

Functions of the discussion portal...

- It allows stakeholders to engage proactively in health related issues and debates
- through this; comments can be tracked, classified archives accessed and publications such as *Heartfile's Viewpoints* can be interfaced with the Forum's mandate
- it features advanced search engine facilitates gathering a variety of information and collaborating from a single, 'one stop' web page.

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Scope of the discussion portal...

The portal will initiate strategic dialogues for the following undergoing projects of the organization

- Pakistan's Health Policy Forum (PHPF)
- Synergizing Health and Population in Pakistan
- Heartfile Viewpoints
- Heartfile Health Financing
- Pakistan Lancet Series

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The portal is particularly useful for PHPF—why

- PHPF was a forum of stakeholders created by Heartfile to synchronize their efforts in health sector
- Mainstream voice and contribution of the civil society in the decision-making process
- Heartfile wanted a process to facilitate the engagement of these actors
- The discussion portal provided the ideal entry point

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Pakistan's Health Policy Forum

the aims were:

- to provide a neutral platform for synchronizing stakeholder (& civil society) opinions
- to channel their contributions into the health policy-making process.
- to provide an independent and effective voice for the protection and promotion of the health of the country's population.

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Members of the Pakistan's Health Policy Forum



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A vertical specialized portal, targeting audiences of particular area of interest



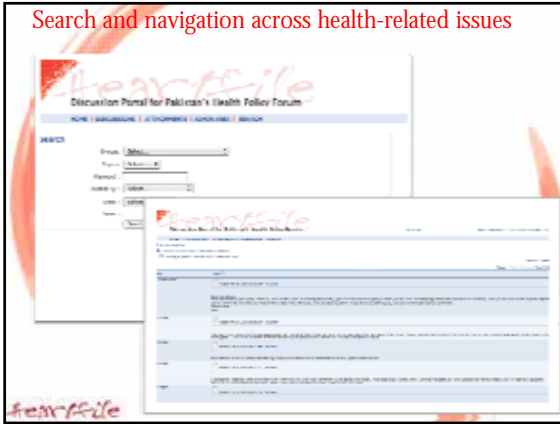
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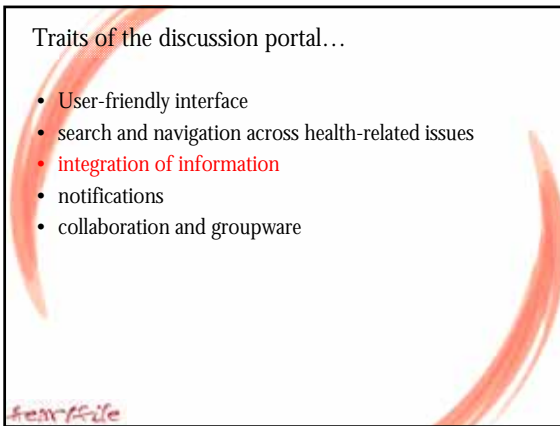
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Search and navigation across health-related issues

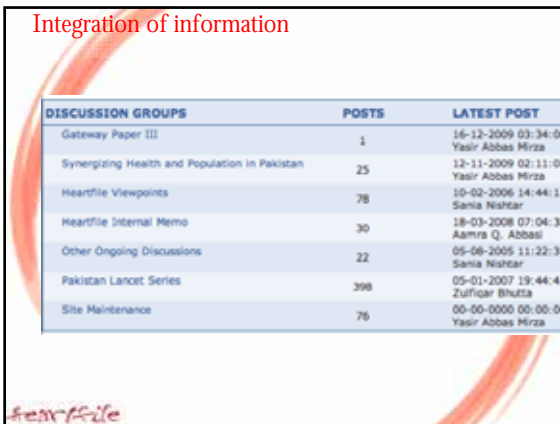


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Collaboration and groupware



Discussion portal-a catalyst for policy change...

- It is envisaged that this kind of knowledge portal can lend an impetus to policy change through awareness generation, strategic dialogues, experiences sharing and information dissemination.
- This will also help the organization achieve its goals of knowledge dissemination and strengthen the base of health reforms.

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Thank you

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