



With 2020 declared as the World Health Organization (WHO) International Year of the Nurse and International Year of the Midwife, the profile of nurses and midwives is being recognised and celebrated. Making up well over half of the world's health workforce, nurses and midwives are vital for the achievement of Universal Health Coverage (UHC). We are thinking of you all at this challenging time for global health.

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.

To celebrate the 2020 Year of the Nurse and the Midwife (YONM), Women in Global Health (in partnership with the WHO, ICN, International Confederation of Midwives, United Nations Population Fund, and Nursing Now) calls for nominations of 100 outstanding midwives and nurses making a difference in global health. Access the application form [here](#).

As we enter this difficult time with the COVID 19 pandemic, the valuable work nurses and midwives around the globe is highly visible and in our thoughts. The WHO Global Report on the State of the World Nursing (SoWN) has been developed to provide a technical description of the nursing workforce in member states and will provide welcome data on the global status of nurses. This report is due to be launched on the World Health Day, the 7th of April 2020.

WHO CC UTS has assisted with 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 15 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 WHO CC UTS forms part of an international collaborative network that assists and undertakes projects in support of the WHO's programs 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](mailto:whocc@uts.edu.au). For more information on the South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers' Alliance (SPCNMOA) [click here](#).

## Year of the Nurse and the Midwife



# 2020 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE NURSE AND THE MIDWIFE

The peer review journal “Human Resources for Health”, which is edited by WHOCCUTS Adjunct Professor James Buchan, has issued a Call for Papers to commemorate 2020 as the Year of the Nurse and the Midwife. The thematic series on '[Research to support evidence-informed decisions on optimizing the contributions of nursing and midwifery workforces](#)' is now open for submissions. The journal is calling for submissions focusing on research and analysis that contributes to improved policy, planning and implementation related to nursing and midwifery, and that provides new evidence on the impact on health systems and outcomes. For more details please visit the [series page](#).



Prof James Buchan and colleagues associated with the 'Human Resources for Health'.

## The Inaugural Pacific Heads of Nursing Meeting 2020



The Inaugural Pacific Heads of Nursing Meeting (PHoN) was held on the 11-14th of February earlier this year in Nadi, Fiji. The PHoN was endorsed by the Heads of Health and announced by the Director General of the Pacific Community (SPC) in August 2019. The meeting's primary purpose is to provide executive level oversight for regional nursing functions in the Pacific, including a policy advisory and technical role to inform nursing decisions in the region.

The Pacific Community (SPC) co-organised the event with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Key partners included International College of Nurses (ICN), Australian College Operating Room Nurses (ACORN), Nursing Now, Royal Australian College of Surgeons Pacific Islands Program, UNAIDS, UNICEF, World Bank and WHO. Personnel from Australia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Nauru, New



Zealand, Palau, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu were in attendance. For further information, read our article [here](#).

## Health Policy Workshop in New Zealand



The College of Nurses Aotearoa, New Zealand held a workshop at the Victoria University of Wellington which aimed to help attendees better their understanding and improve their methods of engagement with the health policy process in New Zealand (NZ).

Dr Mark Jones, the Incoming Chair of the College of Nurses Aotearoa Board started the workshop by asking “What do we mean by health policy?” The complexity of the role of NZ nurses in advocacy and health policy development was discussed to develop a foundation for subsequent suggestions and recommendations.

Following morning tea, Liz Manning of the College of Nurses Aotearoa introduced the Policy Skills Framework focusing on self-assessment. Attendees were asked to map their policy skills categorically in either Behavioural or Applied Skills.

Michele Rumsey (Director of WHOCC) then talked on the manner in which global policy is translated into local policy. Michele focused on integrating international and Pacific perspectives into the discussion.

The Deputy Chief Executive New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER), Todd Krieble suggested strategies in shaping health policy. Namely, by using systems thinking in relation to policy development, political and legislative processes, one could “differentiate from everyone else with an opinion.”

Read more [here](#).

## The Global Symposium on Health Workforce Accreditation and Regulation



The 2019 Global Symposium on Health Workforce Accreditation was held from the 10th to the 12th of December, in Istanbul, Turkey. The World Health Organisation (WHO), the Global Health Workforce Network (GHWN) and Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) co-hosted the event. Representatives from national governments, intergovernmental organisations, health professional associations, health professional accreditation and regulatory bodies participated in discussion.

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## WHO support on updating the evidence on retention of health workers



Professor James Buchan, Adjunct Professor, has acted as lead consultant on a WHO project to develop country level case studies which reported and evaluated the implementation of policies intended to improve retention of health workers in remote and rural areas in South East Asia. Case studies were conducted in 2019 in six countries- Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, and the key findings were synthesised into an overview report. Key preliminary findings were presented at the Prince Mahidol conference in Bangkok in January 2020.

The Global Symposium on Health Workforce  
Accreditation and Regulation



The food and physical activity choices we make influence our risk for heart disease, high blood pressure, obesity and diabetes. Healthy eating, healthy foods and regular physical activity can help establish a solid foundation for the promotion of a healthier and more productive society. It is with this belief and with her background in nursing that Minister for Health Dr. Amelia Latu, embarked upon changing her own life and those of other Tongans. See her impressive video [here](#).



## Harriet Rini, Entrepreneur, Visionary, Inspirer



Ni-Vanuatu, Harriet Rini describes graduating with a Masters in Health Services Management from UTS as, “not just a personal achievement but an achievement for the whole family, and my extended family too”. While studying her Masters in Sydney, thanks to a DFAT funded scholarship, she spent time as an intern with the WHO CC UTS.

In October 2019, she was one of 35 women chosen to complete the DFAT funded Women’s Leadership Initiative, aimed at building participant’s capability and confidence to exercise developmental leadership, institute change in their own countries

and, in the long term, contribute to sustainable development outcomes for the Pacific. [Read more](#)

## Australia-based WHO Collaborating Centres Forum



Misha Coleman, Executive Director Global Health Alliance Australia

Australia's first meeting of its WHO Collaborating Centres was held a Forum at the Sidney Myer Asia Centre at the University of Melbourne from the 5-6 of December 2019. The Forum aimed to strengthen relationships between Collaborating Centres and functioned as a platform to share resources and information that in turn will allow for more successful responses to challenges and opportunities in global health. [Read more](#)

## WHO CC UTS Internship Program





### **Spotlight on UTS Graduate Holly Mandlik**

As part of the completion of my Bachelor's Degree in Health Science, Global Health at UTS, I had to undertake an internship within an organisation that was relevant to our career goals. The WHO CC UTS couldn't be more relevant and in line with my degree in health science, my passion for wanting to improve health systems and those that govern them, and was an amazing opportunity for my first look into the industry that I wanted to explore and be employed in.

It's not all work within the Centre; we did get to socialise with each other and leaders within the region. I was lucky enough to meet the Western Pacific Regional Director, Dr Takeshi Kasai when he visited the Centre to talk about his new Operational Shifts and his vision for the region. I also had the privilege of being part of the State of World's Nursing Meeting that was held here at UTS coordinated, by the Centre. This time meeting the Chief Nursing Officer's from around the region. Both opportunities allowed myself to learn how to develop relations with senior leaders within the region.

My time at the Centre gave me the confidence to seek employment within NSW Health, and to achieve some of my career goals. I have been lucky enough to be given the opportunity to be part of the Cabinet and Parliament Team, within the Executive Ministerial Services, at the Ministry of Health NSW as a Senior Business Partner. This role includes disseminating information for the Ministers of Health, for conferences and question time in government.

## 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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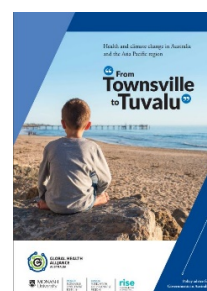
### Western Pacific Region Partners' Forum

[Summary Report](#)



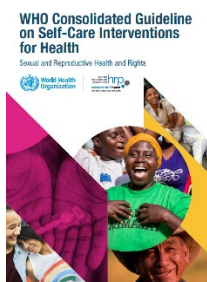
### Surveillance of Antibiotic Consumption

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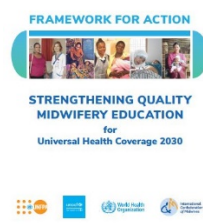
### WHO Consolidated Guideline on Self-Care Interventions for Health: sexual and reproductive health and rights

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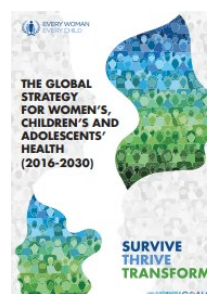
### State of the World's Nursing Report

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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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## COVID-19 --Coronavirus Resources

[WHO HQ - Daily Press Briefing on COVID-19](#)

[WHO Operational Planning Guidelines to Support Country Preparedness and Response.](#)

[WHO COVID-19: Online Course](#)



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## Publications

1. Global Network WHO CC and WHO [Resources and Publications](#).
2. Nurses and Midwives are key to Universal Health Coverage [Read more](#)
3. The Lancet - SRHR: unmet needs and unfinished agendas [Read more](#)
4. Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery: June Links Magazine 2019 [Read more](#)
5. The Lancet: Investing in sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls to reach HIV and UHC goals [Read more](#)
6. WHO Maternal mortality Fact Sheet [Read more](#)
7. Consolidated Guideline on Self-Care interventions for Health: sexual and reproductive health and rights [Read more](#)
8. Strengthening Quality Midwifery Education for Universal Health Coverage 2030 [Read more](#)
9. The Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescent's Health (2016-2030) [Read more](#)
10. The State of the World's Nursing report [Read more](#)
11. WHO Report on Surveillance of Antibiotic Consumption [Read more](#)
12. WHO Bulletin – March issue <https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/98/3/en/>
13. News – International Women's Day: progress on gender equality remains slow <https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/03/1058811>
14. Journal of Global Health - World Health Organization simulations: an increasingly popular learning tool for the development of future global health practitioners. B Wong et al ; <http://www.jogh.org/documents/issue202001/jogh-10-010305.htm>



15. BMJ Global Health - Addressing the challenges of health regulatory systems strengthening in small states C Preston et al ; <https://gh.bmj.com/content/5/2/e001912>

## Events

1. **1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020** - Year of the Nurse and the Midwife
2. **11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Heads of Nursing (SPC) Meeting
3. **5<sup>th</sup> March** - International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife Day (ACN)
4. **7<sup>th</sup> April** - World Health Day
5. **14<sup>th</sup> April** - World Chagas Disease Day
6. **24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April** - World Immunization Week
7. **5<sup>th</sup> April** - International Midwives' Day
8. **12<sup>th</sup> May** - International Nurses' Day
9. **14<sup>th</sup> June** - World Blood Donor Day
10. **28<sup>th</sup> July** - World Hepatitis Day
11. **17<sup>th</sup> May** - World Patient Safety Day
12. **12<sup>th</sup> May** - International Nurses Day
13. **16<sup>th</sup> May** - [ICN World Health Professions Regulation Conference](#), Geneva Switzerland
14. **May 2020** - WHO Government Chief Nursing and Midwifery officers' Forum
15. **18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - 73rd World Health Assembly, Geneva
16. **16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June** - [GNWHOCC 13th Biennial Conference](#), Chiang Mai
17. **21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June** - [ICM 32nd Triennial Congress](#), Bali, Indonesia
18. **30<sup>th</sup> August – 2<sup>nd</sup> September** - [11th ICN NP/APN Network Conference](#), Halifax Canada
19. **October/November** - SPNF and SPCNMOA Biennial Meeting
20. **12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November** - World Antibiotics Awareness Week