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Welcome to the Links Magazine, December 2018 edition!

We at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing are thrilled to share the exciting developments over the past six months that have occurred within the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centers for Nursing & Midwifery (WHOCCNM). As the new WHOCCNM Secretariat, we are honored to work with the diverse, dynamic, and far-reaching network of nursing & midwifery leaders featured in this publication.

Within this edition, you will find the latest information, highlights, and opportunities our wonderful Global Network provides. Moving forward, we hope to continually highlight the many achievements of this network and know we have only scratched the surface of all the wonderful work being done to achieve Universal Health Coverage.

Please feel free to reach out to us if you would like to be considered for future publication, or if you would like to learn more about the many exciting news & opportunities presented here. We look forward to connecting with you further and wish you all a very happy holiday season.



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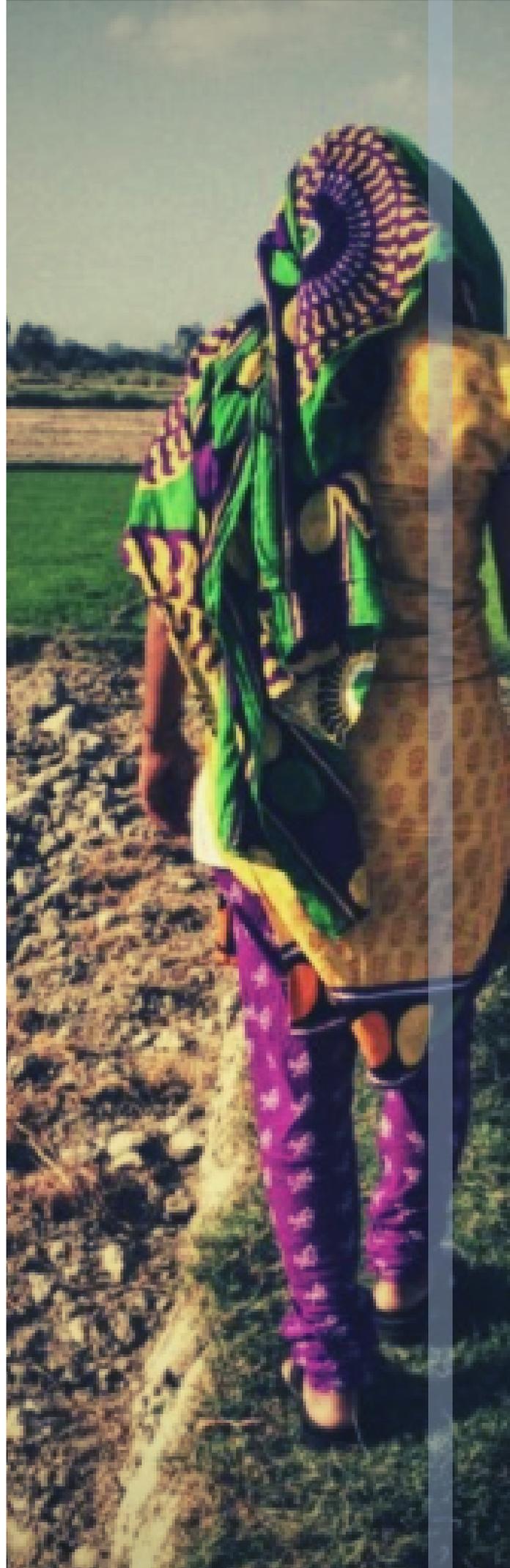
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SPECIAL FEATURE ARTICLE

AN INTERVIEW WITH ELIZABETH IRO

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THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO TALK TO US TODAY. COULD YOU PLEASE SHARE A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE WHO THUS FAR AND STARTING IN YOUR ROLE AS CHIEF NURSING OFFICER?

I started in January, and coming into WHO HQ was definitely a very big move in itself. Understanding the WHO mechanisms and machinery has been a learning curve. Even after nine months into this role, I don't think I've comprehended the full enormity of the organization. Coming into this role, it was important to me to meet other nurses and midwives within the headquarters. That was a priority which I knew would help me to navigate within WHO. Similarly, starting the nursing and midwifery task force was an important launching point. It helped me appreciate the support that was present for this role.

It's been a huge, positive experience so far. But it was also surprising to see how few nurses and midwives there actually were here. Regarding the role and me coming here, again, it was a priority to identify how the nurses and midwives that are here can make a difference in the work of the WHO. It was important to start breaking down the silos and recognize that the WHO is an interconnected network.

The orientation process was critical. In particular, it helped to have everyone from all the different departments meet in a very structured format. That gave me an insight and a sense of the bigger picture. But it also let me take up a conversation with the decision makers and key leaders, providing an opportunity to follow up with different departments and learn more.

HOW HAS IT BEEN GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF COLLABORATING CENTERS?

For me, this was imperative for recognizing who was going to be able to provide support and collaboration for some key WHO agendas. The Collaborating Centers provide that encompassing perspective needed for delivering on those agendas. Following up with the Secretariat, Johns Hopkins University, after the 2018 WHOCC Biennial meeting also allowed to plan for a positive forward direction.



SOURCE: MINISTRY OF HEALTH,
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“The meeting in Cairns was definitely a must go-to for getting information. We recognized this as a priority for how we can get engaged with different organizations and building up into that network, understanding the potential that’s there.”

The Global Network is a very key relationship. It's important for moving some of the WHO agendas as well as some of the nursing and midwifery agendas. We're already seeing that impact, in fact, looking at the triple billion goal and the role the Network plays into it.

WHAT DO YOU FEEL ARE SOME PRIORITY RESEARCH OUTPUTS OF THE GLOBAL NETWORK FOR EXPANDING, UNDERSTANDING, AND ADVOCATING FOR NURSING AND MIDWIFERY PRACTICE?

One of the priorities is in the messaging to support investment in nursing and midwifery. That will be one of the key pieces that will help bring about true professional development, particularly in lower and middle income countries.

It's important to also develop research around emergency and responses. Particularly around community engagement in this – that is a bring priority for me. It is important for us to understand what community engagement is and how we can be involved in it. Because community engagement not only fits within emergency care goals, but also primary health care and community health. It touches on multiple agendas and development goals. And the WHOCC network is critical for this research component.

“HOW DO YOU ENGAGE YOUR COMMUNITY, HOW YOU STRENGTHEN ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ALSO, WHAT IS THE MODEL OF CARE THAT WE HAVE? AND IS THAT BEST FOR WHAT WE HAVE TO DELIVER? THOSE ARE GOING TO BE KEY.”

And then there's mindfulness and delivery of care. We need to highlight the nursing and midwifery role in providing compassionate care. What are we doing to really engage in the community? It's important we start highlighting the role of nursing in rural settings, fragile states, and so on.

WHAT ARE SOME PRIORITIES AROUND GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY AND DECISION MAKING YOU FEEL NURSES AND MIDWIVES TO BE INVOLVED IN? WHAT MAKES THE NURSING VOICE UNIQUE IN POLICY PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING?

Honestly I think we don't really know, you would need to identify the needs within your own country first. There's no 'catch-all' response to global policy or decision making that applies to everyone. There's a need for a variety of responses.

The upcoming report on the State of World's Nursing is going to be critical for understanding what the policy dialogue should be focused around. We can rely on that data to help guide our response. Whether it's around education, in-service care, or focusing on a specific need, there's a whole lot that we as nurses can get involved in.

AS A FOLLOW-UP, WHAT DO YOU FEEL NURSES AND MIDWIVES UNIQUELY BRING TO THE DECISION TABLE ONCE THESE POLICY ISSUES AND CONCERNS ARE IDENTIFIED?

The key is the role of the nursing and midwifery service – what do they bring to the service level, to the education model, and so on. Looking at regulatory functions, being able to advocate for and be a voice for these policy agendas is important. Particularly around how this involves community engagement.

Nursing is a team approach. Nursing and delivery of service – it's about the team, about the ability to refer individuals and get them service. And that applies at different levels - whether that's in the community, the hospital, or wherever these policies play out. And policies need to be at that strategic level.

If we really want to see impact, we need to understand the needs of those countries. Will this policy be able to support them? Global policies are important, but they need to be adapted to meet the country and local level needs. Which is why the report of the Status of World's Nursing is going to be absolutely critical.

AS WE APPROACH THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE BICENTENARY 2020, WHAT ARE SOME WAYS YOU FEEL THE GLOBAL NETWORK AND ITS PARTNERS CAN HELP TO PROMOTE THE TRIPLE IMPACT OF BETTER HEALTH, GENDER EQUALITY, AND STRONGER ECONOMIES?

In 2020, one of the big things that we will be establishing is the global, strategic direction of the nursing and midwifery. It will be an important platform to start thinking about developing that future direction and help identify some of the priorities for us. In particular, it will help us to develop that five year plan for nursing and midwifery.

The Global Network in particular can help to shape and strengthen those priorities. This collaboration is going to be important to help to deliver on those priorities and help us all be better informed about what needs to be done. As we build up to this, too, having gone through this process of becoming informed and collaborating together, the final report in 2020 will be a good chance to reflect and move forward.

Maintaining this relationship of the Global Network is critical, and the collaborating centers are a key partner in this. What I would like to see moving forward is what we can support here and what can be supported by the Network moving towards that triple billion goal. The collaboration is very key part of what – and how – we achieve these goals and agendas.

HOW CAN THE GLOBAL NETWORK HELP TO SUPPORT YOU IN REPRESENTING THE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY WORKFORCE WITHIN WHO?

What is most important is sharing. Really maintaining that open and fluid communication between the Global Network is key. It will allow us better understand how to support each other. I also strongly feel that it's important to incorporate multiple voices at multiple levels.

Getting that regional and country office involvement in the conversation can only strengthen the work that's being done. That's very important. And as we communicate and collaborate, I would like to see not just the Secretariat and WHO involved in these calls and communications. We should be getting the regional offices and collaborating centers involved. We need to make sure everyone is at the table.

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WHOCCS & REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

AFRO

- **University of Botswana**, WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Development
- **University of Malawi, Kamuzu College of Nursing**, WHO Collaborating Centre for Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice
- **University of Natal, School of Nursing**, WHO Collaborating Centre for Educating Nurses and Midwives in Community Problem-solving
- **University of South Africa (UNISA), Department of Advanced Nursing Sciences**, WHO Collaborating Centre for Postgraduate Distance Education and Research in Nursing and Midwifery Development

AMRO

- **University of São Paulo** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Research Development
- **McMaster University** WHO Collaborating Centre in Primary Care Nursing and Health Human Resources
- **University of Chile** WHO Collaborating Centre for Development of Midwifery
- **Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile** WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Services and Nursing Development for Noncommunicable Disease Care
- **Asociación Colombiana de Facultades y Escuelas de Enfermería (ACOFAEN)** WHO Collaborating Centre for the Development of Innovative Methodologies in the Teaching-Learning in PHC
- **The UWI School of Nursing, Mona (UWISON)** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Development in the Caribbean
- **Escuela Nacional de Enfermería y Obstetricia, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México** WHO Collaborating Centre for the Development of Professional Nursing
- **University of Illinois at Chicago** WHO Collaborating Centre for International Nursing Development In Primary Health Care
- **University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Leadership
- **University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Nursing** WHO Collaborating Center for International Nursing
- **Columbia University, School of Nursing** WHO Collaborating Centre for Advanced Practice Nursing
- **University of Michigan, School of Nursing**, Office of International Affairs WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Clinical Training in Health Promotion Nursing
- **Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Information, Knowledge Management and Sharing
- **New York University College of Nursing** WHO Collaborating Centre for Gerontological Nursing Education
- **University of Miami, School of Nursing and Health Studies** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Human Resources Development and Patient Safety

EMRO

- **College of Health Sciences, University of Bahrain** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Development
- **Jordan University of Science and Technology** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Development

EURO

- **Paracelsus Medical University, Institute of Nursing Science and Practice** WHO CC for Nursing Research & Palliative Care Education
- **Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Research Unit, Institute for Healthcare Policy** WHO Collaborating Centre for Human Resources for Health Research and Policy
- **Nursing Research Foundation** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing
- **Lithuanian University of Health Sciences** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Education and Practice
- **Nursing School of Coimbra** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Practice and Research
- **Glasgow Caledonian University, Department of Nursing and Community Health** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Education, Research and Practice
- **Cardiff University, College of Biomedical and Life Sciences, School of Healthcare Sciences** WHO Collaborating centre for Midwifery Development
- **Public Health England, Chief Nurse Directorate** WHO Collaborating Centre for Public Health Nursing & Midwifery

SEARO

- **Christian Medical College and Hospital** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Development
- **National Institute of Nursing Education, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER)** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Development
- **University of Nursing, Yangon** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Development
- **Faculty of Nursing, Mahidol University** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing And Midwifery Development
- **Ramathibodi School of Nursing - Mahidol University** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Development
- **Chiang Mai University - Faculty of Nursing** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Development

WPRO

- **University of Technology Sydney (UTS)** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Research Capacity-Building
- **James Cook University** Australia WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Education and Research Capacity-Building
- **The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (HKPU) School of Nursing**, WHO Collaborating Centre for Community Health Services
- **Peking Union Medical College School of Nursing** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Policy-Making and Quality Management
- **St. Luke's International University, College of Nursing** WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Development in Primary Health Care
- **University of Hyogo, Research Institute of Nursing Care for People and Community** WHO Collaborating Centre for Disaster Risk Management for Health
- **Yonsei University, College of Nursing** WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training for Nursing Development in Primary Health Care
- **The Catholic University of Korea, College of Nursing, Research Institute for Hospice/Palliative Care** WHO Collaborating Centre for Training in Hospice & Palliative Care
- **University of the Philippines Manila** WHO Collaborating Centre for Leadership in Nursing Development

AFRO REGIONAL HIGHLIGHT

DR. JEMIMA A. DENNIS-ANTWI PHD, FWACN, FGCNM

Midwifery and Nursing are pivotal to global health. The advent of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in the early 2000s called for developing countries to improve performance against health indices, especially maternal and newborn health, gender inequalities, and infection prevention. This was a clarion call for midwives and nurses in affected countries to bring their competencies to bear on achievement of those objectives. The International Confederation of Midwives (ICM)/UNFPA Investing in Midwives Programme in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean was in response to this need for strengthening midwives and midwifery for the MDGs and for global recognition in the expanded roles in reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health (RMNCAH).

In line with this purpose, Dr. Jemima Dennis-Antwi was engaged by ICM for the period 2009-2013 to serve as its Regional Midwife Advisor for Anglophone Africa to Ethiopia, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Malawi, Nigeria, Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, and Guyana in Latin America by providing technical backstop to Country Midwife Advisors (CMAs) positioned in UNFPA offices in the stated countries. The assignment led to continual engagements with midwives, Ministers and Directors of health, tertiary educational institutions, professional associations, politicians and global development partners to increase recognition of midwives and midwifery in countries. By the end of the programme in 2013, together with other ICM and UNFPA staff on the Programme, the midwifery impact had grown to include over 40 countries across Africa, Asia, and Latin America. This was through concerted efforts in country gap analysis and setting benchmarks, curricula development for higher level midwifery education, regulation and association strengthening in line with ICM global standards, celebration of International Day of the Midwife (IDM), faculty development, and skills laboratory improvement.

She also made global representations and worked on committees to showcase the midwifery story in Africa. One of her notable contributions for the Africa region was her leadership role on a multi-country task force towards the inauguration of the Confederation of African Midwives Associations (CONAMA) in Nairobi Kenya on 15th July, 2013 with 26 African countries voting.



Her work for midwifery was recognized by African midwives in electing her to serve on the current (2014-present) membership of the ICM Board of Directors.

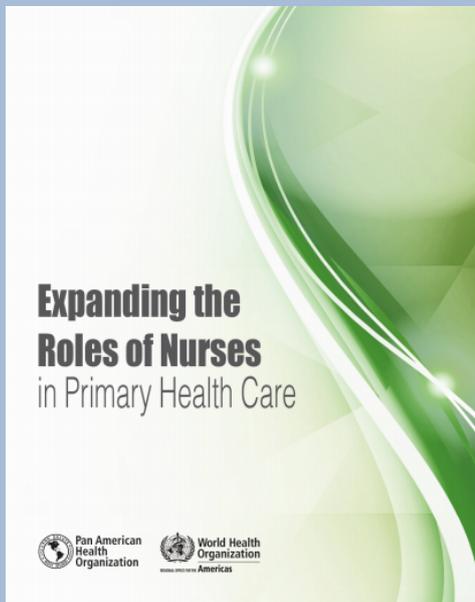
Another important role that Dr. Jemima Dennis-Antwi has played has been the establishment of the Ghana College of Nurses and Midwives (GCNM) as a specialist postgraduate Fellowship College since 2013 and as its first President and Rector. Her contributions have been the building of administrative, financial, and academic structures. The College now runs 9 specialist programmes in Emergency, Palliative, Haematology, Paediatrics, Neuroscience, Neonatal Intensive Care, Oncology, Addictions and Women's Health. She also led international efforts for the first project of the College, named "Paediatric Nursing Education Programme," to be established in partnership with Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada.

Dr. Dennis-Antwi is a product of the University of Ghana; Edinburgh University-Scotland; University of London, UK and De Montfort University of Leicester, UK. She has held honorary Senior Research Fellow positions with De Montfort University and has also served as: a member of the Board of Examiners for the West Africa College of Nursing (2018); Yale University School of Nursing Scholar and keynote speaker (2017); current Board Member and Secretary of the Sickle Cell Foundation of Ghana; and, Member of the Board of Directors for Ipas (North Carolina (USA)). She has peer reviewed papers to her credit and holds interests in Preceptorship in Nursing and Midwifery, Qualitative Research; Strategic Planning and Evaluation and Sickle Cell Disease health promotion.

AMRO REGIONAL HIGHLIGHT

EXPANDING THE ROLE OF NURSES IN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

Dr. Silvia Cassiani, Pan American Health Organization / World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO)



More than 5 million nurses work in the Region of the Americas, with approximately 2 million nurses are working in Latin America and the Caribbean. It is estimated that 800,000 additional health care professionals are required in order to meet current needs of people in the region. In the United States, there are 111.4 nurses for every 10,000 citizens, whereas in Haiti there are only 3.5. In half of the countries of the region, the average number of nurses per 10,000 citizens is 10.4 or fewer. Advancing the role of nurses, particularly in primary care, is critically important in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals and the Universal Access to health and Universal Health Coverage.

During International Nurses Week, in May 2018, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), launched the report, *Expanding the Role of Nurses in Primary Health Care*. This report outlines the crucial role nurses in expanding access to primary health care and advocates for the implementation of advanced practice nursing (APN) roles. In Latin America, there is still no regulation or training for APNs in primary health care. Currently Jamaica and Puerto Rico are the Caribbean countries with most developed training programs, regulation and professional integration of APNs. Given the rich history of APNs in the United States and Canada there is a great opportunity for collaboration and sharing of experiences.

The 1978, the Declaration of Alma-Ata was a milestone on placing an important spotlight on the importance of primary health care and the recent Astana Declaration underscores this commitment to providing health care for all and nurses will play an important role in this vision (Crisp & Iro, 2018) Advancing primary health care will require investing in four delivery platforms: community-based care; health centers, first-level hospitals, and population-based interventions (Watkins et al. 2018). Nurses and midwives will also be crucial in achieving universal access to health and universal health coverage and health for all and the PAHO region looks forward to leading discussion and debate for advancing the role of nursing in primary health care.

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EMRO REGIONAL HIGHLIGHT

JORDAN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WHO COLLABORATING CENTER FOR NURSING DEVELOPMENT

The Faculty of Nursing (FON)/Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) and as Collaborating Center for Nursing Development participated in the project titled as The Rapid Health Facility Assessment in Jordan as joined project between Ministry of Health (MOH) / Jordan, WHO, UNFPA, UNHCR, and UNICEF.

The purpose of this project was to determine the impact of utilization of health care services by the Non Camp Based Syrian Refugees on the health service delivery system in 5 northern Jordanian provinces which are highly-affected by Syrian refugee presence.

The Rapid Health Facility Assessment was led by the Ministry of Health in Jordan, with technical, organizational and financial support by key UN agencies and other national and international partners. The key lead UN agencies are WHO, UNFPA, UNHCR and Unicef. The WHO Jordan worked in partnership with the US-based Center for Global Health of the Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School and Agron Ferati, iAPS.

The FON as WHO Collaborating Center for Nursing Development Coordinated and organized the activities, assigned facilitators and enumerators, and collected data from the proposed health facilities (Hospitals and Health centers).



EURO REGIONAL HIGHLIGHT

GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION COLLABORATING CENTRE FOR NURSING EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND PRACTICE



Three members of academic staff from the WHOCC at Glasgow Caledonian University, Sarah Renton (WHOCC Deputy Director), Helen Gough (Lecturer) and Dr Evelyn McElhinney (Senior Lecturer) were delighted to have the opportunity to participate in the 12th Biennial Conference and Meetings of the Global Network of World Health Organisation Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery, Cairns, Australia on 16-20th July 2018.

Attended by over 250 delegates from over 30 countries, the lecturers presented work on a range of topics which were linked to the key theme of the conference: Universal Health Care: Sustainable Development Goals Are Everyone's Business". Sarah Renton gave an oral presentation on The Global Health Module in the Nursing Curriculum. The presentation reported the findings of a research study which explored fourth-year nursing students' perception of the impact that the module had on their knowledge and understanding of global health issues and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Helen Gough presented a poster entitled Giving voice to nurse-teacher educators. The poster, based on her narrative inquiry study, examined how the educational and professional experiences of nurse-teacher educators informs the way they support student nurse-teachers. Dr Evelyn McElhinney gave both an oral and poster presentation at the conference on Health literacy practices in 3D Social Virtual Worlds and the influence on physical world health behaviour. She also won best poster presentation for The importance of people and place in 3D Social Virtual Worlds to self-management of long term conditions.

This was a fantastic opportunity for colleagues to network and share learning to promote the role of nurses and midwives in working towards the WHIO Sustainable Development Goals.

The WHOCC at Glasgow Caledonian University acts as Secretariat for the European Network of WHOCC for Nursing & Midwifery. Sarah Renton participated in a meeting of Government Chief Nursing Officers, National Nursing and Midwifery Associations, and WHO Collaborating Centres in the WHO European Region 3-4th October 2018.

The overall purpose of the meeting is to bring key stakeholders together to review, discuss and accelerate progress in strengthening nursing and midwifery towards achieving the population health objectives of WHO Euro Health 2020 strategy and the longer term goals for member states in the WHO European region. The meeting provided an opportunity to exchange individual and collective experiences in leadership and utilization of the nursing and midwifery workforce to achieve its full potential.

SEARO REGIONAL HIGHLIGHT

CHIANG MAI UNIVERSITY TO HOST 2020 BIENNIAL MEETING OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION COLLABORATING CENTERS FOR NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

Dr. Wipada Kunaviktikul, Dean of Faculty of Nursing at Chiang Mai University in Thailand, and her team will be hosting the 2020 meeting.

The theme for this meeting will be:

Advocacy and policy: Leveraging the voices of nurses and midwives.

Thailand is a country located in Southeast Asia, notable for its unique history, sociocultural diversity and is home to a rapidly growing population of more than 60 million people.

Thailand's Country Cooperation Strategy (CCS) 2017–2021 for is guiding the work of the World Health Organization's work in Thailand. Key focus areas address critical health issues in Thailand including antimicrobial resistance, global health diplomacy migrant health, non-communicable diseases, and road safety (World Health Organization, 2017). Thailand has experienced important social, health and economic advances over recent decades and is now an upper-middle-income country that has pioneered advances in implementing universal health care coverage.

Chiang Mai University was founded in January 1964, in a Royal Charter granted by His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, Chiang Mai University was the first institute of higher education in the northern region of Thailand. Chiang Mai which is located 700 km (435 miles) north of Bangkok in a green, lush valley on the banks of the Ping River, Chiang Mai was founded in 1296 as the capital of the ancient Lanna Kingdom and there are many beautiful temples and examples of the richness of the Thai culture. During the 2020 meeting there will not only be an opportunity to engage in scientific dialogue but also experience the warmth, culture and hospitality of Thailand.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE 17 - 18, 2020
AND LOOK OUT FOR UPDATES ON CONFERENCE THEMES AND
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS!**

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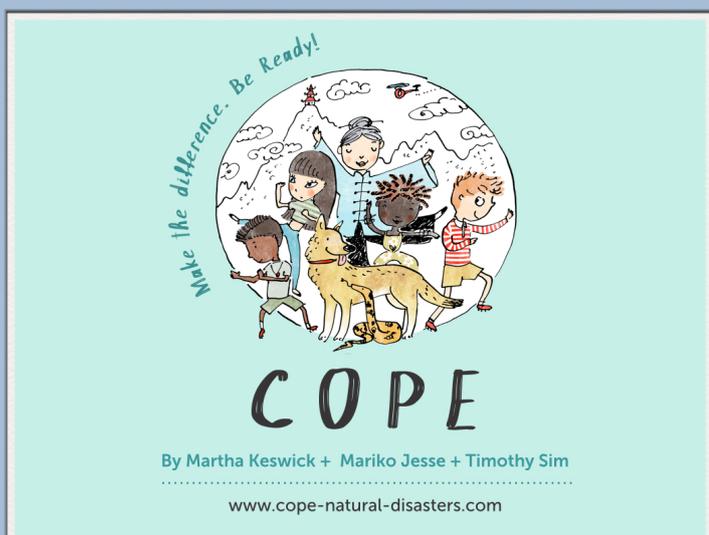
WPRO REGIONAL HIGHLIGHT

INCREASING DISASTER RESILIENCE OF CHILDREN

By: *The Hong Kong Polytechnic University WHOCC for Community Health Services*

COPE a series of innovative and beautifully illustrated children's books intended for global distribution to raise awareness on preparedness for natural disasters. Natural disasters are extreme sudden events that cause widespread destruction, loss of life, and massive health and mental health problems. Children are among the most vulnerable groups effected by natural disasters and it is therefore of utmost importance that they are properly prepared. However, children as young as five years old can be trained to prepare for disasters (Izadkhah and Gibbs, 2015; Ronan, 2001).

Written by Martha Keswick, illustrated by Mariko Jesse, and edited by Timothy Sim, the COPE book series targets young readers ages seven to eleven, and parents to read to their children ages four to eight. The series teach children simple steps for disaster preparedness, which may one day save their and other people's lives. Each title will focus on a natural disaster (earthquake, floods, landslides, tsunamis, cyclones, blizzards, heat waves, volcanoes, wildfires and droughts). Each book will incorporate:



- Simple interesting facts about the natural disaster on the inside front cover
- 'Lived' stories of disasters provided by children and their families who experienced earthquakes, landslides, floods and other disasters
- 10 key messages on how to be prepared e.g. 'Drop, Cover and Hold' in the Earthquake story; "Run to high ground" in tsunamis
- Focus on a vulnerable group such as children, the disabled, women, elderly migrants etcetera
- Health and psychosocial support such as mindfulness techniques to be mentally prepared for each natural disaster

The key strategy in making this children's series impactful goes beyond its attractive storyline and beautiful illustrations. Through collaboration with local stakeholders, this project adopts contextually respectful and culturally relevant methods to prepare children and their parents and teachers. In China, we are currently working out a pilot project for left-behind children with Amity Foundation to enliven the book by engaging children via coloring, creating pop-ups, and integrating it with a range of classroom activities.

In Malaysia, the National University of Malaya is currently developing a teachers' training manual for the book series to train nursery teachers to use this book. The sky is the limit in working on increasing the disaster resilience of children. Contact us if you are interested in collaborating with us.

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MIDWIFERY NETWORK

INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE GNWHOCC MIDWIFERY NETWORK

The inaugural meeting of the Midwifery Network was held on 17th July at the GNWHOCC meeting in Cairns, Australia. It was very well attended, with twenty-four participants from WHO CCs across the regions, as well as representation from WHO Headquarters, WHO Regional Offices, ICM, and JHPIEGO. We particularly welcomed Elizabeth Iro (Chief Nurse) and Fran McConville (Technical Advisor, Midwifery).

The Midwifery Network is co-led by Professor Lorena Binfa (WHO CC for Development of Midwifery, University of Chile) and Professor Billie Hunter (WHO CC for Midwifery Development, Cardiff University, Wales UK). Whilst the Universities of Chile and Cardiff host the only two WHO CCs with specific midwifery workplans, many other centres have an interest in midwifery education and practice. Bringing together this expertise will be valuable to the global WHO programme.

The meeting began with an overview of the **Network aims**:

- **Strengthen** midwifery research, education, collaboration, visibility and voice across the Global Network
- **Share**, and be aware of, midwifery research and development activities being conducted across the Global Network
- **Provide opportunities** for global collaboration on midwifery issues of mutual interest
- **Assist with planning** the midwifery activities at Global Network meetings and conferences
- **Be a point of leadership** in midwifery to assist with sourcing midwifery contribution to the Links magazine and global updates

All the WHO CC representatives presented their activities related to midwifery, maternal and newborn health. It was very exciting to hear about the great work that is taking place globally, such as educational projects in diverse member states (for example, Haiti, Bolivia, Papua New Guinea, Lithuania).

We were also delighted to hear from Fran McConville, who presented an overview of the current global programme of work relating to midwifery, including the Guidance for Member States on Strengthening Inter-professional Midwifery Education for UHC 2030 and the Midwifery Education Toolkit. She also alerted members to an important opportunity: the WHA 2019 topic is “quality midwifery care”, which provides the global community with a unique opportunity to focus on the issues needed to support Member States and implementing partners to provide quality midwifery care to all women, newborns and their families. We agreed that the formation of the Midwifery Network should facilitate consultation with HQ on these and other important initiatives. Professor Caroline Homer followed with an update on the research priority setting work emerging from The Lancet Series on Midwifery, and its implications for future WHO CC activities.

Information sharing was a key feature of the meeting. There was a strong emphasis on the value of collaboration and linking with each other, sharing ideas and good practice, as well as on establishing partnerships with organisations such as ICM, UNFPA and JHPIEGO.

The next step is to set up effective communication channels with all WHO CCs engaged in midwifery-related activities, supported by the new GNWHOCC Secretariat at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing. Over the next few months, we plan to send out a midwifery newsletter to all GNWHOCC members, have a regular midwifery column in the Links magazine, and create a midwifery space on the GNWHOCC website.

TO DO THIS WE WILL NEED YOUR INPUT! PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE MIDWIFERY NETWORK, AND PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR MIDWIFERY NEWS!

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MEET THE WHOCCNM SECRETARIAT



The Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing (JHUSON) is honored to serve at the acting Secretariat for the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centers for Nursing & Midwifery. As one of the top schools of nursing in the United States, JHUSON community of nurses and midwives strives to improve the health of individuals and diverse communities locally and globally through leadership and excellence in nursing education, research, practice, and service.

Elected Secretariat in 2018, JHUSON seeks to further the vision and mission of the Global Network of WHOCC by being a reliable source of communication, community, and collaboration between Global Network centers and partners.



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EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

WHOCC 2018 RECAP

A HUGE THANK YOU TO JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY FOR HOSTING THE 12TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF CENTERS FOR NURSING AND MIDWIFERY!

to be a nurse or midwife today is to **advocate**, to **mentor**, to **educate**, to **innovate**, to **research** and to **lead**.



The 12th Biennial of the WHO Collaborating Centers for Nursing and Midwifery Conference was a memorable, collaborative effort that brought together the world's leaders in nursing and midwifery. Nurses and midwives from around the world came together to discuss "UHC: The Sustainable Development Goals are Everyone's Business."

There was a dynamic and inspiring array of poster and breakout sessions. Attendees were able to hear from our global partners such as JHPIEGO, trailblazers such as Teresa Brockie from the USA, and even the esteemed WHO Chief Nursing Officer Elizabeth Iro.

During the General Meeting with the Global Network that followed, partners, WHO colleagues, and members from 29 Collaborating Centers came together to share their hard work and strategize on how to advance nursing and midwifery in their region. The event concluded with University of Technology Sydney finishing their remarkable season as Secretariat, passing the torch on to Johns Hopkins University colleagues.

12TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE AND MEETINGS OF THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF WHO COLLABORATING CENTERS FOR NURSING & MIDWIFERY, CAIRNS AUSTRALIA, 17-20 JULY 2018

BY CARYN WEST, DIRECTOR, WHO CC JCU, & ANDREA GRIMES & CHRISTOPHER ROUEN, RESEARCH OFFICERS WHO CC JCU.

From July 17th to 20th, the WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing & Midwifery Education and Research Capacity Building, James Cook University (JCU) hosted the General Meeting of the Global Network World Health Organization Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery (GN WHO CC) and the 12th Biennial WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery Conference: 'Universal Health Care: SDGs are everyone's business', in Cairns, Australia.

For staff, students, and the people of Cairns, to host such an important event was an honour. Not only did we want to provide a cutting edge agenda of topics and outstanding national and international speakers, but we wanted to ensure memories were created and relationships were fostered that would last a lifetime.

The four day calendar welcomed WHO partners and colleagues from 31 WHO Collaborating Centres (WHOCCs), senior representatives from WHO Geneva, delegates for AMRO, AFRO, EMRO, EURO, SEARO and WPRO, and GN WHOCC partner organisations International Council of Nurses (ICN), International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) and JHPIEGO. In total, 290 delegates from 35 countries came together under a common banner in the "spirit of partnership and pragmatism to make the right choices now to improve life, in a sustainable way, for future generations."

In conjunction with the business agenda a lively social calendar provided a glimpse of what north Queensland had to offer. Day one commenced with the Executive Committee meeting, Midwifery Global Consultation and a Student Forum and concluded with a campus walking tour. To those who attended, we hope you had a truly incredible time! Hosted by the JCU N&M Student Crew, the Opening Ceremony was complete with didgeridoos, traditional welcome dances, incredible food, and live music.

The following two days featured the conference itself, with a packed program of presentations and opportunities for interactive dialogue all aimed at creating a healthier, safer, and more equitable world. For Global Network CC members the Gala Dinner did not disappoint. Guests were transported back in time and invited to come face to face with Australia's ancient past amongst the world's oldest living rainforest.

Friendships and newly created relationships were then cemented at the Global Gathering held at the Cairns Aquarium, offering a glimpse of the iconic Great Barrier Reef and her underwater treasures.

The final days Global Network meeting saw a change of guard with the Secretary-General post and the Global Network of World Health Organisation Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery (GNWHOCCNM) transitioning from UTS to JHU. With the meetings and business at an end, what better way to say goodbye than with an Aussie BBQ and some local Aussie wildlife (snakes, lizards and crocodiles).

The WHOCC JCU team would like to sincerely thank the following people. Without your help the conference and meetings would not have been possible: Our outstanding Student Crew, staff from the JCU College of Healthcare Sciences, Michele Rumsey and her team at WHOCC University of Technology Sydney, the incoming secretariat Johns Hopkins University, and the numerous sponsors. To everyone who attended, we hope you had a truly incredible time!



2019 UPCOMING EVENTS

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ICN CONGRESS 2019

The **International Council of Nurses** is delighted to invite you to the **ICN Congress 2019** to be held in **Singapore from 27 June to 1 July 2019**. Hosted by the **Singapore Nurses Association**, this international gathering of thousands of nurses will explore the many ways in which nurses work to achieve universal access to health, not only providing health care but also addressing the social determinants of health, such as education, gender equality, poverty, etc. The Congress will provide opportunities for nurses to build relationships and to disseminate nursing and health-related knowledge. The Council of National Nursing Association Representatives, ICN's global governing body, will convene from 25-27 June 2019. Congress participants who are members of ICN member associations will be able to observe global nursing leaders, identify the profession's priorities and future directions. Learn more: <https://www.icn.ch/events/icn-congress-2019-singapore>

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE MIDWIFE 2019

Each year since 1992, the **International Confederation of Midwives** leads global recognition and celebration of the work of midwives, on the **5th of May**. Each year ICM comes up with a campaign theme to motivate its Member Associations, partners and stakeholders to raise awareness about the status of midwives and the essential care they provide to mothers and their newborns. The 2018 theme was "midwives leading the way with quality care." Stay tuned and learn more: <https://www.internationalmidwives.org/icm-events/idm-international-day-of-the-midwife.html>

2019 CUGH CONFERENCE

The **Consortium of Universities for Global Health's (CUGH) 10th annual conference, will take place in Chicago at the Hilton Hotel, March 8-10, 2019**. The theme is, Translation and Implementation for Impact in Global Health. The meeting will bring together leaders across a broad range of areas to share with us what we can do to overcome the knowledge-needs gap, scale up evidence-based solutions and impact public policies so we can effectively address the pressing global challenges we face. Attendees will have many opportunities to engage, learn, contribute and collaborate with each other in a dynamic, inspiring environment. Learn more: <https://www.cugh2019.org/>

NURSING LEADER HIGHLIGHT



TERESA BROCKIE PHD, RN, FAAN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

Dr. Teresa Brockie is a clinically trained public health nurse and nursing researcher. Her initial inspiration to become a nurse was rooted in the public health nurses who worked on the reservation she grew up on, as she watched them care for her ailing grandmother. Her nursing career brought her from Montana to the urban sites of Southern California, working in public health and eventually directing the community health services of San Jose. Her professional experiences highlighted the value of community research, program implementation, and evaluation, compelling her to complete her masters and doctoral studies at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing.

Dr. Brockie's work recently brought her to the international stage in Cairns, Australia as a keynote speaker at the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centers for Nursing and Midwifery 2018 Biennial Conference. While overwhelming as her first experience in the global spotlight, the experience was an exciting opportunity to be among others working in indigenous health and global nursing workforce. This international opportunity created connections with the nursing leaders in Australia working with the indigenous populations, who invited her to visit their communities. Although she was on the other side of the world, she found strikingly similar circumstances to the U.S. reservations and these communities, such as signs of persistent poverty, high rates of violence, and unemployment. Dr. Brockie has always been committed to the health and wellbeing of indigenous populations in the United States, and notes that there are few nurses who have focused their work on this population. Dr. Brockie states, "In areas where they need to have a voice, their concerns are never talked about or addressed, so they remain invisible."

In response, her aim is to change the status quo, calling attention to the significant health disparities Indigenous peoples face around the world. With regards to advancing the global nursing workforce scope and impact, Dr. Brockie's interest lies in the nursing shortage. Particularly in high risk, rural settings, the potential for nursing leaders to address and advocate for health disparities among indigenous populations is significant.

A step in the direction of equal health access and quality of care, would be to begin to recruit a talented and committed workforce from these high-risk areas into the nursing practice. Nursing leaders are responsible for recruiting, educating, and promoting strategic partnerships among nursing communities which allow for shared visions for indigenous health and wellbeing. As Dr. Brockie states,

"If we talk about Indigenous people more, they will become less invisible."

Her vision for this culture of visibility begins in the classroom. By creating a space for indigenous health in nursing education, rising nursing leaders are better equipped to address indigenous health needs and disparities. Dr. Brockie notes that national discourse, policy, and history is responsible for making indigenous populations "poor from inception." Higher rates of morbidity, mortality, violence, and poor education outcomes are therefore tolerated. Dr. Brockie would like to see nursing leaders become a voice for these issues, advocating for these highly vulnerable groups.

Dr. Brockie is currently working on several different projects. Her main focus lies in the determination of protective and cultural factor influence on suicide among the indigenous population in the US. She asserts that only by understanding these protective factors can we enhance them. One project focuses on four cultural components including enhancing tribal identity, communal mastery, healing historical trauma, and smudging, a ritual practice of cleansing the spirit. Another project focuses on intervention delivered by community health workers through the Head Start program. Her most recent award through the diversity supplement of the suicide hub award from the National Institute of Health providing training funding for her team to work with those in Fort Peck to plan and implement the suicide prevention program with the White Apache Tribe. She is also working to develop a partnership with the college at Fort Belknap, Montana.

Written by Lindsey Jackson, MEN Student at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing

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The International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) supports, represents and works to strengthen professional associations of midwives throughout the world, to achieve common goals in the care of mothers and newborns.



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