



WHO CC UTS Regional Update

October 2022

Welcome to the Regional Update (RU) for October 2022 from the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Development at the University of Technology Sydney (WHO CC UTS).

The past few months have been busy and productive for our colleagues across the Western Pacific Region, with the **51st Pacific Islands Forum**; the delivery of **skills-training and capacity-building workshops** in PNG, Vanuatu, Fiji, and other Pacific Island Countries; the **3rd Pacific Heads of Nursing and Midwifery (PHoNM) Meeting**, and the nomination of the Secretariat for the Global Network of World Health Organisation Nursing and Midwifery Collaborating Centres (GNWHOCCNM). Recent and upcoming activities from across the region are highlighted in the newsletter below.

COVID-19 continues to highlight the immense importance of our nurses and midwives, as well as the urgent need for increased investment in primary healthcare and pandemic preparedness across our region. A winter 'twindemic' of COVID-19 and influenza significantly impacted healthcare systems regionally, while new and emerging epidemics such as monkeypox have placed renewed pressure on communities and healthcare professionals. Timely and accessible vaccination rollouts supported by well-resourced regional healthcare teams remain key to mitigating the impact of these diseases.

Several notable events are scheduled for the coming weeks, including the **World Health Summit (WHS) 2022** from the 16-18th October in Berlin, Germany. The goal of the Summit is to inspire innovative approaches to worldwide health challenges by bringing together global health leaders and stakeholders from all regions. Reaffirming global health as a key political issue, strengthening the international exchange of information in the wake of the acute phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, and promoting 'health for all' are also high priorities for the WHS. Topics to be discussed at the meeting include climate change and planetary health, health system resilience and adaptation, food systems and health, and more. Further details are provided in the story below.

This Update links to relevant publications and documents of the WHO CC UTS - please also visit our [website](#) for current information. You can also reach us at whocc@uts.edu.au. For more information on the South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers' Alliance (SPCNMOA) [click here](#).

World Health Summit 2022

16th-18th October 2022



The 2022 World Health Summit (WHS) will be held in Berlin, Germany on 16-18th October.

The goal for this Summit is to inspire innovative approaches to worldwide health challenges, by bringing together global health leaders and stakeholders from all regions. Reaffirming global health as a key political issue, strengthening the international exchange of information, and promoting 'Health for All' in the spirit of the UN Sustainable Development Goals are also high priorities for the WHS.

The theme of the Summit is 'Making the Choice for Health'. Topics to be discussed over the three days include:

- Investment for Health and Well-Being
- Climate Change and Planetary Health
- Architecture for Pandemic Preparedness
- Digital Transformation for Health
- Food Systems and Health
- Health Systems Resilience and Equity
- Global Health for Peace

Director-General of WHO, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, highlights the Summit focus on the SDG 17 'Partnership for the Goals': *"Through our enhanced collaboration and the launch of the 2022 Summit, we aim to accelerate progress towards the health-related Sustainable Development Goals and make the world a safer place for all".* WHS 2022 President Axel R. Pries reiterated this focus, and emphasised the intersections of climate health, economic health, and human health: *"We must build our future on improved worldwide health: equitable health everywhere with a healthy planet as the basis. For all of you, the joint World Health Summit 2022 together with WHO will be the forum to foster these goals."*

For more information, please click [here](#).

Pacific/Oceania Mental Health Needs Webinar

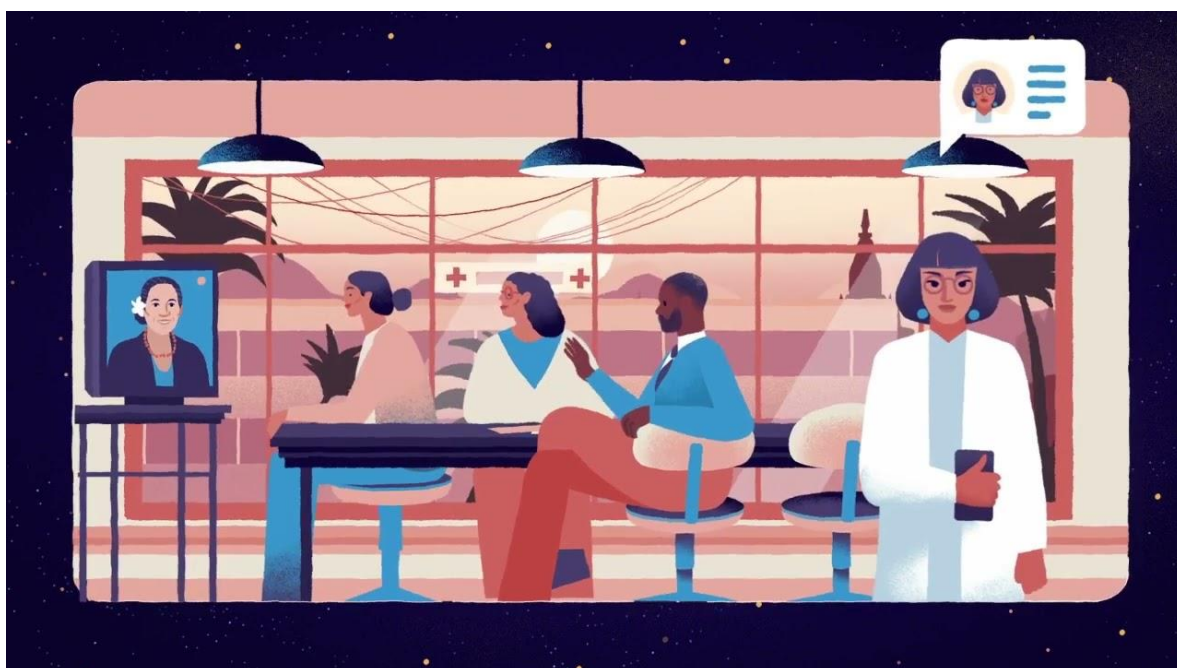
19 October 2022



To mark Mental Health Day 2022, the **Oceania Mental Health Advisory Committee** has **organised a webinar on Pacific/Oceania Mental Health Needs: Beyond COVID**. The Oceania Mental Health Advisory Committee is working closely with the World Mental Health Federation to look at mental health issues in the Pacific region and options for strengthening collaboration, advocacy, and strategizing on key mental health issues. The webinar will focus on the impacts of COVID-19 on mental health services and the mental health needs of Pacific communities, both now and into the future.

To register for the Oceania Mental Health webinar, please click [here](#).

Join the Nursing and Midwifery Global Community of Practice



On International Nurses Day 12th May 2022, The WHO Chief Nurse officially launched the Nursing and Midwifery Global Community of Practice (NMGCoP). The NMGCoP is a network for Nurses and Midwives around the world to come together to share initiatives and

experiences, and to learn from experts from the different fields that have an impact on nursing and midwifery globally.

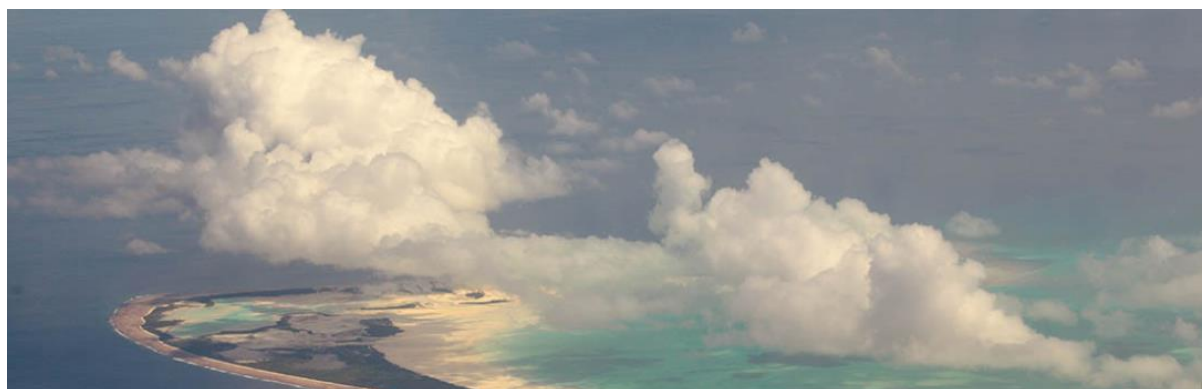
This interactive platform will host live debates and discussions and provide opportunities for specialty groups to develop actions and activities with partners from all over the world.

Through the development of this global community of nurses and midwives, we hope to provide a forum for motivation and inspiration that will strengthen our shared commitment to Universal Health Coverage and Health for All.

For more information or to join this Community, please click [here](#).

Declaration of Climate Emergency from PICs

27 July 2022



Pacific Island leaders have released a communiqué declaring climate change as “the single greatest existential threat” facing the region. This follows the 51st Pacific Islands Forum (PIF), which took place in Suva, Fiji in mid-July.

PIF Chair, Josaia Voreque Bainimarama (Fiji’s Prime Minister), has called on heavily emitting countries to “end our fossil fuel addiction” by committing to net zero emissions by 2050. The communiqué also outlined many of the PIF’s priorities for the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 27) in November, urging for the meeting to deliver clear progress on turning commitment into action. Key priorities included safeguarding the ocean nexus, delivering effective financial supports for climate-vulnerable populations and climate transition initiatives, accelerating the implementation of renewable energy sources and ensuring the development of sustainable fisheries.

To read more about the communiqué and the PIFs priorities for the UNFCCC COP 27, please click [here](#).

Recent Events

Review and Development of National Curricula for the Diploma of General Nursing (DGN) and Community Health Workers (CHWs): May Workshop

23 – 27 May 2022



Between the 23rd-27th May, the World Health Organisation Collaboration Centre for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Development at UTS (WHO CC UTS) in partnership with Papua New Guinea's National Department of Health (NDoH) held a workshop in Port Moresby as part of the *Review and Development of National Curricula for the DGN and CHWs* program.

The workshop was an extremely important event: it was the first time these Nursing and Community Health Worker institutes, educators, health policy advisors, and clinicians have come together in person to discuss the Review and Development of National Curricula for the DGN and CHW's Program. All 22 provinces were represented; 14 of 16 Nursing/Midwifery Schools and all 19 CHW Institutes were in attendance.

This program aims to strengthen Nursing and CHW education in PNG by renewing the curricula to align with the development of effective, evidence-based, and sustainable education for future healthcare professionals, as well as the development of institutional capacity and leadership for Nursing and CHW educators. This goal contributes to the key policy priorities identified in the WHO's State of the World's Nursing Report (WHO 2020) and subsequent regional workshop, as well as the Global Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery for 2021-2025 (WHO 2021).

The workshop was a great success, resulting in a consensus statement regarding the curricula review and development process that was shared and approved by the National Curriculum Steering Committee. The project will continue to 2024.

To read more on the workshop, please click [here](#).

51st Pacific Islands Forum

11 – 14 July 2022



The 51st Pacific Islands Forum was held from 11-14 July 2022 in Suva, Fiji. Representatives from Australia, the Cook Islands, The Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, the Republic of Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu were in attendance.

Many important topics were raised at the meeting, including the regional strategic context, the Suva Agreement and political dialogue mechanisms, the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, and the Review of Regional Architecture. One topic of particular importance within the agenda was the effect of climate change on Pacific Island Countries (PICs). PICs are especially vulnerable to the effects of climate change as they are surrounded by water and exposed to rising sea levels as ice caps melt and oceans expand. Additionally, PICs are particularly vulnerable to extreme weather conditions such as droughts, cyclones, and floods.

The forum urged regional governments to protect the rights of present and future generations to use and have access to a world untarnished by the dangerous effects of climate change.

For more information, please visit [here](#).

Launch of the 2022 Pacific Leadership Program 10 August 2022



WHO CC UTS, in partnership with the South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers Alliance (SPCNMOA), held the 2022 Pacific Leadership Program (PLP). This is the 12th PLP coordinated by the WHO CC UTS.

In the Pacific region, nurses and midwives make up approximately 74% of the regulated health workforce. However, they are underrepresented within leadership and policy forums across the region. The PLP was established to build leadership capacity within the Pacific by providing regional nursing and midwifery leaders with a skills-development program and exposure to expertise in policy development and implementation, human resources for health, data literacy and analysis, stakeholder analysis, and more.

The 2022 PLP was attended by 17 fellows and their mentors from the 6 participating Pacific Island countries: Nauru, Vanuatu, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Tuvalu. It involved presentations from key regional leaders including Ms. Eriko Anzai (Nursing Officer) and Dr. Amelia Latu Afuha'amango Tu'ipulotu (WHO Consultant) from the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific (WPRO); Professors Angela Dawson and Kathleen Baird from UTS; and Ms. Ngatamariki Manea (CNO) from the Cook Islands. The PLP will continue for 12 weeks and will conclude in late November.

For more information on the Program, please click [here](#).

Strengthening Prevention and Control Standards in Vanuatu: Workshop

12 August 2022



Health workers in Vanuatu have completed the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) training workshop as part of the new *Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Surveillance*, *The Prevention of Antimicrobial Resistance* and the *Strengthening of Infection Surveillance* programs. The workshop was initiated in April this year, was facilitated by the Pacific Community's (SPC) Public Health Division, and was funded by the European Union and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

Vanuatu's efforts on IPC measures have already made a lasting positive impact on national and regional healthcare. Vanuatu has established fulltime IPC positions in hospitals and

has developed a national 5-year IPC work plan, national IPC guidelines and policies. Regional and national IPC guidelines are being implemented across Vanuatu's healthcare systems. These new SSI surveillance and hand hygiene workshops will complement current efforts to further standardise infection surveillance practices.

For more information on the workshop, please click [here](#).

Training Program for Strengthening Health Security in Pacific Island Countries

29 August 2022



A series of training programs on infectious substances is being introduced to Pacific countries to strengthen capacity of public health laboratories and identify potential health security risks. The trainings are facilitated by the Pacific Community (SPC) and funded through the European Union and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Once completed, health laboratory staff will attain a certification as a handler to ship infectious substances in accordance with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and Dangerous Goods Regulations.

In-person training occurred in Fiji in August with Tokelau's Laboratory Manager, Orisi Matatolu, in conjunction with face-to-face training held in Samoa. The training concluded with Mr Matatolu and 10 laboratory staff in Samoa being certified as handlers for packing and shipping biological materials. Additionally, the training sessions were held earlier in the year, virtually, with Tuvalu and Kiribati, which resulted in 4 laboratory staff and 1 quarantine staff being certified in Tuvalu and 5 laboratory staff being certified in Kiribati. As a result of this training, Pacific health systems can increase the efficiency of research and better serve patients.

For more information on these training programs, please click [here](#).

3rd Pacific Heads of Nursing and Midwifery Meeting

1-2 September 2022

Pacific Heads of Nursing & Midwifery Meeting
Réunion des directeurs des soins infirmiers et obstétricaux du Pacifique

The **3rd Pacific Heads of Nursing and Midwifery Meeting (PHoNM)** was held on September 1st-2nd 2022, with the theme “**A voice to lead: Invest in nursing and respect rights to secure global health**”, aligning with this year’s International Nurses Day topic.

The PHoNM meeting is held in acknowledgement of the significance of nursing in the Pacific, providing a platform to push nursing priorities, and provide executive level oversight for regional nursing functions.

This year’s discussions included:

- Strategic directions and policy options for the workforce
- Nursing and midwifery education programs and support paths
- Fiji National University Midwifery Curriculum Review
- Women’s leadership opportunities
- Mental health
- Sustainability of critical care in the Pacific
- COVID-19, Monkeypox and general regional updates

At the meeting, Pacific Island governments reaffirmed the value of nursing and recognised the vital role nurses play in delivering high-quality care and contributing to universal health care for all Pacific people. In addition, all Pacific Island governments adopted a roadmap for infection prevention and control (IPC), including the 8 core components for IPC.

To read the full agenda, please click [here](#).

13th Pacific Heads of Health Meeting

20-21 September 2022



The 13th annual Pacific Heads of Health Meeting (PHHM) was held virtually on the 20th and 21st of September this year. The aim of the meeting was to review, discuss and make decisions and recommendations to the next Pacific Health Minister’s Meeting (PHMM) on 2023 health priorities. These include the rise of non-communicable diseases; Universal Health Coverage; Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health; antibiotic and antimicrobial resistance surveillance; updates on the Healthy Islands Monitoring Framework; and Health Security issues due to the rise of COVID-19 and Monkeypox cases.

Across the 2 days, there were several session facilitators including PHoH Chair and CEO for Health in Tonga Dr Siale ‘Akau’ola, the Pacific Community (SPC), World Health

Organisation (WHO), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

For more information on this important meeting, please click [here](#).

Virtual Islands Summit 2022 (VIS2022)

26 September – 2 October 2022



The Virtual Islands Summit was held from September 26th-October 2nd 2022. It was a week-long interactive online conference which covered all aspects of sustainable development, and uses the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals as a guide.

The Summit provides a space for speakers and attendees from 100+ island communities from the Arctic, Caribbean, Pacific Islands, and Europe to communicate and collaborate. Sessions provide opportunities to interact with speakers and other attendees through panels, roundtables, and storytelling.

Core themes for this year included climate action, food security, conservation of land and ocean, sustainable tourism and more.

To learn more about this event, please click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

73rd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific

24 – 28 October 2022



The **Seventy-Third Session of the World Health Organization Regional Committee for the Western Pacific** will be held from the 24th to the 28th of October 2022 in Manila,

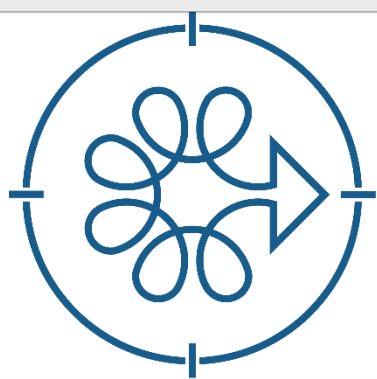
Philippines. The Regional Committee for the Western Pacific is WHO's governing body in the Region and is comprised of representatives from the Region's 37 Member States and areas, as well as Associate Members. It meets every year to formulate policies, provide oversight for regional programmes, hear progress reports, and consider, revise and endorse new initiatives. It adopts resolutions and makes decisions that guide the work of the Regional Office and in-country offices for the coming year.

A provisional agenda for this year's session indicates that meeting discussions will cover regional policies and priorities for the future; a review of regional WHO technical programmes; the coordination of regional policy directives with World Health Assembly directives; and other important topics.

To register for the session or access relevant documents, please [click here](#).

Fifth Global Forum on Human Resources for Health

3-5 April 2023



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Protect. Invest. Together. 

The **Fifth Global Forum on Human Resources for Health (HRH)** takes place in Geneva, 3-5 April 2023. The Forum will be held under the theme of **Protecting, safeguarding, and investing in the health and care workforce**. It will examine the required policy solutions, investments and multi-sectoral partnerships to address health and care workforce challenges and advance health systems towards universal health coverage and health security. The outcomes of the Forum will inform the United Nations General Assembly's High-Level Meeting on UHC in September 2023.

For more information, please click [here](#).

33rd ICM Triennial Congress

11-14 June 2023



11-14 June 2023

33rd ICM Triennial Congress

Bali, Indonesia



The **33rd ICM Triennial Congress** will be held between 11-14 June 2023. The theme for the Congress will be “**Together Again: From Evidence to Reality**”. The theme reflects the recent return to face-to-face engagement around the world, and points to the work that is being undertaken to implement the evidence which continues to demonstrate the investment case for midwives. While this work must happen within the global community of midwives, it's also integral that governments, health leadership and women and people everywhere stand alongside midwives in their efforts to attain professional autonomy and decision-making authority at the country level.

The ICM Scientific Professional Programme Committee (SPPC) will soon begin developing a diverse programme of collaborative, innovative and interactive sessions led by global health, midwifery and maternal health advocates, scholars and leaders. With delegates, speakers and exhibitors from all over the world, this Congress is designed to not only support midwives in their professional development, but to support midwives as a collective to come together, build relationships, cultivate ideas, and identify pathways for progress.

To register for the 33rd ICM Triennial Congress, please click [here](#).

29th ICN Congress

1-5 July 2023



The International Council of Nurses (ICN) and the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) will co-host the **29th ICN Congress** from 1-5 July 2023 in Montreal, Canada with the theme: *Nurses together: a force for global health*.

With the theme “**Nurses together: a force for global health**”, the ICN 2023 Congress will encourage attendees from around the world to learn, share and network in order to build a better future for the nursing workforce and our healthcare systems. Following the success of the 2021 virtual Congress, this face-to-face event will build on the lessons learned from the pandemic: from protecting nurses rights, ensuring decent working conditions, optimizing nurses’ scope of practice, and fair pay, to driving nursing leadership, respect for the profession, and a greater impact on health policies at all levels. The event will also highlight the importance of unity, solidarity, collaboration and influence as nurses come together as a force for global health. The 2023 Congress will be held in the Montreal Palais de Congrès.

Abstract submission is open until the 31st of October 2022. For more information, please click [here](#).

To register for the Congress, please click [here](#).

Upcoming Observances

World Mental Health Day

10 October 2022



October 10th is **World Mental Health Day**. Mental health is a key global health challenge: an estimated 1 in 8 people were living with a mental health issue in 2019, and the COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the problem. Moreover, it has resulted in new barriers to timely and cost-effective treatment and a weakening of social and community support networks. It is imperative that individuals, communities, and governments demonstrate commitment to, engagement with, and investment in mental health issues.

World Mental Health Day provides an opportunity to advocate and increase awareness about mental health and accelerate preventative intervention strategies. As a commitment to this, WHO is launching a 2022 Mental Health Day campaign around the theme of **“Making Mental Health & Well-Being for All a Global Priority”**. This will be an opportunity for people with mental health conditions, advocates, governments, employers, employees, and other stakeholders to come together and recognize progress in this field, to ignite discussions about necessary changes, and to brainstorm innovative solutions to global mental health challenges. **In addition, the Oceania Mental Health Advisory Committee has organised a webinar on Pacific/Oceania Mental Health Needs Beyond COVID to mark the occasion.**

For more information on World Mental Health Day 2022, please click [here](#).

To register for the Oceania Mental Health webinar, please click [here](#).

Recent Reports

Global Health Sector Strategies on STIs 2022-2030

16 July 2022



In July 2022, WHO released the Global Health Sector Strategies on HIV, Viral Hepatitis, and STIs 2022-2030.

HIV, viral hepatitis, and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) collectively cause 2.3 million deaths and 1.2 million cases of cancer each year, imposing a major public health burden globally.

This document builds on the lessons learned from the 2016-2021 strategies and will further guide health sectors in reaching targets in ending AIDS, viral hepatitis B and C, and STIs by 2030. The strategies consider the shifting epidemiological, technological, and contextual factors of recent years, and recommend shared and disease-specific country interventions. All interventions are supported by the WHO and partners. Calling for each country to adopt a well-defined focus to reach the most vulnerable groups for each disease is a central goal of these strategies. By advocating for universal health coverage and advancing a primary health care framework, the document promotes innovative ways to combat HIV, viral hepatitis, and STIs globally.

The 75th World Health Assembly has requested progress reports on the strategy implementation every two years, with the 2026 report providing a mid-term progress review.

To read the full document, please click [here](#).

World Report on the Health of Refugees and Migrants

20 July 2022



Being able to seek treatment, access quality health care, and feel safe while doing so are imperative to any human's well-being. With the number of people forced to flee conflict, human rights violations and persecution now surpassing 100 million for the first time, the health needs of refugees and migrants is an urgent and growing international priority.

WHO aims to support worldwide efforts to ensure access to health services for people on the move which are sensitive to their needs, culturally appropriate, and mitigate financial impediments. The WHO's *First World Report on the Health of Refugees and Migrants* is a major step forward in creating such services for displaced people. The report presents global evidence on the health challenges this group faces, and identifies gaps, trends, and practises that can improve their health and well-being.

Addressing refugee and migrant health is integral to achieving universal health care and advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

To read more about World Refugee Day, please click [here](#).

To read more about the World Report on the Health of Refugees and Migrants, please click [here](#).

World Mental Health Report

17 June 2022



The *World Mental Health Report: Transforming Mental Health for All*, was published by the WHO on June 17, 2022. The launch was followed by an online webinar.

Mental health is critically important to everyone, everywhere, and is an inextricable aspect of our well-being. Mental health has been a subject of great attention in national and global health policy forums since the COVID-19 pandemic, and yet the care and support needed for people to live fulfilling lives are often lacking. Indeed, the rates of already common conditions such as anxiety and depression have increased by more than 25% since 2020.

The *World Mental Health Report* aims to achieve the objectives set out in the *WHO Comprehensive mental health action plan 2013-2030*. The report draws on the latest evidence and examples of good practice from around the world, calling on stakeholders to work collaboratively to promote and protect mental health, and strengthen the systems that care for those in need. It stresses the need to transform global attitudes, actions, and approaches toward mental health, as well as the environments within which people live and work and the community services available to those in need. There is also great emphasis on the need to integrate mental health into primary health care.

The webinar, which was held on June 17, 2022, featured several guest speakers from around the world, including representatives from the United Nations and WHO, and persons with lived experience.

To read the *World Mental Health Report: Transforming mental health for all*, please click [here](#).

To watch the live launch of the Report, please click [here](#).

Report on the Gender Pay Gap in the Health and Care Sector

13 July 2022



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

On the 13th of July, a high-level political forum at the UN Headquarters launched *The Gender Pay Gap in the Health and Care Sector: A global analysis in the time of COVID-19* report. This comprehensive global report is a product of collaboration between the International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organisation. The report provides an overview of gendered inequalities in pay across the health and care sector globally. It is the first of its kind.

The report highlights that women make up 67% of the paid health sector workforce yet face a 24% pay gap compared to men in the sector. It also notes that the high degree of feminization in the sector is a key driver of lower earnings for both men and women. Another key analysis highlighted in the report was the pandemic's impact on employment: COVID-19 had a disproportionate impact on lower-paid workers, most of whom are women. The report also suggests forms of targeted action to close gender pay gaps, emphasizing that it is both possible and effective.

To read *The Gender Pay Gap in the Health and Care Sector: A global analysis in the time of COVID-19*, please click [here](#).

Rapid Review of Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic for Patient Safety

9 August 2022



On August 9th, WHO hosted an online webinar on the “Implication of the COVID-19 Pandemic for Patient Safety”. The webinar investigated a range of safety gaps across all core components of health systems at all levels which might expose patients, health workers, and the general public to a high risk of avoidable harm.

The objectives of the event were as follows:

- Provide an overview of implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for patients, health workers, and the general public;
- Highlight importance of managing risks and addressing avoidable harm in a pandemic situation;
- Discuss implications of the pandemic for patient safety within broader context of preparedness, response, and recovery;
- Lay the foundation for follow-up work around generating more robust evidence and supporting countries in their efforts to build resilient and safer health care systems.

Recordings of the sessions and associated resources are available [here](#).

Standards for Perioperative Nursing in Pacific Island Countries and Territories Manual

31 August 2022



On August 31st, the first edition Standards of Perioperative Nursing in Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) Manual was launched with an additional online version available. The manual aims to enable nurses to deliver safe and high-quality perioperative nursing services that are culturally appropriate for Pacific people undergoing surgeries. The goal for future editions of the manual will include the additions of new evidence-based practices and perioperative standards, as well as ongoing and timely revisions of existing standards.

The manual was developed in collaboration with the Health Educational Learning Partnerships (HELPS), the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons – Pacific Islands Program (RACS - PIP), and the Pacific Community (SPC) with funding from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

For more information on the manual, please click [here](#).

Report on Health and Care Workforce in Europe

14 September 2022



All countries of the WHO European Region currently face severe challenges related to the health and care workforce (HCWF).

This report focuses on identifying effective policy and planning responses to these HCWF challenges across the Region. The report presents an overview of the HCWF situation in the Region (focusing on medical doctors, nurses, midwives, dentists, pharmacists and physiotherapists, for whom data are available) and identifies relevant policy options, their expected benefits and potential facilitators or barriers to successful implementation. Examples of sound evidence-informed practices in countries are also provided.

Adjunct Professor James Buchan (UTS) was moderator at the recent launch of the report at the Euro Regional Committee meeting in Tel Aviv in September. Professor Buchan has recently delivered keynote presentations on international nurse workforce challenges to the annual education conference of the New South Wales Nurses and Midwives' Association (ANMF), Australia (August 2022), and to the workshop on Health Workforce Strategy organised by the Victorian Department of Health in Australia (September 2022). In addition, Professor Buchan was one of six panellists at the conference on "Thinking Nursing Globally - Nursing Shortage, Challenges and Solutions" organised by the Association of Nursing Directors of University Hospitals and Medical Colleges in Germany (August 2022).

To access the report, please click [here](#).

**Michele Rumsey, Director of WHO CC UTS, Appointed a
Member (AM) of the Order of Australia**
20 June 2022



Michele Rumsey, Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre was recognised in the 2022 Queen's Birthday honours and appointed a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia for significant service to nursing, and to health care policy. She has played an important role in developing and strengthening health workforce regulation and education to achieve better health outcomes in the Western Pacific region.

Some of WHO CC UTS' current projects, conducted in partnership with nurses and midwives across the Pacific region and the UTS Faculty of Health, include Pacific leadership programs and health workforce quality improvement programs with WHO, as well as a significant health strengthening education program with PNG's National Department of Health, funded by the Australian Government.

For the full story, please [click here](#).

WHO CC UTS Elected as Secretariat for the GNWHOCCNM: 2022 – 2026



The WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Health Development at UTS have been elected as secretariat for the Global Network World Health Organisation Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery (GNWHOCCNM). Between the 14th – 16th of June, a virtual handover of the Secretariat occurred during the 14th GNWHOCCNM Biennial Conference held by the University of Botswana School of Nursing in collaboration with John Hopkins University.

The mission of the Secretariat is to build upon the structure and work developed by the previous Secretariats and distribute information about and for Nursing and Midwifery Collaborating Centres. Founded in 1988, the Network carries out advocacy and evidence-based policy activities within the framework of the World Health Assembly, regional resolutions, and the WHO Programs of Work with the aim of enhancing the partnerships and activities of the 46 WHO Nursing and Midwifery Collaboration Centres. The Global Network serves to strengthen WHO efforts towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the WHO Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery 2021-2025 (SDNM).

WHO CC UTS looks forward to their role as Secretariat for the Global Network, and is eager to work with all collaborating centres and partners over the next four years (2022-2026). An official launch of the Global Network is scheduled for the 17th of November.

To read more about the network, please click [here](#).

Useful Resources

Basic Psychological Skills: An Online Training for COVID-19 Responders

Since the Centre launched the new Free online course on Basic Psychosocial Skills in March 2021, we have been overwhelmed by the number of people that have enrolled and completed the course. The Basic Psychosocial Skills Online Training is a FREE program designed to build resilience and mental health

wellbeing for first responders and frontline health staff. For more details on the course and how to enrol, please see the flyer below.



A new Free online course on Basic Psychosocial Skills has been made available by the WHO CC UTS. The Basic Psychosocial Skills online Training is a FREE program for those affected by the pandemic designed to build resilience and mental health wellbeing for first responders and frontline health staff.

The FREE online course:

1. Focuses on personal well-being
2. Explores supportive communication in everyday interactions
3. Provides a practical framework to enable first responders to support others to problem solve and make healthy decisions
4. Examines how to recognise emotional patterns and provide support to individuals.
5. Provides a certificate on completion

ENROLMENT & MATERIALS

View a detailed video on how to sign up [here](#).

Enrol for this FREE online course by clicking [here](#).

Read instructions on how to sign up [here](#).

Read more about the basic psychosocial skills course [here](#).

You will need an email account to register and log in for the online course.

For more information and full PowerPoint presentation, click [here](#).

For additional information, please contact michele.rumsey@uts.edu.au

FAQs

How many resources are provided in the Basic Psychosocial Skills training program?

The program provides 3 resources. Guidance report, short online course and presentation with facilitation notes.

How many languages is the guidance offered in?

While the online course is only in English, the guidance report is provided in 28

languages.

Is the online course time-bound?

No. The online course is self-paced and takes an average of 3 hours to complete with a short quiz and a certificate awarded.

The WHO Quality Toolkit



On the 20th of June 2022, the new WHO Quality Toolkit was launched by the WHO Global Learning Laboratory via webinar.

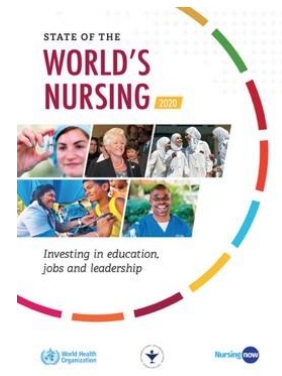
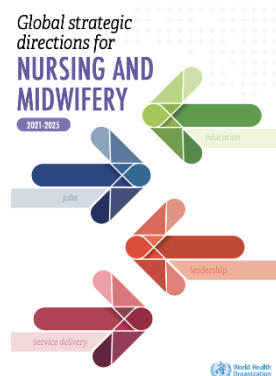
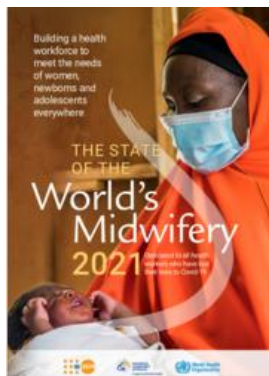
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The Toolkit accompanies the WHO Quality Health Services: a planning guide, which has provided a roadmap for taking action within healthcare systems. The system incorporates key WHO-published tools and materials and is updated periodically to reflect new information to improving the quality of health services. It is meant to be a user-friendly, practical tool for all healthcare workers.

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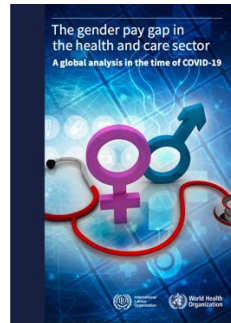


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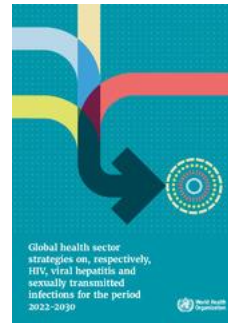


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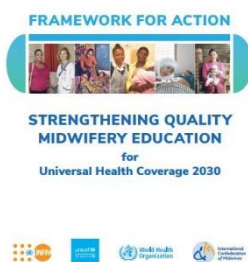
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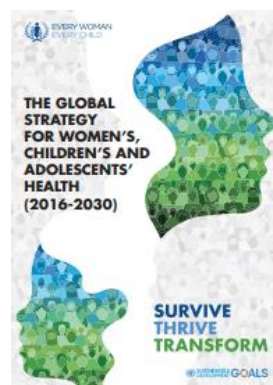
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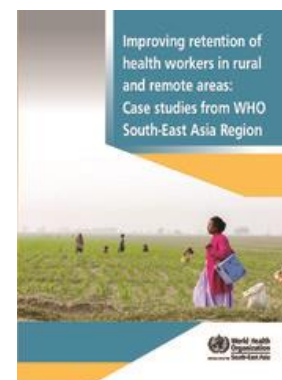
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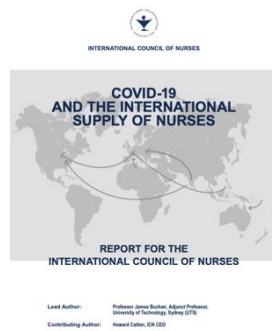
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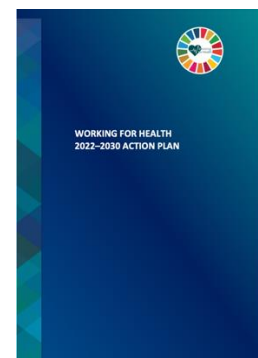
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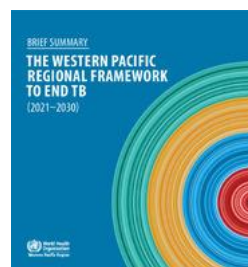
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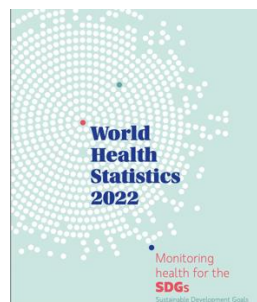
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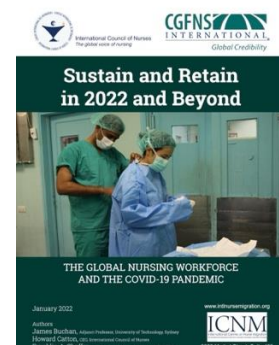
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