

Report to General Council meeting CICIAMS –Swasiland.23rd August .

The 69th World Health Assembly convened May 23-28th Palais de Nation Geneva. This meeting was followed by meeting Executive Board WHO 30-31st May '16.

Of interest to CICIAMS membership is the launch of Global strategic directions for strengthening Nursing and Midwifery 2016-2020.

This was launched 16th May 2016 Geneva ,our report Mwansa Nkowane participated on Working Group.

The context was set out by Director General WHO Dr Mgt Chan-‘for the first time in history,the population of people aged 60 and older outnumber the population of children under 5 years. The implications of this shift ,in terms of demands and costs of health care are immense, Instead of diseases vanishing as living conditions improve socioeconomic progress is actually creating the conditions that favour the rise of noncommunicable diseases. Communicable diseases such as HIV/AIDS ,tuberculosis ,malaria and in more recent years Ebola and Zika virus disease, continue to devastate communities.

Nurses respond to the health needs of people in all settings and throughout the lifespan. Their roles are critical in achieving global mandates such as universal health coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals.’

This Strategy identifies 4 Themes covering Education ,Policy development/Leadership, Collaborative partnerships and mobilizing political will to invest in building effective evidence-based nursing and midwifery workforce development.

Of interest is the fact that since 1949 and over 10 years Resolutions from World Health Assembly have recognised the pivotal role of Nurses and Midwives in contributing to Health systems and thereby contributing to Health status of World populations.

Full text is available on WHO website.

CICIAMS / WHO Collaboration Plan.

At my meeting with Mwansa Nkowane i presented the Kenyan Project ‘The Faithful House’ which i am happy to report was approved in line with criteria of WHO.

Effectively this project makes use of Cultural Change to promote Healthy lifestyles and to Control the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Members will remember this presentation at World Congress in Dublin, 2014.

This means that going forward we have 3 Projects on report. Swasiland ,Zambia and Kenya.

I appreciate all who have contributed to keeping this Collaboration with WHO active and effective ,We have received Validation up to 2019 which is encouraging.

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