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WHO CC UTS Regional Update

Dear Colleagues,

WHO CC UTS has had a very busy start to 2019. Members of the WHO CC UTS have been working on projects in PNG and Vanuatu such as including working with colleagues to develop a new Bachelor of Nursing in Vanuatu and the review of midwifery competencies in PNG. This work is progressing well with stakeholders collaboration with nurses, midwives, nursing councils and Ministries from both countries to make changes to their nursing education and policy to further their quality of health care.

The WHO CC UTS and Midwifery Team have also been working with WHO WPRO on documenting the Vital Roles of Nursing Report that will provide WHO and other health policy makers with an insight to the importance of nurses in achieving the SDGs, GPW13s and achieving Universal Health Care. This is inline with the year 2020 and celebrations of the Nurse and Midwife, in honour of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale. This will mark the end of the three year Nursing Now! Campaign, (2018-2020) which was developed to improve health globally by raising the status of nursing and will culminate in 2020 by supporting country-level dissemination and policy dialogue around the State of the World's Nursing Report.

Celebrating World Health Day (7 April) & World Health Statistics 2019 https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/04-04-2019-uneven-access-to-health-services-drives-life-expectancy-gaps-who

This update links to relevant publications and documents of the WHOCC, please also visit our website for current information. You can also reach us at whocc@uts.edu.au. For information on the South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers' Alliance (SPCNMOA) click here.

2020 Year of the Nurse and Midwife

The WHO Executive Board designates 2020 as the "Year of the Nurse and Midwife"

In honour of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, the WHO Executive Board proposed 2020 as the Year of the Nurse and Midwife for consideration and endorsement by Member States of the 72nd World Health Assembly in May.

2020 is a significant year for WHO and nursing and midwifery as WHO leads the development of the first-ever *State of the World's Nursing Report* which will be launched in 2020, prior to the 73rd World Health Assembly. This Report will describe the nursing workforce in WHO Member States, providing an assessment of "fitness for purpose" relative to GPW13 targets. WHO is also a partner on The State of the World's Midwifery 2020 report, which will be

Official Documents:

The State of the World's Nursing Report

WHO Report on Surveillance of Antibiotic Consumption

Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres December Links Magazine

launched around the same time. The NursingNow! Campaign, a three-year effort (2018-2020) to improve health globally by raising the status of nursing will culminate next year by supporting country-level dissemination and policy dialogue around the State of the World's Nursing report. These two technical reports are particularly important given that nurses and midwives constitute more than 50% of the health workforce in many countries, and more than 50% of the shortfall in the global health workforce to 2030.

Improving quality of the Pacific Nursing Education and Workforce

Australasian Aid Conference at ANU, Canberra

WHOCCUTS team members attended and participated in events and panels at the Australasian Aid Conference held at Australian National University (ANU), Canberra on 18-20 February.

The conference brought together development practitioners, policy stakeholders and researchers from Australia and around the globe to collaborate and share information and learning. Speakers included Mr Frances Adamson (Secretary of Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) and Dr Donald Kaberuka (Former President, African Development Bank and Former Minister of Finance, Rwanda). Ms Michele Rumsey from the WHO CC UTS also presented one session to the conference participants, focusing on the important work recently undertaken outlining health education quality improvement and continuing profession development gaps in the Pacific. This work involved an in-depth review of the Pacific Open Learning Health Net (POLHN) for WHO, during which the WHO CC UTS team visited eight Pacific countries and connected with several other islands on line (Solomon Islands, Samoa, Nauru, Kiribati, Fiji, Tuvalu, FSM, Cook Islands, Vanuatu) to interview over 150 stakeholders.

The presentation was well received by stakeholders present and, during the conference, WHO CC UTS members engaged in productive meetings and networking opportunities with partners and practitioners in Aid from across the Asia Pacific region.

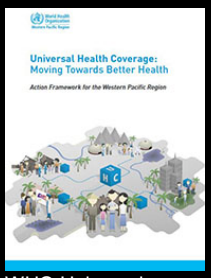
Meetings with DFAT, Canberra

Whilst in Canberra, the WHO CC Team had the opportunity to continue discussions with senior Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) personnel for an ongoing collaborative planning around the South Pacific Chief Nursing Midwifery Officers' Alliance (SPCNMOA) and American Pacific Nursing Leadership Council (APNLC) improving the quality of the Pacific nursing workforce program. Important outcomes from the meeting included reinforcing project support from those members present, and planning another discussion with Deputy Secretary Mr Ewen McDonald (Head, Office of the Pacific in the DFAT) in the coming months. WHO CC UTS also committed to providing updates and obtaining further feedback from SPCNMOA through regional infrastructure and ongoing regional meetings including the Directors Clinical Services and Heads of Health in Fiji in April.

International Platform on Health Worker Mobility

Meeting of the International Platform on Health Worker Mobility: Evidence, Solutions and Instruments

The meeting of the International Platform on Health Worker Mobility took place on the 13th and 14th of September 2018 at WHO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting was jointly hosted by ILO, OECD, and WHO, as part of the Working for Health



WHO Universal Health Coverage: Moving Towards Better Health

WHO Health Workforce 2030 - HRH Strategy

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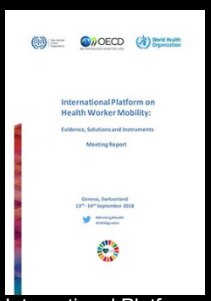


International Platform on Health Worker Mobility: Evidence, Solutions and Instruments Meeting Report

COP24 Special Report: health and climate change

Programme. It built on the previously held High Level Dialogue on International Health Worker Migration.

Seventy-nine participants gathered to discuss existing policy measures and to identify strategic actions to strengthen the management and governance of health worker mobility. The participants included representatives from national governments; from civil society including representatives from trade unions, employers' associations, national regulatory bodies and international credential verification organizations; and twenty-four representatives from international agencies.

Strategic actions identified at the meeting included strengthened information and knowledge exchange at the global level; capacity-related support for the development, implementation and monitoring of bilateral agreements; review of the criteria and list of countries with critical health workforce shortages; strengthened policy and multi-sectoral dialogue at the national level; and the development of knowledge repositories in relevant areas (e.g. texts of bilateral agreements, competency framework, mapping of qualifications across jurisdictions).To read the final report click here.

WHO HQ Meetings

Report prepared for the Western Pacific Region on State of Midwifery

WHO CC UTS midwifery team member Dr Deb Fox met with WHOHQ staff Fran McConville and WHO Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer, Elizabeth Iro, at WHO Headquarters in Geneva to discuss current state of the midwifery report, midwifery research, and education issues and future opportunities for UTS graduates to apply for internship at WHO in Geneva. We hope to continue to develop opportunities for our staff and graduates to engage with this vital international work.

Qualitative evaluation of a public-private partnership in PNG

A Reproductive Health Training Unit (RHU) was established as a unique public-private partnership in PNG between the National Department of Health PNG, DFAT, and Oil Search Health Foundation. WHO CC UTS conducted monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of the RHTU to make transparent its strengths and weaknesses and ensure ongoing effectiveness. M&E was conducted 2013 to 2016 with publications from this work continuing through 2018.

Three annual reports have been developed through interview and consultation with the partners of the RHTU, provincial stakeholders and participants. A Knowledge, Attitude and Practice survey was analysed and published in the Pacific Journal for Reproductive Health.

In 2018 an article titled: Qualitative evaluation of a public–private partnership for reproductive health training in Papua New Guinea was accepted for publication in Rural and Remote Health Journal. The final report is available on the DFAT website here.

Antenatal Care Guideline for the AFRO region

WHO Collaborating Centre representatives, including the WHO CC UTS member Christine Catling, evaluated the Antenatal Care Guidelines for the AFRO Region. These were reviewed in line with various criteria including technically correct, evidence based, aligining with WHO recommendations, ICM essential competencies for midwifery practice, the QMNC framework in the Lancet Series on Midwifery, WHO QoC, including evidence of RMC, and aligning with WHO recommendations for the prevention and treatment of maternal peripartum infections.

Provision of Technical Support to VCNE for the development of nursing curricula and accreditation - March 2019

The WHO Collaborating Centre UTS (WHO CC UTS) is continuing it's work with the Vanuatu Ministry of Health (MoH) and the Vanuatu College of Nursing Education (VCNE), with support from the Australian Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) to develop and upgrade the Vanuatu national nursing curriculum for accreditation and implementation.

The team of UTS Education experts recently visited Vanuatu for the next stage of development of the Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Practice), building on the already completed Diploma of Nursing and a new three year Bachelor of Nursing course. Preparation of program accreditation documentation through the Vanuatu Qualifications Authority (VQA) is also a part of this work, as is faculty development for VCNE staff and eventual course implementation pending VQA course accreditation. VCNE is looking to develop more robust course pathways for nursing students to achieve Bachelor-level qualifications on graduation with improved recognition and, in turn, provide better health services to the population of Vanuatu.

This visit focused on delivery of the *Improving Clinical Teaching and Learning Workshop* to 22 VCNE female and male tutors and clinicians over 2 days to prepare local VCNE staff and selected clinicians to develop and deliver the three year BN program. Fourteen participants from the VCNE further undertook the 3 day more theoretical teaching and learning course that was developed and delivered by Professor Lin Lock and Professor Di Brown, with Ms Lisa Townsend from the WHO CC UTS.

Right: Participants and WHO CC UTS team members at the Improving Teaching and Learning Workshop.

Whilst in Port Vila, Project Manager Ms Amanda Neill joined the team to meet with key stakeholders from MoH (Vanuatu Health Resource Mechanism) and colleagues (Principal Nursing Officer), and VCNE.

A project Steering Committee Meeting was held at VCNE on 19 March to address issues that included progress and processes involved with development and preparation for accreditation for the Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Practice) and Bachelor of Nursing courses, and project monitoring and evaluation (M&E). Amanda also undertook initial data collection for project M&E whilst in-country, and met with and interviewed a variety of key stakeholders.

This visit is the first of a series of in-country visits planned in 2019 for provision of technical support by the WHO CC UTS Team to strengthen the quality of nursing education in Vanuatu.

It is hoped that the collaborative relationships established will continue to be strengthened and productive to benefit the nursing profession and the people of Vanuatu. *Right: Members of the Steering Committee representing Ministry of Health, Vila Central Hospital, VCNE and WHO CC UTS*

10th Asia Pacific Action Alliance of Human Resources for Health Workshop 2018

The 10th AAAH Workshop 2018: Update progress and lessons on implementing the Global Strategy on HRH: Workforce 2030 Hanoi, Vietnam, 21-23 October, 2018. Associate Professor James Buchan participated in the workshop, presenting a keynote address and facilitating working groups. The objectives of the workshop were to update progress of global, regional and national movement on the WHO Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel and the WHO Global

Strategy on HRH: Workforce 2030, with a focus on sharing lessons on implementing the global HRH strategy, its challenges and solutions to overcome them. Participants included a range of policy makers, planners and researchers from the member countries, and other stakeholders, including WHO, NGOs, and donor agencies.

The AAAH membership has increased to 17 countries; 8 from the South East Asia (SEA) region including Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand, and 9 from the Western Pacific Region (WPR): Cambodia, China, Fiji, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa and Vietnam. AAAH coordinates with partners to strengthen joint effort in advocating on HRH issues, provides technical support and augments country-level HRH development through regional collaboration.

PNG Midwifery Skills Logbook

The PNG Maternal and Child Health Initiative (MCHI) saw the review and development of a new midwifery curriculum for PNG which is now approved and to be implemented in PNG in 2019 and 2020. Thus, review of the skills log book is crucial prior to the implementation of the 18 month program. The new knowledge and skills added to the National Midwifery Curriculum Framework are not yet included in the old skills log books. Participants at the Skills Log Book Workshop agreed it was a good learning experience and extremely helpful to discuss midwifery competences, student attributes, assessments and student issues with educators and clinicians. The new 18 month curriculum covers all new national and international policies and procedures. It was considered quite alarming that over half of the important and current skills such as the accurate use of partograph, up-to-date contraception methods, PPTC, diabetes and nutrition were not captured in the existing skills log books. *Right: Midwifery Skills Workshop, Dr Nina Joseph PNG NC Registrar*

Health Workers in remote and rural areas in Bhutan

In March 2019, Adjunct Professor James Buchan facilitated a stakeholder meeting to develop a case study on the retention of health workers in remote and rural areas in Bhutan. The meeting was held in Thimpu, the capital of the landlocked and mountainous country in the Himalayas. The case study is one of several that Prof Buchan is facilitating on behalf of the South East Asia Region of WHO.

Interns of WHO CC UTS

WHO CC UTS has welcomed six new interns this year. The primary focus of the internship program is to provide a platform where students can apply their learning from their Bachelor, or Masters program in a practical way through professional work experience.

Interns can gain understanding around of how the WHO CC UTS works regionally. We are proud of our intern program, with current participants from a diverse variety of disciplines and backgrounds including health science, public health, midwifery, creative intelligence innovation, computer science, health service management and WHO Bangladesh.

The program provides training and work experience in a variety of areas including research on competencies and models of competencies, project opportunity reviews, literature reviews, work with the South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers' Alliance (SPCNMOA), Pacific research publications, talanola research methodology, investigation of tender opportunities and registration, and administration.

Feedback from interns over the years has been very positive and many of our past interns stay in contact and return to update us on how they are progressing in their new positions in policy, government and regional roles.

Above: Interns Anie Barnsdall-Krikorian, Lydia Soon, Program Manager Amanda Neill, Tasnuva Tisha, Chelsea Booth and Ewan Peddley.

Spotlight on intern Chelsea Booth - Bachelor of Creative Intelligence and Innovation

A University of Technology Sydney Bachelor of Midwifery student, Chelsea Booth [photo attached], is preparing to undertake an internship at the WHO CC at UTS. During her internship, she will contribute to the collation of data collected from projects throughout the Asia-Pacific region in preparation for publication. In 2018 Chelsea completed the Bachelor of Midwifery and received the annual Australian College of Midwives 'Midwifery Student of the Year' award. In 2019 she will complete the remainder of the Bachelor of Creative Intelligence and Innovation (BCII). The BCII is a cross-disciplinary degree where students from a range of faculties from across the university learn to work collaboratively to tackle society's big issues. Chelsea believes this type of learning will be invaluable in her future in the women's health sector, and will best position her to create lasting and systemic change in her field.

Jodi Thiessen's Farewell

As many of you may know, Jodi Thiessen has moved on from the WHO Collaborating Centre to build her private psychology practice, and although we will miss her we are extremely excited for this new stage of her career.

Jodi's work in the Research and Development Manager role has been pivotal in the WHO CC office and it has been terrific for the Centre to have her in this position given her background, experience and knowledge of the international development world.

We would like to thank Jodi for her contribution to the Centre over the past 9 years. During her time, she was a key staff member building collaborative relationships with colleagues in Australia, the Pacific, and working on many projects throughout the Pacific region.

Upcoming Events

Seventh Pacific Heads of Health Meeting
3rd to 5th April 2019, Nadi, Fiji Learn more

21st Congress of the Nordic Federation of Midwives and ICM Regional Meeting
2nd to 4th May, 2019, Reykavik, Iceland Learn more

Global Perspectives on Improving Population Health 2019: A Public Health Approach
Public Health England
14th to 15th May 2019, Liverpool Learn more

72nd WHO World Health Assembly
20th to 28th May 2019, Geneva Learn more

Women Deliver 2019 Global Conference
3rd to 6th June, 2019, Vancouver, Canada Learn more

Research for Development Impact (RDI) Conference
12th to 13th June 2019 Melbourne, Australia Learn more

PNG Update Conference
13th to 14th June 2019, University of Papua New Guinea Learn more

International Council of Nurses (ICN) Congress 2019
27th June to 1st July, 2019, Singapore
Beyond Healthcare to Health Learn more

Pacific Society for Reproductive Health (PSRH) 13th Biennial Scientific Meeting
6th to 11th July 2019, Port Moresby Papua New Guinea Learn more

Sigma Nursing 30th International Nursing Research Congress
25th to 29th July, 2019, Calgary Alberta, Canada Learn more

The National Nursing Forum
Australian College of Nurses
21st to 23rd August, 2019, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia Learn more

ICM Africa Regional Conference
12th to 14th September, 2019, Windhoek, Namibia Learn more

WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific
7th to 11th October, 2019, Manila, Philippines Learn more

Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery 13th Biennial Conference hosted by Chiang Mai University
16 to 18 June 2020, Chiang Mai, Thaliand

32nd ICM Triennial Congress
21st to 25th June, 2020, Bali, Indonesia
Midwives of the World: delivering the future Learn more

Publications

Celebrating World Health Day (7 April) & World Health Statistics 2019
World Health Statistics 2019 was published to coincide with World Health Day on 7 April, which this year focuses on primary health care as the foundation of universal health coverage, the new WHO statistics highlight the need to improve access to primary health care worldwide and to increase uptake. https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/04-04-2019-uneven-access-to-health-services-drives-life-expectancy-gaps-who

WHO Bulletin April issue
• Faith-based organizations and antimicrobial resistance
• Kazakhstan health system reform
• Children and adolescents' access to surgical care
• Birth registration in Burkina Faso
• Expanding integrated child development services in India
• One Health surveillance for antimicrobial resistance
• Using immunization data to improve coverage of birth registration
For a summary click here or visit https://www.who.int/bulletin/en/

The Lancet Global HealthApril issue
https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/current

WHO Antimicrobial Resistance Newsletter
https://www.who.int/antimicrobial-resistance/news/newsletter/en/

Health benefits far outweigh the costs of meeting climate change goals
https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/05-12-2018-health-benefits-far-outweigh-the-costs-of-meeting-climate-change-goals

WHO statement for COP24
https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/03-12-2018-who-statement-for-cop24

Declaration of Alma-Ata
International Conference on Primary Health Care, Alma-Ata September 1978
To read the Declaration, please click here

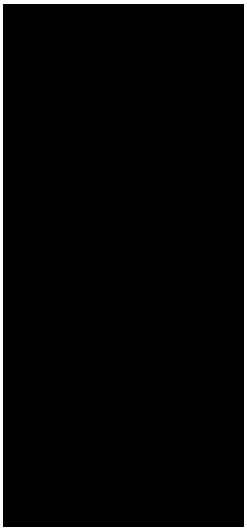
WHO Integrated People-Centred Health Services (IPCHS)
Reforming Health Service Delivery for UHC
http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/255311/WHO-HIS-SDS-2017.9-eng.pdf;jsessionid=C580F5A57F6FADDE45F49DE1FBAAD131?sequence=1

Framework on integrated people-centred health services
WHO Secretariat Report
http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA69/A69_39-en.pdf?ua=1

Universal Health Coverage: Moving Towards Better Health
Action Framework for the Western Pacific Region
http://iris.wpro.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665.1/13371/9789290617563_eng.pdf?ua=1

Request for proposals (RFP) - State of the World's Nursing Report 2020
The World Health Organization (WHO) is seeking offers of support towards the development of the State of the World's Nursing Report 2020. The report, to be launched in April 2020, will describe how the nursing workforce will help deliver Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and highlight areas for policy development for the next three to five ears. It will also provide a technical description of the nursing workforce in Member States, including the number and types of nurses, education, regulation, practice, leadership, and gender issues.
https://www.who.int/hrh/nursing_midwifery/state-of-the-worlds-nursing-and-midwifery-2020-get-engaged.pdf?ua=1

Implementation of the WHO Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health: Workforce 2030
A progress report on the implementation of the WHO Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health: Workforce 2030 was presented and noted by the WHO Executive Board in January 2019 and will be discussed at the World Health Assembly in May 2019. The report provides details of profress made in respect of various resolutions on health workforce strengthening, strengthening of nursing and midwifery, as well as human resources for health and implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations' High-Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth. The report covers activities undertaken by WHO as part of the Global Health Workforce Network and the Working for Health program.



Universal Health Coverage: It's up to you, New York, New York ...
Editorial: Thomas Schwarz, Secretariat, Medicus Mundi International Network
In other global health-related news from this week, preparations for the UN High-Level Meeting on UHC in New York (23 September 2019) are now in full swing. UHC2030 is tasked to support the preparatory process and the High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage (HLM on UHC), particularly regarding sharing evidence and good practices, challenges and lessons learned.
Read here

UN HLM on UHC (CSEM Online)
The Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (CSEM) for UHC 2030 believes that the UN HLM on UHC in 2019 needs to be the moment where genuine change is seen to be happening and the CSEM advisory group has 6 specific demands. Read more

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