

Editorial

With this issue, we introduce the **Journal of Health and Population in Developing Countries** which focuses on policy and management issues in health and population.

Editorials will not be a regular feature of the *Journal*. This avenue will be used sparingly and judiciously—only when we have something important to say or when we have useful information to provide that cannot be done otherwise. Editorials will be kept brief and succinct.

This editorial is intended to address several questions regarding the goals, policies, standards, priorities and interests of the *Journal*:

- Goals** : To focus light on policy and management issues in the field of health and population faced by developing countries by publishing articles with important insights into creating sustainable improvements in management practices and policy development. To nurture and give visibility to the scholarship from the developing countries.
- Policies** : Only papers dealing with, or having direct relevance to policy and management issues in the field of health and population in developing countries will be considered. At least half of the papers in each issue will be authored or co-authored by scholars from developing countries. When found desirable and feasible, focal attention will be given to a single country, region or an issue.
- Standards** : We will maintain a high level of scholarly standard befitting a world-class refereed journal. Articles based on empirical research, deductive reasoning, discipline observations as well as advocacy will be considered for publication. Scholarship will not be confused with pedantry. Lucidity, readability and clarity of expression will be cherished.
- Priorities** : To make the *Journal* very visible to a broad range of audiences. To make the *Journal* a quarterly.
- Interests** : Our interests are purposefully broad. However, our immediate areas of interest are issues associated with corruption, role of donors, innovations in policy or management practices, intersectoral coordination and south-south assistance.
- Sustainability** : Realizing that labor of love tends to reach a point of exhaustion, we are establishing an endowment fund and soliciting advertisements and subscriptions. Each of these should cover one-third of the cost of production.

We need your help and participation.

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