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## Registration now open

5th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference

Friday 6 and Saturday 7 March 2020, London UK

### Celebrate ...

nurses and midwives, breaking down barriers, leaving no-one behind  
2020: a year of celebration of nursing and midwifery

At the 5th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference we will be celebrating the past achievements, present endeavours, and future contributions of nurses and midwives.

Presentations will showcase how individual nurses and midwives, or nursing and midwifery groups, associations or institutions are contributing to global health and wellbeing across the lifespan in all settings within the following themes:

- Clinical practice
- Leadership and management
- Education and training
- Policy and projects
- Research and innovation.

Full details are available at:

[www.commonwealthnurses.org/conference2020](http://www.commonwealthnurses.org/conference2020)



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## WORLD FIRST DRONE DELIVERED VACCINE

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/child-given-worlds-first-drone-delivered-vaccine-vanuatu-unicef>



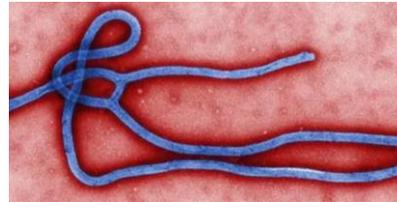
Miriam Nampil, a registered nurse, administered the drone delivered vaccine.

UNICEF, in partnership with the Government of Vanuatu, have reported a world first trial of vaccines delivered by drone to remote communities. Because of the remoteness of many of Vanuatu's villages, almost 20% of children do not receive essential childhood vaccines. Vanuatu is made up of more than 80 remote, mountainous islands stretching across 1,300 kilometres. Vaccines are difficult to transport to remote communities as they need to be carried at specific temperatures. The drone delivery of vaccine covered almost 40 kilometres of rugged mountainous terrain from the west side of the island to a small scattered community in the east that does not have a health centre or electricity and which is only accessible by foot or small local boats.

## 24<sup>th</sup> CNMF Biennial Meeting Thursday 5 March 2020 London UK

The 24<sup>th</sup> CNMF Biennial Meeting of Members will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in London, United Kingdom. The Biennial Meeting of Members is the decision making body of the CNMF. All CNMF members are entitled to attend and participate in the debate and decision making. CNMF friends are welcome to attend as observers. The 2020 Biennial Meeting of Members will receive reports from the President, Executive Secretary and Treasurer; vote on constitutional changes; confirm position statements debated at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Meeting of Members; consider other CNMF position statements; and set CNMF directions for the following two years.

## EBOLA UPDATE



The World Health Organisation (WHO) have reported a total of 3,227 EVD cases in the Democratic Republic of Congo, including 3113 confirmed and 114 probable cases, with 2,154 people dying from the disease (overall case fatality ratio 67%). Of the total confirmed and probable cases, 56% ( $n=1811$ ) were female, 28% ( $n=918$ ) were children aged less than 18 years, and 5% ( $n=162$ ) were health workers. A qualitative investigation in the affected areas showed there is poor understanding among the population and local health workers of the transmission mechanism and symptoms of the disease, compounded with an environment of mistrust surrounding the origin of the disease, and reason for vaccination.

## THE NURSE WHO SAVED A CITY

<https://www.afro.who.int/news/blandine-kazade-nurse-who-saved-city-democratic-republic-congo>



When an undiagnosed Ebola patient walked through the gates of the Afya Himbi Health Centre in Goma, nurse Blandine Kazade was alert and cautious. Her quick reaction to notify other health authorities triggered an immediate response that stopped the transmission of the virus in a city of one million people. "With my gloves on, I examined him, and my alarm bells went off. I immediately suspected he could be an Ebola case. We immediately took the patient into isolation, away from other patients. We called the head of the hospital and he called the Ebola expert team. They arrived shortly after to collect the patient for further testing at their specialized centre. The results later came back as positive for Ebola."