Webinar announcement:

Policies to develop, attract, recruit and retain health workers in rural and remote areas, and promote gender equality for rural women through health workforce policies

13h00-14h00 CET, Friday, 15 October 2021 (in occasion of the International Day of Rural Women)

Greeting by the Co-Chairs:
Theadora Swift Koller, Senior Technical Advisor, Health Equity, World Health Organization
Michelle McIsaac, Labour Economist, Health Workforce, World Health Organization

Panel:

• Working in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas and with children with disabilities in Cagayan Valley in Luzon - Evelyn Acluba, Public Health Nurse, Philippines

• Community Health Workers in Rural Areas: Opportunities for Gender Equality - Madeleine Ballard, Co-Founder & CEO, Community Health Impact Coalition

• Why it’s important to establish training for the health workforce in rural areas, and how to do it? – Nagwa Nashat Hegazy, Director of the Medical Education and Human Resources Development Center, and Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Menoufia University, Egypt

• Mr. Issa Doumbia, Director of Human Resources from the Ministry of Health and Social Development of Mali.

• Closing remarks by the chairs

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