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Upscaling Midwifery Education through a Collaborative Partnership between the World Health Organization and the Seventh-day Adventist Church

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Education, Midwifery educators, WHO core competencies, Competency-based education

# Background

The World Health Organization (WHO) invited the Department of Health Ministries, General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists (GCHM) to collaborate with the WHO in addressing high maternal mortality rates in sub-Saharan Africa by upscaling midwifery education.

# Objectives & Location

To upscale midwifery education through the development of **Laboratories of Change** (**LoC**) and a **Center of Excellence** (**CoE**) with an emphasis on implementing the WHO core competencies for midwifery educators and competency-based education. The donor selected four countries to participate in the project: Cameroon, Botswana, Malawi and Lesotho.

Adventist institutions involved: Cosendai Adventist University; Kanye SDA College of Nursing; Malawi Adventist University; Maluti Adventist College.

## Project Oversignt

WHO Headquarters and WHO Regional Office for Africa (AFRO)

Department of Health Ministries, General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists (SDAs)

#### Gollanora ors

Loma Linda University Global Nursing Taskforce / National Nursing and Midwifery Councils / WHO Collaborating Centers for Nursing and Midwifery / WHO Country Offices / Ministries of Health and Higher Education / Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division and West-Central Africa Division of SDAs.

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## Project Phases

Institutional capacity assessment
Scaling up midwifery education
Developing and consolidating LoCs and a CoE
Impact evaluation

# Key Activites

Gap analysis.
Capacity building workshops.
Development of action plans to integrate WHO core

Competencies for midwifery educators.

Ruilding LoCs and CoF

Building LoCs and CoE.
Resources: internet access, solar panels, iPads, electronic devices, and equipment for instruction and simulation.
Integration of competency-based curricula.
Communication and collaboration with national, regional, and international entities.

#### CURCINGS

Adoption of WHO Midwifery Educator Core Competencies by midwifery educators.

Improvement of midwifery educators' knowledge, skills and behaviors in CBE.

Establishment of 3 CoEs: Cosendai Adventist University, Malawi Adventist University and Maluti Adventist College.

Demonstration of a successful model of partnership between WHO and a faith based organization.

Development of a maternal care center at Cosendai Adventist University.

# Way Forward

Dissemination of lessons learned.
Sustainability of motivation for change.
Empowerment and support of midwifery educators to pursue further education.

### Beneficiaries

**Primary:** midwifery educators, midwifery students, mothers and newborns, communities.

**Secondary:** midwifery educational institutions, WHOCCs, Ministries of Health, national Nursing and Midwifery Councils.

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