

The orange library

The enLINK library trunk– the ultimate library for nutrition

Colour:	orange
Height:	1.0 m
Weight:	80 kg
Number of books:	35
Number of brochures, booklets, etc:	120
Total number of pages:	30,000

These are the impressive characteristics of the mobile enLINK nutrition library for institutions in low-income countries. According to medical criteria the enLINK trunk is definitively too heavy for its height – but as a rare exception these dimensions are welcomed since it represents a condensation of nutrition knowledge in a mobile trunk library.

There is no education without access to information. In today's world, information access is equated with access to the internet and other electronic media. Yet despite all the developments in information technology and computer sciences, this statement is in part a misconception. It is well known that a combined integrated access to hybrid collections of printed and electronic resources is at present the most powerful tool for education.

In addition to the digital enLINK library ([see http://www.enlink.org](http://www.enlink.org)) the Foundation created a small, traditional, “paper-based” mobile enLINK library. The mobile enLINK library represents an orange-coloured metal trunk containing more than 120 books, brochures and guidelines from the field of nutrition and health. Nutrition cannot be viewed separately from other disciplines, especially medicine, agriculture or public health. Accordingly, the enLINK trunk also contains books such as the Harrison's textbook of medicine or a textbook of tropical medicine. One can find “down to earth”, ready-to-use guidelines for the treatment of severe malnutrition or the construction of a home garden.

The enLINK trunk has the same size and layout as the Blue Trunk Library from the World Health Organization (WHO). The enLINK trunk has been created as an addition to the WHO Blue Trunk Library and covers the major issues around the theory and practice of nutrition. The combined use of both trunks will without a doubt have a booster effect on the capacity of many institutions in low-income countries.

Without any prejudice it can be said that the trunk library in combination with the enLINK digital library represents the ultimate nutrition library. The combined use of the “two libraries” is a promising basis for capacity building for students in the field of nutrition but also as a booster and knowledge source for experts in the field.

The enLINK nutrition library trunk will initially only be offered as a present to selected nutrition institutes, Departments of Universities in low-income countries which work in the area of nutrition, medicine, paediatrics, public health, agriculture. Obviously we have to make a selection for our mailings and we can not send the trunk to all institutes, especially if they are not active in one of the specified areas. No trunks will be given to individuals but **only to institutions and their libraries** for general use according to the guidelines “How to use the enLINK trunk” which will be given to you after ordering and upon delivery. **In addition the mailing of the trunks is at the moment limited to the countries listed in Table 1 (see below).** The list is based on GNI per capita (World Bank figures, 2006). Institutions in countries with GNI per capita below \$1250 are eligible ordering the enLINK trunk and receiving it free of charge (including free shipping). **Please check our website or consult the list below to learn whether your country is listed (www.nestlefoundation.org).**

Obviously, health care specialists working in the field with the population and patients do not necessarily have access to a library. They also have other needs. The power of knowledge can only work when it trickles down and is implemented. Therefore the Foundation decided to create, in addition to the large orange trunk, a smaller enLINK trunk available for smaller groups and selected frontline individuals in contact with those at the bottom of the pyramid (please see separate information about the small trunk on our website).

The order form for the enLINK trunk can be returned by e-mail (nf@nestlefoundation.org) or by FAX +41-21-320 33 92 to the offices of the enLINKL initiative.

30,000 pages of nutrition knowledge!

Table 1: If your institution is from a country listed in the table below you can apply to receive an enLINK trunk free of charge

Afghanistan	Nicaragua
Angola	Niger
Armenia	Nigeria
Azerbaijan	Papua New Guinea
Bangladesh	Kyrgyzstan
Benin	Lao People's Democratic Republic
Bhutan	Lesotho
Bolivia	Liberia
Burkina Faso	Madagascar
Burundi	Malawi
Cambodia	Mali
Cameroon	Mauritania
Central African Republic	Moldova
Chad	Paraguay
Comoros	Rwanda
Congo	Sao Tome and Principe
Côte d'Ivoire	Senegal
Democratic Republic of Congo	Sierra Leone
Djibouti	Solomon Islands
Equatorial Guinea	Somalia
Eritrea	Sudan
Ethiopia	Tajikistan
Gambia	Timor-Leste
Georgia	Togo
Ghana	Tokelau
Guinea	Turkmenistan
Guinea-Bissau	Tuvalu
Guyana	Uganda
Haiti	Ukraine
Honduras	United Republic of Tanzania
Kenya	Uzbekistan
Kiribati	Viet Nam
Mongolia	West Bank and Gaza Strip
Mozambique	Yemen
Myanmar	Zambia
Nepal	Zimbabwe