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Expert midwives to build foundation for better maternal health in PNG

Professor John Daly, Head of the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre at the University of Technology, Sydney (WHO CC UTS) and Dean, Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery and Health, UTS would like to announce that AusAID has funded WHO CC UTS and the WHO office in **Papua New Guinea** (PNG) to launch a \$US10 million two year program targeting midwifery education in Papua New Guinea.

PNG suffers from one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the Western Pacific and the Initiative, directed by **Professor Caroline Homer**, aims to accelerate the country's progress towards **Millennium Development Goal 5** for improved maternal health.

Michele Rumsey, Director of Operations and Development, WHO CC UTS, explains that eight international expert midwives will be recruited to work at each of PNG's four midwifery schools, and two regional hospitals will each be assigned with an obstetrician. The teams will provide mentoring and continuous competency development to PNG obstetricians and midwives, as well as assist in the development of educational and practice materials. The expert midwives will work closely with the academic and clinical personnel in the schools and associated hospitals to support capacity-building of educators, clinical supervisors and preceptors.



It is expected that maternal, infant and reproductive health services will be

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Nursing, Midwifery and Diabetes Postgraduate Info Evening, 23 November at UTS

This evening is for future students to find out more about how to enhance skills and performance at work, increase opportunities and upgrade qualifications. It caters for health professionals and managers considering undertaking postgraduate coursework. Staff will be there to answer any questions, and you can apply for 2012 courses. Click [here](#) to register now, or [email](#) NMH for more information.

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improved through the enhanced capacity of the maternal health workforce, in particular midwives. The initiative will be conducted in close collaboration with **WHO PNG**, the **PNG National Department of Health** and **AusAID**.

Read more about the project [here](#), or email [Michele Rumsey](#) or [Caroline Homer](#) for more information about the Initiative,

2011 APEDNN Meeting

The 2011 **Asia Pacific Emergency & Disaster Nursing Network**

(APEDNN) Meeting, in conjunction with the 3rd International Conference on Disaster Nursing was held on October 21-24 in Seoul and Deajeon, South Korea. The meeting aimed to better equip nurses and other health professionals to prepare for and respond to disasters. An 'all hazard preparedness' approach was taken, and the meeting included plenary and capacity-building sessions.



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The program covered:

- Role of Nursing Network meeting in Emergency and Disaster
- Psychosocial and Mental Health in Emergency and Disaster
- Teaching of Emergency Disaster in Nursing Curriculum
- Multi-Drug Resistant Infection & Newly Emerging Diseases
- Lessons from Recent Emergencies and Disasters
- Trauma Nursing Care
- Disaster Experience sharing

For more information click [here](#) to be directed to the APEDNN site.

Emergency and Disaster Competencies in Samoa

The nurses and midwives are the first on sight when an emergency disaster situation arises such as the Samoan tsunami of September 2009.

To help strengthen all practicing nurses in Samoa, technical assistance was provided by Lisa Conlon and Lesley Seaton from **WHO CC UTS**. Working with local nurse leaders in Samoa, the **National Competencies for Emergency and Disaster Nursing and Midwifery** were documented; and a curricular framework for courses in emergency and disaster nursing/midwifery developed. Also the facilitation of a train the trainers course with the Faculty of Nursing at the National University of Samoa was undertaken.

A New Faculty Development Survey

A faculty development study is being conducted at the **WHO CC UTS** and is funded by the **World Health Organization's Western Pacific Regional Office**. The study is focusing on the current trends and future needs of education and Faculty Development programs for Nurses, Midwives and other health professionals living and/or working in the Western Pacific and South East Asian regions.

The research will eventually inform the development of Faculty Development programs to support Nursing and Midwifery Schools in the

This draft policy note has been released by the Human Resources for Health Knowledge Hub for public comment. It outlines the importance of the health workforce in public health emergencies (PHEs), highlights the causes of PHEs and the subsequent impacts on the health worker and health system, and raises questions around health workforce performance in PHEs. The focus is on developing country contexts. The authors are seeking feedback on the draft policy note and comments can be emailed to [Lisa Thompson](#) or [Anthony Zwi](#). Access the full draft policy [here](#).

International Hospital Federation 37th World Hospital Congress

This event will provide a platform for the experts in the field of hospitals, medicine and healthcare to exchange their views and opinions, with the theme of 'Healthcare in a Changing World: Overcoming the Challenges'. It will be held 8 - 20 November 2011 in Dubai. Visit the [IHF website](#) for more information on the Congress.

World Bank Praxis Discussion Series: Maternal and Child Health



[Watch](#) the World Bank Praxis Discussion on Maternal and Child Health, which features Dr Nicole Wong Doo from the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital,

Western Pacific and South East Asia. If you are a nursing and/or midwifery faculty member or head of faculty in the region (except Australia and New Zealand) and would like to be involved in the study please contact [Michele Rumsey](#).

SPCNMOA Meeting Update

A teleconference for the members of the **South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers' Alliance** (SPCNMOA) was held on 27 October. Key issues for nursing and midwifery in the Pacific were discussed. It was agreed that SPCNMOA will include regulators in their biennial meeting. The next meeting will be held in Australia in late 2012.

WHO Global Leadership Collaborative (GLC)

The Office of Nursing and Midwifery, WHO Geneva and the **WHO CC UTS** have been working together to establish a virtual **collaborative global nursing and midwifery leadership group** for Government Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers (GCNMO).



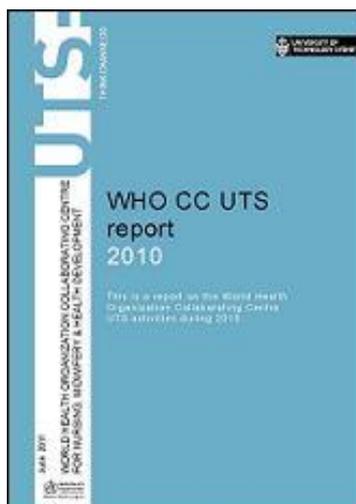
A steering committee meeting was held during the first half of 2010 to develop with **Professor Jill White**, Dean, Sydney Nursing School at the University of Sydney, the **Government Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers (GCNMO) Roles and Responsibilities Consensus Statement**, presented at the GCNMO Forum in Geneva, May 2010.

The Roles and Responsibilities Package was further developed during the year and Professor White presented it to the SPCNMOA meeting in November, 2010, New Zealand. Click [here](#) to read The Roles and Responsibilities of Government Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer.

WHO CC UTS Progress Report

We have published our annual progress report on all of the activities which kept us busy in 2010. It was a big year at **WHO CC UTS** and the report highlights our continuing commitment to health service capacity building, with our aim of improving health outcomes in the Asia Pacific region.

Our work last year included health leadership capacity development, improving maternal and child health and human resources for health policy analysis. A big thanks to all our supporters and collaborators. Click [here](#) to download the report.



Fourth Lecture Of The Distinguished Lecture Series

Dr Valerie Fleming, current Policy Advisor for Nursing and Midwifery in WHO Europe, presented the **4th Distinguished Lecture Series** lecture on "Our Anabasis: A view of midwifery today" through the Elluminate

Mahboba Rawi OAM, and Dr Nesrin Varol from the University of Sydney. It's aimed to stimulate debate and promote the exchange of ideas, and with the deadline for achieving the Millennium Development Goals coming up in 2015, such discussions are becoming all the more important.

UN Women National Committee Australia – Spring Campaign, Sept 2011

This campaign targets violence against women in the Pacific. From September to October UN Women Australia has been holding a variety of events like the Accelerating Gender Equality Summit, marathons, the Pacific Rhythms Gala Fundraiser in Canberra, and Women in Diplomacy in Perth. [Read](#) their important article about why investing in women's leadership is essential to transforming the AIDS response in Asia and the Pacific, watch their [video](#), or sign up to UN Women Australia's [e-bulletin](#) to keep up to date with the latest news and events about women's rights.

platform. Dr Fleming has worked around the world in clinical and hospital management positions, and has worked globally as a consultant for the World Health Organization and other institutions, focusing on curriculum development. In 2011 she became Policy Advisor for Nursing and Midwifery in WHO Europe.

Click [here](#) to view the recording of the lecture, and [here](#) to find out more about the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres.

Useful Resources

Here are some more resources we hope you will find useful:

Key Development Indicators for Asia and the Pacific 2011: The 42nd edition of this series has been released by the Asian Development Bank. It's a statistical data book presenting economic, financial, social, and environmental indicators for the 48 regional members of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). It's a useful resource for policy makers, development practitioners, government officials, researchers and the general public. You can [download the full PDF](#) of key indicators, or explore other Asian Development Bank resources [here](#).

The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) Systematic Review Database is the first searchable online database of international development systematic reviews and has just been launched! It provides summaries of the findings and methodologies of existing systematic reviews and protocols relating to international development areas like education, health and agriculture, as well as links to the full reports. It can be accessed at the [3ie website](#).

WHO Mental Health Atlas 2011: A project by WHO to collect relevant information about the existing national mental health resources. Access the 2011 PDF [here](#).

Crawford School of Economics & Government, ANU College of Asia & the Pacific: Click [here](#) to watch the latest videos of seminars and public lectures covering in depth analysis of topics of policy in Australia and the Asia Pacific region.

WHO's SavesLives Newsletter: Click [here](#) to read the October edition with lots of patient safety and infection control information, tools and resources.

International Hospital Federation Newsletter: This global newsletter covers topics like: IHF News; updates on activities by WHO and other international organisations; news from hospitals worldwide and updates on international events. Click [here](#) to subscribe.

The Commonwealth Nurses Federation (CNF) e-Newsletter: Volume 4 Issue 9 has been released. Read it [here](#).

New Reports

WHO Report on the Elusive Definition of Pandemic Influenza: This report considers the WHO's 2009 definition of pandemic influenza and the reasons WHO declared the H1N1 virus a pandemic. For a full PDF of the report click [here](#).

The Global Plan To Stop TB 2011-2015: Click [here](#) to read the whole plan to stop Tuberculosis, an infectious airborne disease that is a major health problem. The plan provides a blueprint for action in the context of the Millenium Development Goals.

Understanding Whole Systems Change in Healthcare - The Case of Emerging Evidence-Informed Nursing Service Delivery Models: This publication focuses on evidence-based nursing service delivery models to support decision-making on care delivery for the best possible outcomes. Click [here](#) to read it.

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