machine”
- Archive-It



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