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## MATERNAL DEATH REVIEW PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

A research team based at Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland is carrying out a research project under the auspices of the World Health Organisation. The object is to identify best practice regarding maternal death surveillance and response, and maternal death reviews (MDSR/MDR) and to provide clear guidance on how MDSR/MDR policy and legislation may be implemented. An anonymous online survey is being conducted to assess the current level of awareness of MDSR/MDR and to determine contemporary practices. The findings will be written up in a report which will be published in due course. Readers of the e-News, particularly nurse and midwife readers are strongly encouraged to participate in the research by completing the survey at the link below.  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MaternalDeathReviewSurvey>

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference will be held in London UK 12-13 March 2016 at the Royal College of Physicians Regent's Park. The theme of the conference is: *Toward 2020: celebrating nursing and midwifery leadership*. The conference will showcase and celebrate the work of nursing and midwifery leaders who have followed in the footsteps of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, the first nursing theorists, a great nursing leader and a role model for nurses and midwives everywhere.

The preliminary program is available at:

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## MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION REFORM PROJECT

The Seychelles National Mental Health Advisory Committee which is overseeing the Mental Health Legislation Reform project in the Seychelles recently met to receive and consider recommendations in relation to a review of their mental health and other related legislation by Dr Soumitra Pathare from the Indian Centre for Mental Health Law and Policy. The recommendations were also shared with a broader stakeholder group and meetings were held with the Seychelles Minister for Health, and representatives from the Attorney General's Department. The recommendations will be formally submitted to the Seychelles Ministry of Health for their consideration. The CNMF Mental Health Legislation Reform project is funded by the Commonwealth Foundation and being conducted in partnership with the Seychelles Ministry of Health and the Indian Centre for Mental Health Law and Policy. More information about the project can be found on the project website:  
<http://www.mentalhealthlawreform.org>.

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## BECOME A CNMF MEMBER

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## SEYCHELLES WOMEN'S HEALTH WORKSHOPS

The CNMF facilitated the second in a series of workshops on women's health which was held in the Seychelles in early September. The focus of the workshop was on pre-conception, antenatal and postnatal care. Twenty four nurses and midwives participated in the two day program. The Nurses Association of the Republic of Seychelles (NARS) initiated the series of women's health workshops following an assessment of the priority learning needs of nurses and midwives in the Seychelles.



## CAPACITY BUILDING FOR NURSE MANAGERS

The second in a series of capacity building workshops for nurse managers in the Seychelles was also conducted. The first capacity building workshop focused on leadership and the second on infection prevention and control and workplace health and safety. The workshops are being sponsored by the Seychelles Ministry of Health. In between the workshops the nurse managers conduct projects in their workplaces related to the theme of the workshop.



## GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY October 15

October 15 is Global Handwashing Day. Below is an innovative idea which not only promotes hand hygiene but saves water. The tippy-tap is a hands free way to wash hands in places with difficult access to running water. It can be made from simple salvaged materials and is operated by a foot lever. It uses very little water for each hand wash: only 40 ml of water compared to 500 ml using a mug.

### BUILD YOUR OWN TIPPY TAP



<http://www.tippytap.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/How-to-build-a-tippy-tap-manual.pdf>

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