



WHO CC UTS Regional Update

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With 2020 declared as the World Health Organisation (WHO) International Year of the Nurse and Midwife, the profile of nurses and midwives is being recognised, measured and celebrated. Making up over half of the world's health workforce, nurses and midwives are vital in the achievement of Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

As we enter this exciting time for the visibility of nurses and midwives and their work across the globe, the WHO is preparing a global report on the State of the World's Nursing (SoWN) to provide a technical description of the nursing workforce in member states. WHO CC UTS is playing a role in the collection of data in the Pacific region for this report and are integral players in supporting nurses and midwives in education and their ongoing professional development. As part of this work WHO CC UTS recently hosted Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers (CNMOs) from 14 Pacific countries for a three day event collecting data for SoWN and to discuss common regional issues and key challenges facing nurses and midwives across the Pacific.

The important role of nurses and midwives was highlighted by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General, at the International Council of Nurses (ICN) 2019 Congress, who proposed *"that every country bring one nurse and one midwife to the World Health Assembly"* (WHA) 2020 and, in conjunction with ICN and Nursing Now!, announced WHO is establishing a global annual recognition award for nurses and midwives.

The WHO CC UTS forms part of an international collaborative network that assists and undertakes projects in support of the WHO's program at national, regional and

international levels, championing the roles of nurses and midwives around the world. WHO CC UTS is proud to support these WHO initiatives.

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](#).

UN General Assembly on Universal Health Coverage

"We strongly support the return of Item#23 in the UN #UHC

declaration which expresses concern for global shortfalls of health

workers, primarily in low and middle-income countries"

An amazing moment last week 23rd September as world leaders at #UNGA adopted the first @UN Political Declaration on #UniversalHealthCoverage and committed to strengthening and investing in #PrimaryHealthCare #HealthForAll. See our blog on the Nursing Now webpage [here](#).

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State of the World's Nursing Report

WHO, in conjunction with all member states, is working to produce the first-ever State of the World's Nursing (SoWN) report. This report will deliver a global snapshot of the nursing workforce, providing valuable evidence from data collected.



The WHO SoWN report will be launched on World Health Day in 2020, in line with the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife, and prior to the WHO 73rd World Health Assembly. This milestone document will provide a technical description of the

nursing workforce in member states around the world to inform policy dialogue on strengthening nursing and accelerating progress across the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and UHC.

The WHO CC UTS is assisting with the collection of complex SoWN data across Pacific Island member states where nurses and midwives constitute approximately 78% of the health workforce.

To support this work, WHO CC UTS hosted 14 Pacific Island CNMOs at UTS to collect and collate data and discuss the common regional issues and key challenges facing nurses and midwives across their nations. The objective was to increase the capacity of data literacy needs, bolster nursing and midwifery networks across the region and compile data from the Pacific countries for the SoWN report.

Read more [here](#) and [here](#)

Climate Change, health and resilience in the Pacific



To mark the one-day global strike that took place on 20 September, WHO CC UTS and the Institute for Sustainable Futures (ISF) at UTS hosted a reception showcasing their research in supporting Pacific Island countries to build their resilience to climate change.

The reception provided a forum for UTS to show senior Pacific health leaders our

support in effective response to climate change. Speakers at the event included Ms Verity Firth (Executive Director - Social Justice, Centre for Social Justice and Inclusion UTS), Ms Alaita Taulima (Head Public Health, Tuvalu), Ms Helen Murdoch (Chief Nurse, Kiribati), Dr Amelia Afuha'amango (Chief Nurse, Tonga), Prof Stuart White (Director, ISF) and Ms Michele Rumsey (Director, WHO CC UTS).

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Improving Health Workforce Management for Universal Health Coverage

June 24-26, Manila, The Philippines.

The WHO Western Pacific Regional



Office (WHO WPRO) held this *Meeting on Improving Health Workforce Management for Universal Health Coverage (UHC)* in Manila, The Philippines. WHO CC UTS Director Michele Rumsey represented the Centre

at the meeting. The primary focus was on health workforce data in the Western Pacific Region (WPR) - collection, availability and country-specific use - to support moving towards UHC. This requires sufficient and motivated health workers with the correct competencies to meet the health workforce needs. Gaps continue to persist in availability, capacity and performance of current health workers despite a concerted effort to address these regionally.

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International Council of Nurses (ICN) Congress 2019

June 27-July 1, Singapore.

Thousands of nurses from around the globe gathered at the ICN Congress, hosted by the Singapore Nurses Association. Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General was a surprise addition (see *photo*), reiterating his support for health workers in their vital role towards achieving UHC: *"We simply cannot achieve universal health coverage and the health-related targets in the Sustainable*

Development Goals unless we empower and equip nurses and midwives, and harness their power".

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WHO Western Pacific Region Partners' Forum

WHO CC UTS, like many of our partners and stakeholders, was involved in the Western Pacific Region (WPR) online Partners' Forum held 1-3 July 2019. WHO

WPRO hosted the event, the first of its kind, on an online platform. The forum brought together Member States, WHO staff, partners and stakeholders from the entire Western Pacific region for consultation on the [WPRO White Paper](#) , the four highlighted thematic priorities (Health security including AMR, NCDs and Ageing, Climate change and environment and the Unfinished Agenda) and the operational shifts required to achieve them.

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Health Professional Education Reforms in Transition Economy Countries



July 23-25, Shanghai, China.

WHO CC UTS Director Michele Rumsey represented the WHO CC UTS at the *Third Meeting on Health Professional Education Reforms in Transition Economy Countries* in the capacity of Temporary Adviser for WHO Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO). The

meeting focused on strengthening the education and training of health workers to deliver UHC for a strong foundation of primary health care (PHC) to build a strong health system. Areas highlighted included updating curricula and training methodologies alongside enhanced measures to effectively manage this knowledge to improve the competencies and skill mix of PHC workers. It was emphasised that countries require strong regulatory environments to ensure the quality and safety of health services.

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Provision of support to Vanuatu College of Nursing Education

Vanuatu In-Country visits July - August 2019

The team of educational experts from the WHO CC UTS including Ms Lisa Townsend and Dr Caroline Havery are continuing their work in Vanuatu to facilitate the development and implementation of the Bachelor of



Nursing (Conversion) and the proposed three year Bachelor of Nursing degree (to be implemented from 2021).

These visits combined teaching and learning for the current students studying the BN (Conv) with meetings, monitoring & evaluation (M&E) and curriculum development. Ms Amanda Neill undertook data collection for project M&E, meeting with and interviewing a variety of key stakeholders.

Picture: Vanuatu BN Curriculum Development Steering Committee Members - Roger Jerpau, Jerral Joseph, John Tasserei, Evelyne Emile, Leipakoa Matariki, Juliann Arcu, Bertha Tarileo and Dr Caroline Havery and Lisa Townsend from WHO CC UTS.

Read more [here](#) and [here](#)

WHO CC UTS Internship Program

As part of our continuing commitment to supporting health education, the WHO CC UTS has welcomed six new interns studying at UTS in the previous months. Studying in areas ranging from Health Sciences, Biotechnology, Nursing, Masters of Health and the BA of Creative Intelligence and Innovation, we have been lucky enough to work with some outstanding young people embarking on their careers in Health. Our internship program provides a platform for participants to expand and apply their knowledge in a professional workplace to supplement their learning at UTS. Their assistance supports a range of projects in the Western Pacific region, including the WHO State of the World's Nursing report, the White Paper goals, the role of nurses in UHC and SDGs, documentation of the Vital Roles of Nurses research, data and compilation of information, and the Vanuatu Nursing Curriculum and Accreditation project. Feedback from previous interns over the years has been very positive and past interns have gone on to roles in policy, government and Pacific roles.

Spotlight on Anie-Barnsdall-Krikorian

A UTS Masters graduate and intern with WHO CC, Anie has been a valued team member contributing to the WHO State of the World's Nursing report in describing how the nursing workforce will help deliver UHC and meet SDGs, highlighting areas for policy development. A valuable team member, Anie shared a passionate commitment to health in the



Western Pacific region and will be using her skills in further research and health policy development. We wish her well in her new role.

Documents

For the Future
*Delivering Better Health in the
Western Pacific Region*
A White Paper on WHO work in the
Western Pacific Region –
for consultation with Member States,
WHO staff, partners and stakeholders

April 2019

WPRO White Paper

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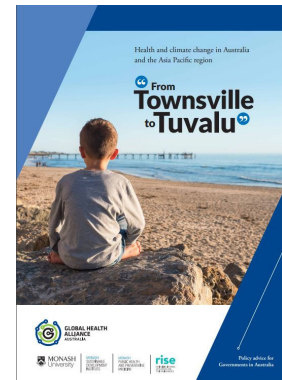
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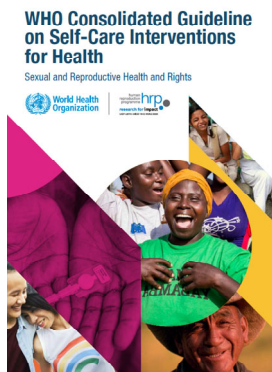
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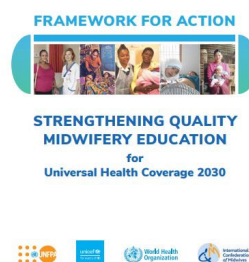
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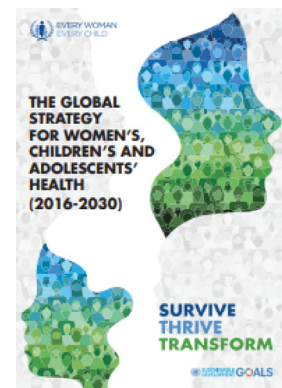
State of the World's Nursing Report

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Strengthening quality midwifery education for UHC

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Global strategy for women's, children's and adolescents' health (2016-2030)

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Publications

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2. Nightingale Challenge Nursing Now! [Read more](#)
3. Global Network WHO CC and WHO [Resources and Publications.](#)
4. Nurses and Midwives are key to Universal Health Coverage [Read more](#)
5. The Lancet - SRHR: unmet needs and unfinished agendas [Read more](#)
6. Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery: June Links Magazine 2019 [Read more](#)
7. Western Pacific Region White Paper [Read more](#)

8. The Lancet: Investing in sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls to reach HIV and UHC goals [Read more](#)
9. WHO Maternal mortality Fact Sheet [Read more](#)
10. Consolidated Guideline on Self-Care interventions for Health: sexual and reproductive health and rights [Read more](#)
11. Strengthening Quality Midwifery Education for Universal Health Coverage 2030 [Read more](#)
12. The Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescent's Health (2016-2030) [Read more](#)
13. Global strategic directions for strengthening nursing and midwifery (2016-2030) [Read more](#)
14. The State of the World's Nursing report [Read more](#)
15. WHO Report on Surveillance of Antibiotic Consumption [Read more](#)

Events

1. **October 2019** - PNG Nursing and Community Health Worker Forum
2. **7th – 11th October** - [WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific](#), Manila Philippines
3. **30-31 October 2019** - [CNA \(NZ\) Health Policy Workshop](#), Wellington New Zealand
4. **12-13 November** - [The Asia Pacific Emergency and Disaster Nursing Network \(APEDNN\) Annual Conference 2019](#), Hong Kong
5. **16th – 20th November** - [Sigma Nursing 45th Biennial Convention](#), Washington, DC, USA
6. **28th – 29th November** - Face to face meeting for all Australian and New Zealand-based WHO Collaborating Centres – [Global Health Alliance](#), Melbourne, Australia
7. **9th – 12th December 2019** - [WHO Global Meeting](#) to Accelerate Progress on SDG target 3.4 on NCDs and Mental Health, Muscat, Oman
8. **28 January - 2 February 2020** – [Prince Mahidol Award Conference \(PMAC\) | UHC Forum](#), Bangkok, Thailand
9. **26th – 28th March 2020** - [The Nursing Education Research Conference \(NERC\)](#), *Transforming Nursing Education Through Evidence Generation and Translation*, Washington, D.C, USA
10. **April 7 2020** - World Health Day and launch of the State of the World's Nursing report
11. **12th May 2020** - International Nurses Day
12. **May 2020** - WHO Government Chief Nursing and Midwifery officers' Forum

13. **18-23 May 2020** - 73rd World Health Assembly, Geneva
14. **16th – 18th June 2020** - [GNWHOCC 13th Biennial Conference](#), Chiang Mai
15. **21st – 25th June 2020** - [ICM 32nd Triennial Congress](#), Bali, Indonesia
16. **30th August – 2nd September 2020** - [11th ICN NP/APN Network Conference](#), Halifax, Canada
17. **October/November 2020** – SPNF and SPCNMOA Biennial Meeting

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