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## WISHING YOU A SAFE, HAPPY, PEACEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE 2015



The President and Board of the Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Federation wish all our members and friends a safe, happy, peaceful and productive 2015. We especially remember our colleagues in Sierra Leone and friends in Liberia and Guinea fighting the Ebola epidemic. We remember also, colleagues and friends in countries experiencing turmoil; the millions of refugees seeking sanctuary outside their home country; and the many thousands of nurses, midwives and other health workers who are providing care and comfort. We sincerely hope that the New Year brings peace and stability to our world.

## THANK YOU TO FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS



The CNMF President and Board would like to acknowledge and thank the many friends and supporters of the CNMF who have contributed to a very successful twelve months in 2014. The first thank you goes to CNMF Board members who give freely of their time and energy to govern the CNMF. The second thank you is to CNMF members who are so diligent in providing input and direction to the work of the CNMF. A big thank you to the Royal College of Nursing UK who provide office space for the CNMF and who also provide friendship, encouragement and professional advice and support. And another big thank you to RCN Publishing which has sponsored the CNMF e-News for the past six years. To all our other friends and colleagues across the Commonwealth - the Commonwealth Foundation, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Royal Commonwealth Society, other Commonwealth civil society organisations, and our many friends and colleagues in Commonwealth countries and beyond, a big thank you for your contribution to making the CNMF a successful and dynamic organisation.

## VALE CLAVERY MPANDANA



It is with great sadness that the death of Mr Clavery Mpandana, Chief Nurse of Tanzania, is reported. Mr Mpandana died on 12 December from cancer after a short illness. Nurses in Tanzania and across the east, central and southern Africa region will be saddened by the death of Mr Mpandana who was a champion of nursing and tireless in his efforts to improve the standard of nursing care to the people of Tanzania. Mr Mpandana was a great friend to many people and he will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with his family and many friends at this difficult time.

10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Photoshare Photo Contest  
[www.photoshare.org](http://www.photoshare.org)

Featured Award  
Healthcare Providers  
HIFA Photography Award



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Photoshare Photo Contest

The Annual Photoshare Contest is a popular international event mobilising amateur and professional photographers to share their photos for charitable and education use. The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 2014 Photoshare Photo Contest has a top prize of US\$1,000. Deadline for entries is 28 February 2015. Entries are accepted through Photoshare's 'Upload Submission' form available from: <http://www.photoshare.org/2014-photoshare-photo-contest>.

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## MALTA TO HOST NEXT CNMF EUROPE REGION CONFERENCE



The CNMF is pleased to announce that the Malta Union of Midwives and Nurses will be hosting the 11<sup>th</sup> CNMF Europe Region Conference 6-7 March 2015 on the wonderfully interesting and historic island of Malta. This conference is always an outstanding success with high quality presentations from across the world. Further information is available on the MUMN website (<http://www.mumn.org>) or the CNMF website (<http://www.commonwealthnurses.org>). The CNMF encourages all nurses and midwives to make this conference a must in their diary for 2015.

### 11<sup>th</sup> Regional European Commonwealth Conference

San Antonio Hotel and Spa Qawra Malta  
Friday to Saturday 6-7<sup>th</sup> March 2015

*Building success  
nurses and midwives hold the future*

<http://www.mumn.org/>

## 18<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL SCHOOL NURSES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

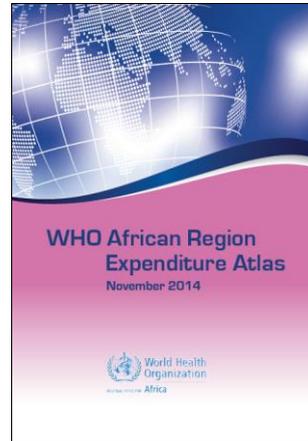


The 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial School Nurses International Conference will be held 27-31 July 2015 in London at the University of Greenwich, Old Royal Naval College.

School nurses often work in isolation from their hospital and community peers and the conference provides an ideal opportunity to share information and experience in this interesting and specialised area of nursing with colleagues across the world.

Abstract submissions are invited by 30 January 2015 for oral or poster presentations. Further information is available on the conference website:

[http://www.schoolnursesinternational.com/SNI\\_Conferences.html](http://www.schoolnursesinternational.com/SNI_Conferences.html)



## WHO AFRICAN REGION EXPENDITURE ATLAS November 2014

The Health Expenditure Atlas has used summarised data from countries' national health account reports to show the health financing profile for each country. The Atlas presents key indicators, such as general government health expenditure (GGHE) as a share of gross domestic product (GDP); total health expenditure (THE) per capita; out-of-pocket payments (OOP) as a share of total health expenditure; the extent to which countries are meeting or falling short of the Abuja target; and how some of these are linked to life expectancy and the maternal mortality ratio. These indicators help to inform policy-making and guide priority setting when developing national health strategies and operational plans.

A study of 185 countries showed that GGHE as a share of GDP increased with a country's income. Evidence further shows that when government expenditure on health is greater than 5-6% of GDP, fewer households have financial hardship in paying for the health services they need. In 2012, only seven African countries (out of 45) were spending more than 5% of GGHE as a share of GDP.

It is estimated that a low income country needs to spend on average US\$44 per capita to strengthen its health system and provide an essential package of health services. In 2012, 26 African countries were spending US\$44 per capita however health indicators are not showing improvement in several of those countries. The report suggests an analysis is required to see how efficiently the available resources are being used and whether high impact interventions are being utilised.

Poverty is an almost inevitable outcome when out of pocket health expenditure is greater than 20% of total health expenditure. In 2012, only 10 African countries had out of pocket health expenditure less than 20% of total health expenditure. Twenty one countries had an out of pocket health expenditure that was greater than 40%.

Only six African countries were meeting the 2001 Abuja target of at least 15% of national budgets going to the health sector.

Swaziland was the only African country that met all four of the above indicators in 2012.