



THE CNF GOES TO TANZANIA

In a first for both the CNF and the Tanzania Nurses Association (TANNA), the CNF took its 4 Safety workshop to Dar es Salaam. Thirty nurses from the capital city of Tanzania spent two days reflecting on issues around a safe patient, a safe workplace, a safe profession and a safe nurse.

Participants decided that the three most important factors to achieve patient safety were:

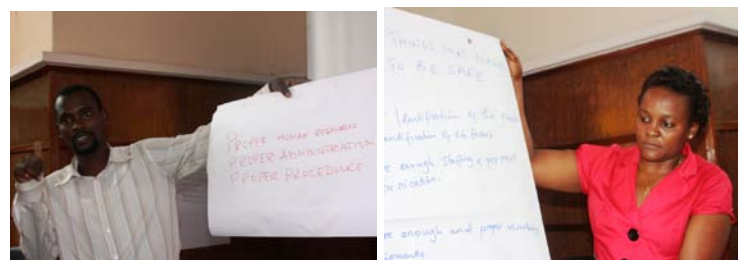
- * A safe environment (clean, well maintained, adequate lighting, clean water etc);
- * Competent and sufficient staff (knowledgeable and motivated); and
- * Good communication (verbal and written) and effective teamwork.

Similar factors were identified to make the workplace safe for patients and staff:

- * A safe working environment (clean, well maintained buildings, security, sufficient resources, appropriate and well maintained equipment);
- * A safe organisational framework (teamwork, good communication, leadership, policies, guidelines, knowledge of rights, effective management); and
- * Safe staffing (competent, sufficient, educated, motivated).

The nurses unanimously concluded that while they agreed nursing was a profession, they did not think it was a 'safe' profession until the workplace in which nurses deliver care is safe and until all nurses are familiar with and practiced according to national standards and a national code of ethics and code of conduct.

The President of TANNA, Mr Ntuli Kimido Mwambingu and Executive Secretary, Ms Romana Sanga are working with the CNF to develop a proposal to replicate the 4 Safety workshops across the country, particularly to nurses in rural areas.





COMMONWEALTH NURSES FEDERATION

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AWARD TO TTRNA PRESIDENT

The President of the Trinidad and Tobago Registered Nurse Association has received a prestigious national award at the 47th Anniversary of Independence celebrations. The Medal of Merit Silver for Outstanding and Meritorious Service was awarded to Mrs Valerie Alleyne-Rawlins by the President of Trinidad and Tobago at a ceremony at the President's house on 13 August 2009. Mrs Rawlins was nominated for the award by the TTRNA. The granting of the award has generated great excitement among the nurses of Trinidad and Tobago as it is a long time since a nurse has received such national recognition.



FIJI SUSPENDED FROM COMMONWEALTH

The Republic of Fiji was formally suspended from membership of the Commonwealth by the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group effective 1 September 2009. The reason for the suspension was the failure of the Interim Government of Fiji, established after the military overthrow of the elected civilian government in December 2006, to support a process of national dialogue and a return to constitutional democracy.

Contact by Commonwealth accredited organisations, such as the CNF, with their Fiji members is left to the discretion of each organisation. The Fiji Nursing Association has always been a strong and committed member of the CNF. They will remain a member of the CNF and the CNF will continue to support them during this difficult time.

The Commonwealth remains committed to engaging with the Fiji Interim Government and other key stakeholders in Fiji to support an inclusive and credible national dialogue and a return to constitutional democracy.

COMMONWEALTH PEOPLE'S FORUM



The Commonwealth Peoples' Forum (CPF), held in conjunction with the biennial Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting, will be held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago 22-26 November, 2009.

The CPF provides an opportunity for individuals and organisations across the Commonwealth to interact, network and share ideas around issues of concern and interest. Representatives of the CNF will be attending the CPF and presenting at some of the assemblies. The CNF will also be participating as part of the Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance. More information about the CPF can be found on the website of the Commonwealth Foundation: <http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com>.

COMMONWEALTH STEERING COMMITTEE FOR NURSING AND MIDWIFERY REGIONAL WORKSHOP

The 2010 Commonwealth Steering Committee for Nursing and Midwifery Regional Workshop is being held in Grenada from 15-16 February 2010. CNF members from the Atlantic region are invited to attend the workshop. Information about the workshop and registration forms have been sent to CNF members and are also available on the CNF website: <http://www.commonwealthnurses.org>.

8th CNF EUROPEAN REGION CONFERENCE

Advancing health through nursing
12-13 March 2010
Coral Beach Hotel, Paphos, Cyprus

SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT AND PLAN TO BE THERE

Abstracts should be submitted to the Cyprus Nurses and Midwives Association cy.n.a@cytanet.com.cy by Monday 14 December 2009.

