Developing World Access to Peer-Reviewed Research - OA in Action

In an age of increased globalization of information, and when access to research has become highly politicized, the role and responsibilities of the world's keepers of that information – the libraries and publishers – is under question. In this context, the work that libraries and publishers have undertaken to improve access to information in countries which previously had little or no access is significant. This paper will examine the experiences of the major programs currently offering access to scholarly journals in developing countries, including HINARI, AGORA, and INASP. These schemes are excellent examples of public-private partnerships and are testaments to the change that can happen when publishers, librarians and other interested parties work together.