Nursing Now Newsletter, 11th July 2019

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Dear friends,

The Nursing Now team has just returned from the ICN Congress in Singapore where we had a chance to share in lively conversation about the opportunities and challenges facing the nursing profession around the world. It was such a privilege to hear from the representatives of Nursing Now groups about the many initiatives that are being undertaken in countries to raise the profile of nursing and to help influence policy decisions.

Our co-chairs, Lord Nigel Crisp and Professor Sheila Tlou, launched the Nightingale Challenge and over 130 organisations have already accepted the Challenge. You can read more about the Nightingale Challenge and how you can get involved on our **website**.

Nursing Now is a central partner in WHO's first-ever State of the World's Nursing Report - a landmark resource that will provide a detailed 'snapshot' of nursing in each country. We have a critical window of opportunity to ensure the right data is collected and validated and I urge you to read on and get involved in this process.

Thank you all for your continued commitment to our shared goals for Nursing Now.

Dr Barbara Stilwell,
Executive Director, Nursing Now





WHO prepares first-ever State of the World's Nursing report

In April 2020, the World Health Organization will launch the world's first State of the World's Nursing Report to ensure that policy decisions around where and how to invest in the health workforce are based on evidence and data. This will be a landmark resource which will help to provide a 'snapshot' of the nursing workforce in member states, as well as recommendations for countries to drive progress towards Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals.

As a central partner in the State of the World's Nursing Report, Nursing Now is engaged in mobilising our network of groups and stakeholders to directly contribute to the report especially during the critical data reporting and validation phase.

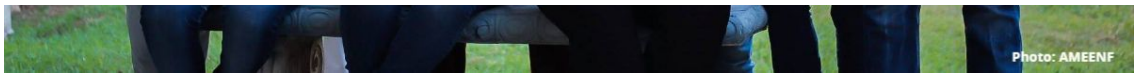
We have two opportunities to do this:

- We urge you to support senior government nurses and ministries of health to ensure the most accurate reporting by countries on health workforce indicators, and help to organise data validation and policy dialogue workshops.
- By using the country level data from the report to engage with stakeholders to make evidence-based decisions on how to strengthen your nursing and midwifery work-forces to address your national priorities.

A detailed letter will be sent to group leads in the coming days which will provide more information on how to get involved in data collection and validation.

To find out more click **here**.





Nursing Now launches its Nightingale Challenge to encourage employers to support their nursing work-force

On 28th June 2019, Nursing Now held the international launch of the Nightingale Challenge to an audience of 5,500 nurses from across the world at the ICN Congress held in Singapore.

The Nightingale Challenge asks every health employer around the world to provide leadership and development training for a group of young nurses and midwives during 2020, the Year of the Nurse and the Midwife.

"The Nightingale Challenge is an opportunity for all participating organisations to be part of a great global movement to develop nursing and midwifery," said Lord Nigel Crisp, Co-Chair of the Nursing Now campaign.

Addressing the ICN Congress, the Director General of the World Health Organization, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said "WHO fully supports the Nightingale Challenge to strengthen the leadership of nurses and midwives and will do everything we can to make it a success."

To read more, and accept the Nightingale Challenge, click **here**.



Groundbreaking new report uncovers barriers to leadership within nursing

A report published by Johnson & Johnson, IntraHealth International and Nursing Now highlights how gender-related barriers continue to stifle the leadership potential of nurses. It also outlines the importance of investing in creating an environment where nurses can practice to their full-potential, including providing decent working conditions, child care, budgetary discretion and leadership training. As Dr Tedros reminded us, it is only through a fully functional nursing workforce that the world will be able to guarantee health for all.

The report **'Investing in the Power of Nurse Leadership - What will it take?'** represents the voices of over 2,500 nurses from 117 countries and makes a set of recommendations for policymakers at the global, national, and institutional levels to accelerate strengthening nursing leadership and gender equality in the global nursing workforce.

Hear more from the world's nurses in this report, **here**.



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