A POSITIVE PARTNERSHIP

The Nurses Association of the Republic of the Seychelles (NARS) and the Seychelles Ministry of Health partnered with the CNF recently to conduct one leadership workshop and two safety workshops in the Seychelles. The workshops were a great success. A report of the workshops will be available on the CNF website soon.

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RAMPHAL COMMISSION FINAL MEETING

The final meeting of the Ramphal Commission on Migration and Development was held at Oxford University July 2011. The Commission is preparing recommendations to put to the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Perth Australia in October 2011. Copies of the first two reports are available on the Ramphal Commission website: http://www.ramphalcentre.org.
The Royal Commonwealth Society has launched a new project to create a Commonwealth Jubilee Time Capsule. People of any age across the Commonwealth are being invited to contribute memories from the last sixty years either stories, photographs or films. The best entries - one for each of the 21,915 days which make up the last sixty years - will be sealed into the capsule and presented to the Queen as a gift from the Commonwealth family to celebrate her Jubilee celebrations in 2012. The entries not chosen for the capsule will remain online as an important resource for students, teachers, historians and academics. You can participate by submitting your own entry - all you need to do is pick a day that is important to you from the last sixty years and say why that day is important. For more information visit: http://jubileetimecapsule.org.

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The world is suffering from a massive gap of more than 3.5 million health workers. Additionally, millions of existing health workers - nurses, doctors, midwives and community health workers - lack the support, equipment, and training they need to provide quality care. Health workers are vital for progress on global health and development and for ensuring the millennium development goals are met.

In September, decision-makers will convene at the United Nations General Assembly to review progress on the Millennium Development Goals. This is an opportunity for governments to announce new, substantial and specific commitments to support and invest in health workers. From July through September the White Ribbon Alliance is calling on organisations and individuals to take part in generating 3.5 million public actions in support of health workers.

Organisations: Join the urgent call for “more health workers, better supported” by signing the statement to be issued to the G8 at http://www.healthworkerscount.org. Individuals: You too can sign the health worker petition at http://www.healthworkerscount.org (leave the organization field blank). Check http://www.healthworkerscount.org after 20 July to see what has been promised and what additional actions you can take to support the campaign.