



# TALC

Teaching-aids At Low Cost.

This non-profit making organisation supplies teaching aids and books to raise standards of health care worldwide and is professionally advised by the Centre for International Child Health, Institute of Child Health, University of London.

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## PRESS RELEASE

### **£111,000 Grant for CD-ROM Health Project**

The charity Teaching-aids At Low Cost (TALC) has been selected to administer a pioneering scheme of providing urgently needed free health information to developing countries using CD-ROMS, and has been given a grant of £111,437 from the Department for International Development (DFID) to get the scheme underway.

The project has already produced a great deal of interest and TALC is developing partnerships with a number of major organisations that wish to use the service.

Among them are the World Health Organisation which will be putting out information on the clinical use of blood, CAFOD and Christian Aid who will be publishing their newsletters and the International Centre for Eye Health which will also be putting out a newsletter.

A major journal 'Update on Anaesthesia' which is produced by the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists will also be included and has already been used as an interactive training CD-ROM for medical workers in Zimbabwe.

A considerable amount of information on AIDS/HIV will also be supplied.

The main aim of the project will be to enable organisations involved in the field of health in developing countries to supply up-to-date and appropriate health and development information and training materials to their clients.

It will also allow people in developing countries to exchange ideas and information with those in the West and to develop their own library of materials at very low cost, by printing off material appropriate to their needs or copying it on to a floppy disk.

One of the advantages of the scheme is that many computers in developing countries are not on the internet due to cost and lack of telephone systems, but the CD-ROMS work without the need for a telephone link.

Further information is available from:

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