




Establishing a global agenda in nursing and midwifery: improving local health?

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“...the health of all peoples is
fundamental to the attainment of
peace and security and is
dependent upon the fullest
cooperation of individuals and
states...”

*(World Health Organization,
Constitution, Geneva, 1989)*



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WHO Collaborating Centres



- Designated by WHO, the WHO region, and with the approval of the Ministry of Health in the country
- Works with WHO to support their programmes
- Technical arm of WHO for advancing health locally, nationally, internationally
- More than 1,000 WHO Collaborating Centres globally
- 40 have a key focus of nursing or midwifery.




WHOCC concept



- WHO and other agencies work with CCs to develop plans of work which are relevant regionally and globally;
- Geographical spread of Collaborating Centres gives local / national knowledge and can appreciate cultural, financial, political issues.




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Strengthening nursing and midwifery Resolution WHA59.27


- Establish comprehensive community based programmes;
- Ensure that nursing and midwifery are represented;
- Ensure that legislation including regulation remains relevant;
- Support the development and implementation of ethical recruitment.



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Location of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery Development

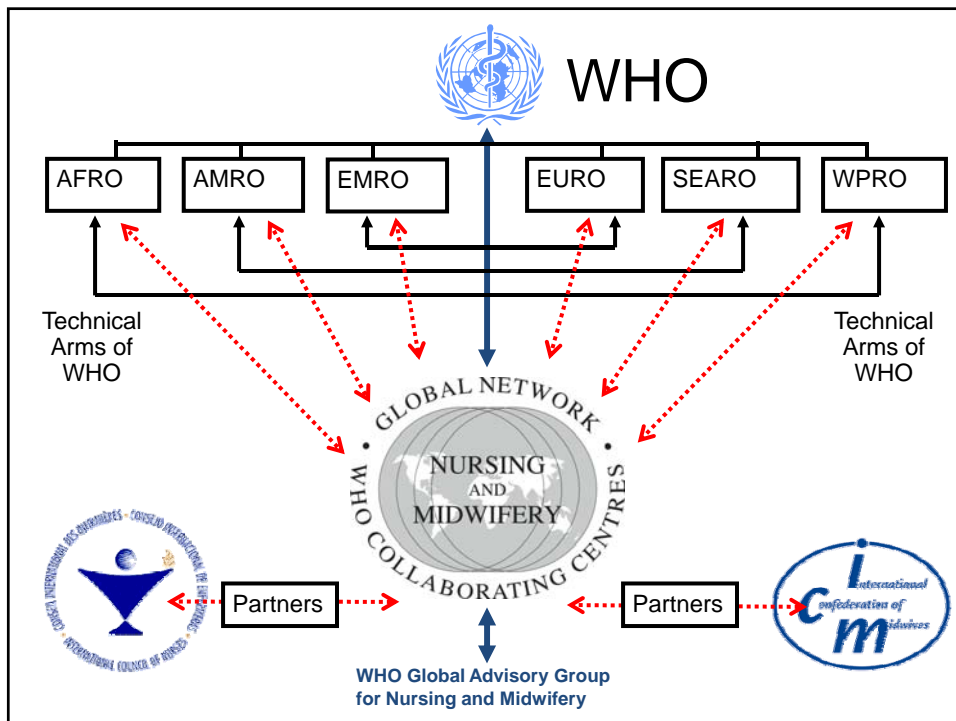



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EMRO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery Development

■ 1 in Jordan ■ 1 in Bahrain

The map displays the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMRO) in orange, with other WHO regions in blue. Two red dots indicate the locations of Collaborating Centres: one in Jordan and one in Bahrain. A small logo for the 'GLOBAL NETWORK NURSING AND MIDWIFERY COLLABORATING CENTRES' is in the top right corner.





VISION of the Global Network

- Health for All Through Nursing and Midwifery Excellence



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Strategic Goals of Network

- GOAL I: Promote global human resource development through advocacy and evidence based policy activities.
- GOAL II: Promote the health of the population through community participation, empowerment and partnership.



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Collaborative Projects across Regions




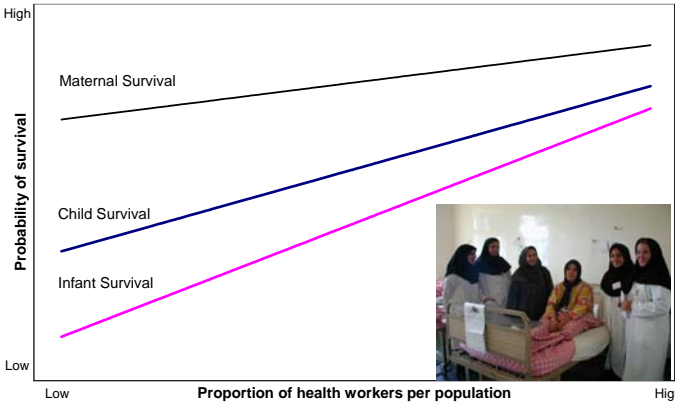

Linked to Strategic Directions to Strengthen Nursing
and Midwifery

- Advocacy for policy;
- HIV/AIDS;
- Capacity building (leadership and faculty development);
- Telehealth/Distance Education;
- Adolescent Health;
- Evidence based practice;
(clinical nurses' and midwives' contribution to health of populations);
- Safe Motherhood;
- Mental Health;
- Global standards for initial education of nurses and midwives.




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Educated and well-trained nurse and midwives save lives



WHO (2006). *The World Health Report 2006 – Working Together for Health*. Geneva, World Health Organization



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Challenges for Nursing and Midwifery



- Ensuring adequate numbers of well educated practitioners;
- Assisting in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;
- Combating the effects of climate change.



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Critical Issues for consideration.



- Education of nurses and midwives to meet health needs of **local** communities;
- Re-orient initial education programmes towards Primary Health Care;
- Address the shortage of teaching staff by providing accelerated opportunities for doctoral programmes.



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Action points



- Encourage and facilitate those nursing/midwifery institutions which are already proactive to consider becoming CCs;
- Build on the strength and expertise of the Global Network of WHOCCs in nursing and midwifery to work together in global projects with other institutions where required.



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Thank you



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