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CNMF SUCCESSFUL WITH BURDETT TRUST GRANTS



The CNMF is pleased to announce it has been successful with two funding applications to The Burdett Trust for Nursing. The first is to conduct three maternal health programs in Sierra Leone. Since the Ebola crisis in that country, the maternal mortality rate (which in 2011 at 890 per 100,000 live births, was already the 2nd highest in the world) has risen to 1,360 per 100,000 live births in 2015. The programs will be conducted early 2017 in partnership with the Sierra Leone Nurses Association and the Sierra Leone Ministry of Health.

The second funding application is to look at nurses' health in selected South Pacific countries, specifically Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, and the Cook Islands. The focus will be on nurses' health and NCDs and contributing factors such as nutrition, obesity, exercise, and smoking however the project will also explore what impact if any a nurses' health has on the public health messages they give their clients.

Key partners in the study are the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation and C3 Collaborating for Health. C3 are conducting a study on nurses' health in the United Kingdom and it is hoped that some comparisons might be possible if similar study instruments are used.

The national nursing associations in Samoa, Tonga, Fiji and the Cook Islands will also be invited to be partners in the study.

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE BY 2030

IHP+ is being transformed into the International Health Partnership for UHC 2030. As part of the process they are consulting with key stakeholders to explore how they can best operationalise their objectives which are outlined below. IHP+ have established an online consultation:

<http://www.internationalhealthpartnership.net/en/international-health-partnership-for-uhc-2030-consultation/>.

Closing date is 12 September 2016.

The aim of the International Health Partnership for UHC 2030 is to support accelerated, equitable and sustainable progress toward universal health coverage (UHC) as well as the other health targets in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including global security and equity.

The main objectives of the International Health Partnership for UHC 2030 will be to:

1. Improve coordination of health system strengthening (HSS) efforts for UHC at global level, including synergies with related technical networks.
2. Strengthen multi-stakeholder policy dialogue and coordination of HSS efforts in countries, including adherence to IHP+ principles and behaviours in countries receiving external assistance.
3. Facilitate accountability for progress towards HSS and UHC that contributes to a more integrated approach to accountability for SDG3.
4. Build political momentum around a shared global vision of HSS for UHC and advocate for sufficient, appropriate and well-coordinated resource allocation to HSS.

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23rd CNMF Biennial Meeting 4th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference

The 23rd CNMF Biennial Meeting and the 4th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference will be held in London 9 to 11 March 2018. CNMF members should start planning NOW to attend including alerting their membership, fund raising, and considering abstracts for the conference.



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SAVE THE DATE!

The 12th CNMF Europe Region Conference will be held 10-11 March 2017 in Limassol, Cyprus. The theme of the Conference will be: *Recent advances in nursing and midwifery – toward a safer future.*

Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION REFORM PROJECT

The CNMF has been working with National Mental Health Advisory Committees in the Seychelles and Botswana to review their mental health legislation. Following an assessment of their legislation against the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability, the NMHAC in both countries accepted the recommendation of the researcher, Dr Soumitra Pathare from the Indian Centre for Mental Health Law and Policy, that the existing legislation could not be amended and that new legislation was required.

Dr Pathare spent three days in both countries in July to work with the Attorney General's office and the NMHAC to develop drafting instructions for the new mental health Bill. Final meetings of the NMHAC committees will be held in August and September to plan the way forward to see the drafting instructions become the new Bill and for the Bill to be tabled in Parliament and become pass the new Act.

BECOME A CNMF MEMBER

Membership of the CNMF is open to national nursing associations; national midwifery associations; specialist nursing associations (such as mental health, critical care, paediatrics, operating theatre etc); regional and international nursing, midwifery and health associations; regulatory bodies, universities, and individuals. By becoming a member of the CNMF, you can support the work of the CNMF and become involved in that work. Members can promote their own work through the monthly e-News, the CNMF website or the extensive CNMF network. You can join online through the CNMF website:

<http://www.commonwealthnurses.org/membership.html>.

BOTSWANA TASK SHARING POLICY

The Botswana nursing and midwifery leadership has been funded by CDC Botswana through the Public Health Informatics Institute in Atlanta Georgia to develop a task sharing policy for nurses and midwives. The CNMF has been providing consultancy services for the project.

A very comprehensive study was undertaken which was reported on in the February e-News. Based on the information from the survey, and principles endorsed by survey respondents, a draft task sharing policy has been developed which underwent a process of stakeholder consultation with nursing and midwifery leaders and medical practitioners before being finalised for submission to government for implementation. Stakeholders generally supported the development of a task sharing policy.



Consultation with nursing and midwifery leaders



Consultation with medical practitioners

While the policy was developed predominantly for nurses and midwives, it has been written in such a way that it can be easily adapted for other health care providers or be a generic policy covering all health care providers. It is anticipated the policy will be submitted to the Ministry of Health for approval and implementation in September 2016.