



## WHO CCNM UTS Regional Update

2024

Welcome to the first Regional Update of 2025 from the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Development at the University of Technology Sydney (WHO CCNM UTS). This update serves as a review of our activities and achievements in 2024, highlighting the significant strides made by WHO CCNM UTS and our valued partners.

In our twentieth year as an established centre, we are honoured to be [redesignated](#) as a WHO Collaborating Centre for another four-year term. This redesignation reaffirms our ongoing dedication to supporting WHO's programs and initiatives.

Additionally, as Secretariat of the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery (2022-2026), we published two issues of its bi-annual LINKS magazines. Both issues include contributions from esteemed partners and colleagues across all WHO regions, with a special feature on the PAHO/AMRO region in [Volume 17](#), and EMRO in [Volume 18](#). We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the WHO CCs for Nursing and Midwifery for their invaluable contributions and collective efforts.

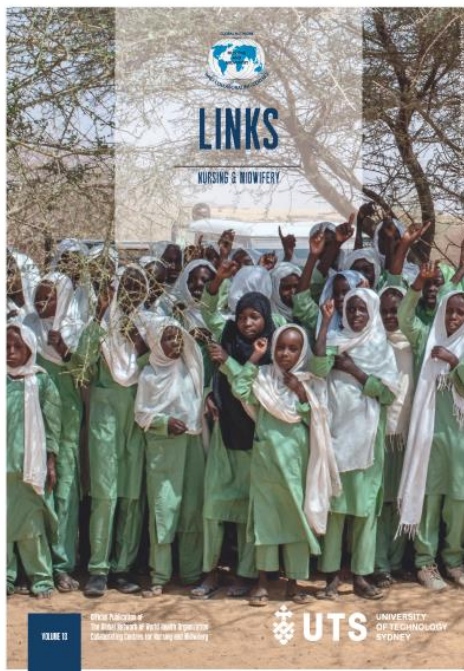
This update connects you to the highlights of 2024, including key achievements, publications, upcoming events, and resources from WHO CCNM UTS. For the latest information, please visit our [website](#) or contact us at [whoccnm@uts.edu.au](mailto:whoccnm@uts.edu.au).



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## WHO CCNM UTS Video Launch

WHOCCNM UTS launched our new video in November 2024, showcasing a broad picture of the work WHOCCNM undertakes within UTS, regionally and globally.



## Volume 18 of LINKS Magazine

LINKS Magazine aligns the work of WHOCCs for Nursing and Midwifery with the WHO Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery (SDNM). This edition includes a highlight on CCs from EMRO, and a toolbox of resources for working in working in fragile, conflict affected, and vulnerable (FCV) settings.



## Papua New Guinea Nursing and Midwifery Educators Drive 'Change'

November 2024



WHO CCNM UTS saw the completion of Stage 1 of the [Strengthening Health Workforce Education program in Papua New Guinea](#), with newly revised and implemented curricula for nursing schools and community health worker institutes.

This program originated from the Review of National Curricula for the Diploma of General Nursing and Certificate for Community Health Workers conducted in 2021, funded by the World Health Organization. The development and implementation of the program, starting in 2022, has been funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). [Read more.](#)

## Exciting Collaborations for a Healthy Pacific Region

November 2024



WHO CCNM UTS had the pleasure of hosting Michael Lauri, Chief Nursing Officer of Solomon Islands, and Karen Hammad, Nursing Advisor for the Pacific Community (SPC), key contributors to improving health of the Pacific and critical partners to the Centre's work. Their knowledge, expertise, and invaluable experience will be cherished assets in the delivery of the upcoming [Strengthening Health Workforce in the Pacific](#) program. [Read more.](#)

## WHO WPRO Implementation Workshop: Shaping a Future Health Workforce in the Western Pacific

November 2024



The 'Shaping a Future Health Workforce in the Western Pacific' workshop was held in Vientiane, Lao PDR, bringing together leaders and planners from across WPRO. Professor James Buchan participated as a technical consultant, contributing to discussions aimed at improving HRH governance and stewardship capacity. The workshop focused on sharing evidence-based HRH planning and policy tools, exchanging best practices, and strengthening the network and community of practice among HRH focal points in the region.

## 'Solidarity and Resilience' – ACFID National Conference 2024

October 2024



The ACFID National Conference, themed 'Solidarity and Resilience: The Power of the Collective' was a wonderful opportunity for WHO CCNM UTS to discuss empowering regional resilience and promoting universal health coverage, emphasising intersectoral, resource-sharing approaches. [Read more.](#)

## ACN Awards James Buchan, WHO Appointment Follows

July 2024



Adjunct Professor James Buchan has been awarded a prestigious Australian College of Nursing (ACN) Honorary Fellowship in recognition of his experience, contribution to leadership and promotion of the nursing profession. This will be officially recognised at an official Oration and Investiture of Fellows at the ACN National Nursing Forum (NNF) on 14th August 2024.

Adjunct Professor James Buchan has also been appointed as a member of the WHO Expert Advisory Group (EAG): "WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel - Third Review of the Code".

## Shaping the future of nursing in the region – 21st South Pacific Nurses Forum 2024

June 2024



The 21st South Pacific Nurses Forum (SPNF) 2024, themed “Our Nurses, Our Future,” gathered over 300 nursing leaders to discuss issues like resources, understaffing, and nurse migration.

WHO CCNM UTS highlighted three impactful abstracts: the Pacific Leadership Program, to develop effective leadership and governance; the Regional Quality Improvement Program, to advance regulation standards; and the Strengthening Health Workforce Education (SHWE) Program, focused on revising nursing curriculums across Pacific Island Countries. [Read more.](#)



### **GNWHOCCNM Side Meeting at Global Partners Meeting Geneva** May 2024



The Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery (GNWHOCCNM) held a side meeting with 34 Collaborating Centres in Geneva during the 2024 Global Partners Meeting on Nursing and Midwifery. It aimed to strengthen partnerships, align efforts with WHO's Strategic Directions in Nursing and Midwifery Policy Priorities 2021-2025, and improve collaboration among network members. [Read more.](#)

### **Partnering with DFAT for a Healthy Pacific Region** May 2024



We are honoured to receive a five-year AU\$5 million grant from the Australian Government's Partnerships for a Healthy Region (PHR) initiative. This funding empowers WHO CCNM UTS to continue as a leader in strengthening health systems and achieving Universal Health Coverage across the Pacific region. [Read more.](#)

## Nursing Education Milestones for the Pacific

May 2024



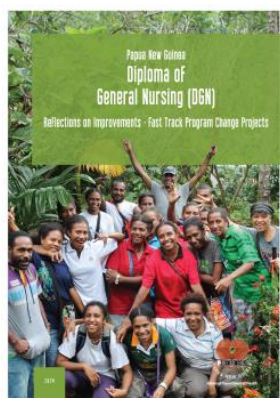
The partnership between WHO CCNM UTS and Fiji National University (FNU) continues to enhance nursing education. This year, an MOU was signed to launch the Post Graduate Diploma of Nursing Specialisation in Perioperative Nursing, led by Dr Elizabeth Brogan (UTS). Additionally, Professor Di Brown (WHO CCNM UTS) was invited by FNU to support the development of the new Master of Nursing Leadership, set for 2025. [Read more.](#)

## 2025 Events

Event	When	Where
<a href="#">Int NSA's 47th Annual Education Conference ICN</a>	11-14 March	Orlando, Florida
<a href="#">2025 International Conference on Primary Health Care</a>	20-22 March	Hong Kong Polytechnic University
<a href="#">Creating Health Work Environments (SIGMA)</a>	28-30 March	Phoenix, Arizona
<b>Pacific Leadership Program (PLP)</b>	31 March - 11 April	UTS
<b>PLP Welcome Reception Event</b>	10 April	UTS

<a href="#"><u>23rd Nordic Congress for Midwives ICM</u></a>	26-28 May	Copenhagen, Denmark
<a href="#"><u>ICN Congress</u></a>	9-13 June	Helsinki, Finland
<a href="#"><u>8th AFREhealth Annual Symposium</u></a>	22-24 September	Dakar, Senegal
<a href="#"><u>48th Biennial Convention SIGMA</u></a>	8-12 November	Indianapolis, Indiana

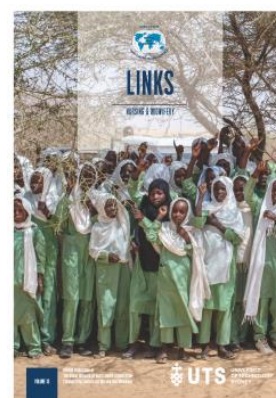
## Reports and Research



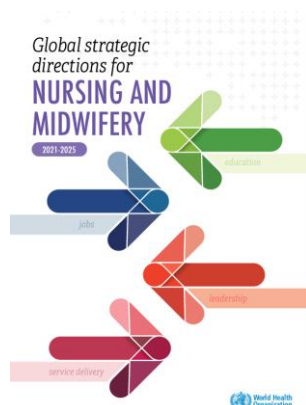
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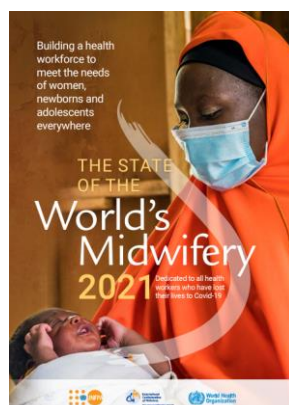
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[The WHO Global Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery \(2021-2025\)](#)



[The State of the World's Midwifery 2021](#)



[State of the World's Nursing 2020](#)





Regional Framework to Shape  
a Health Workforce for the  
Future of the Western Pacific



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Meeting Report

REGIONAL NURSING AND MIDWIFERY FORUM  
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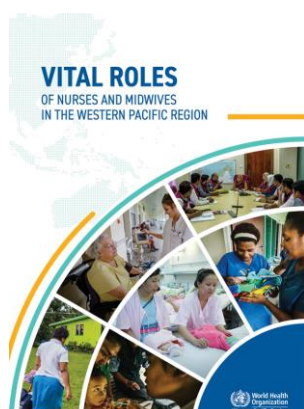
14–16 February 2024  
Manila, Philippines



**Regional Nursing and  
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**LINKS Volume 17**



**Vital roles of nurses  
and midwives in the  
Western Pacific Region**



Western Pacific Regional Action Agenda  
on Regulatory Strengthening,  
Convergence and Cooperation for  
Medicines and the Health Workforce



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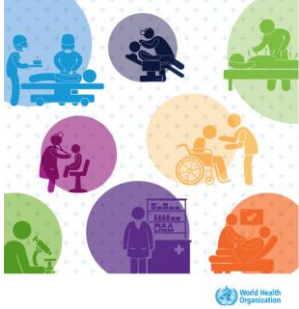
MEETING OF THE NEW TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP  
MEMBERS ON UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE IN THE  
WESTERN PACIFIC REGION



28–29 September 2023  
Manila, Philippines/Hybrid



**Meeting of the New  
Technical Advisory  
Group Members on  
UHC in WPRO, Manila,  
Philippines, September  
2023**

 <p><b>Regional action framework on communication for health: a vision for using communication to improve public health in the Western Pacific Region</b></p>	 <p><b>Report of the Regional Director : the work of WHO in the Western Pacific Region, 1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024</b></p>	 <p><b>Health practitioner regulation: Design, reform and implementation guidance</b></p>
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