

# African Health Professions Regional Collaborative

## 2016-2017 Updates

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ARC West Summative Congress

Yaounde, Cameroun; July 11, 2017

# ARC Partners

- CDC, funded through PEPFAR
- Emory University School of Nursing
- ECSA-HC
- COMMONWEALTH NURSES & MIDWIVES FEDERATION
- ARC Secretariat
- Care and Health Program (Cameroon)

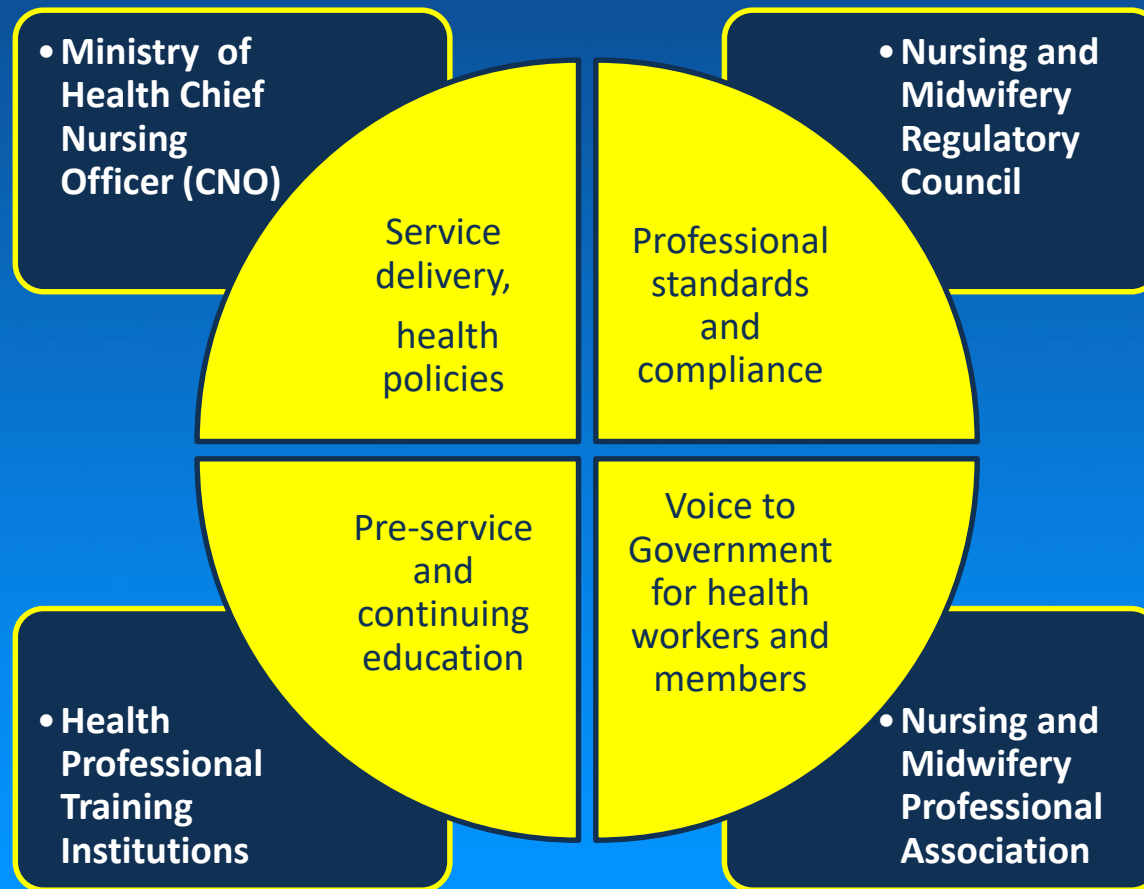
# Presentation Overview

- ARC Phase I – Objectives and Successes
- ARC Phase II – Objectives and Activities
- LARC Initiative – Objectives and Activities
- The Way Forward

# ARC Phase I

- Assure the participation of nurses in HIV/AIDS service delivery
- Improve regulatory framework for provision of HIV care
- Support nurse and midwife leaders
- Focused on Eastern and Southern Africa
- ARC West launched in July 2015

# Key ARC Participants: “The Quad”



**The Quads of Africa:** <http://emorynursingmagazine.emory.edu/issues/2016/spring/features/quads-of-african/index.html>

# The ARC Approach

Grants

TA

Collaboration

Program  
Evaluation

# ARC I Grants –

- 7 countries – Establish CPD programs
- 13 countries – Advance CPD programs
- 5 countries – Review and revise SOPs
- 3 countries – Review and update acts/regulations
- 1 country – Decentralize council services
- 2 countries – Develop entry to practice exams

# ARC II – PHASE II (2016-2017)

*Supporting quality improvement of HIV care at priority, high-volume sites*

ARC II

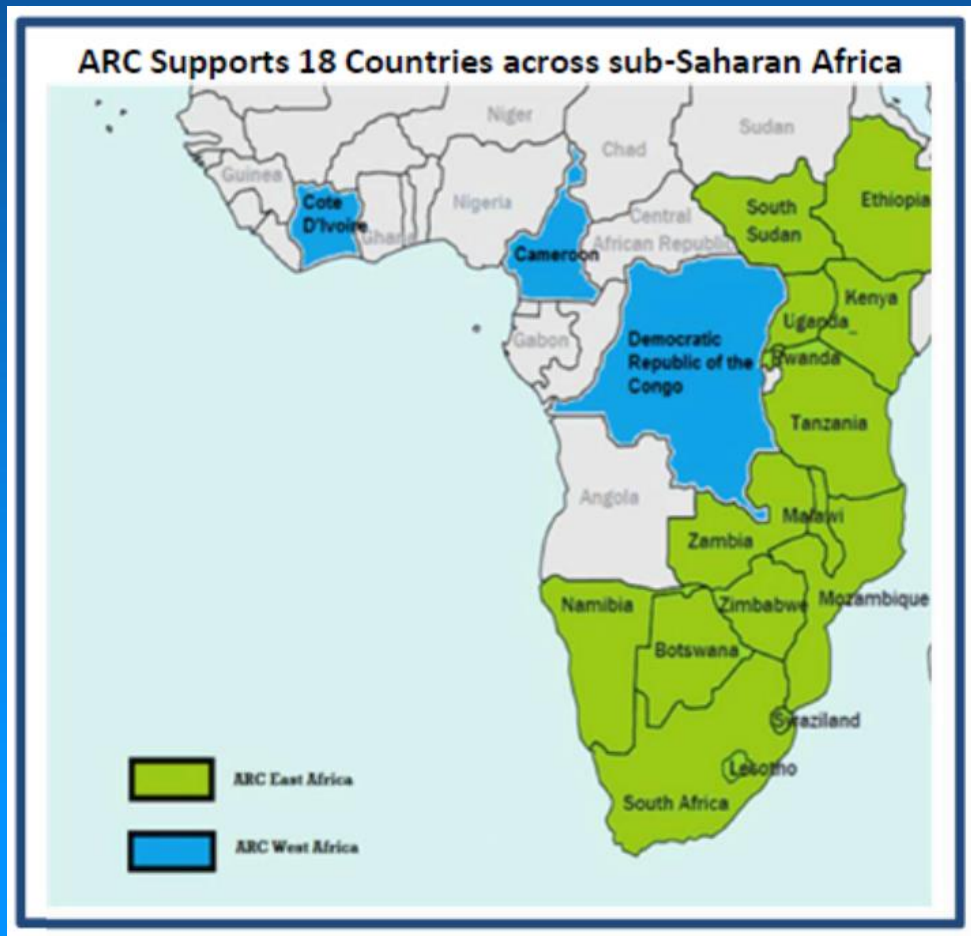
*- Improving nurse-led PMTCT, B+ services and pediatric HIV care*

LARC

*- Addressing bottlenecks in the viral load scale-up*



# ARC II Collaboratives



*11 ARC  
East  
Grants in  
August  
2016*

*3 ARC West  
Grants in  
October  
2016*

# Facility Assessments

- Facility Assessments – annually
  - Pre- Post- Data – quality improvement projects
- 3 Modules
  - In-depth Interviews – supervisors
  - Surveys – nurses and midwives
  - Program and Materials Audit – supervisors
- July 2017 endline assessment

# ARC West and Central: Grants Ending July 2017

*Improving the quality of nursing practice at priority, high-volume sites*

- **Cameroon** – Improve the quality of PMTCT, Option B+ and Pediatric HIV services through a close supervision program at three high volume sites.
- **Cote d'Ivoire** – Enhance the quality of PTMCT, Option B+ and Pediatric HIV services at three high volume sites *via indicator monitoring*.
- **DRC** – Support to nurses and midwives in improvement of the quality of service provision and management of health data for Option B+ and pediatric HIV.
- *TA Visit January-February 2017 to CDI and Cameroon; TA Visit to DRC in July: Consultants in all 3 countries*



# ARC East Grants –Technical Assistance

- TA for entire year of project, monthly basis
- Conference Calls and Visits
- Liaison with CDC country offices
- Project Scope, Workplan, Tools, Indicators
- Guidance on challenges
- TA Visits to Kenya, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Uganda
- M&E Training at Rwanda Learning Session

# LARC

- Laboratorian African Regional Collaborative
- Launched: February 18-19, 2016
- Objective: Support viral load scale-up
- Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, and Uganda
- TA Visits 2 or 3 per year
- Learning Sessions Aug and Nov 2016; May 2017

# ARC Going Forward

- **August 14<sup>th</sup> Project Final Report**
- Submit data from assessments by Sept. 1st
- Share Project Results with CDC offices
- Share results with Quad Plus and Stakeholders
- Sustainability of Quads –projects among pillars
- Publications