

The Eighth “Triad Meeting” of the World Health Organization, the International Council of Nurses and the International Confederation of Midwives

History and purpose of the Global Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery

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Global coordination for local impact...

WHA resolutions

Resolutions WHA59.27 (2006) & WHA64.7 (2011) urged Member States to put their commitment to strengthening nursing and midwifery into action by

- “...engaging actively the expertise of nurses and midwives in the planning, development, implementation and evaluation of health and health system policy and programming.”

13th WHO GPW

Supports countries to develop and review policy options, including appropriate regulatory frameworks for HRH

Intersectoral coordination, within countries and across regional economic areas to invest in job creation and decent work.

SDNM 2016-2020

Flexible framework for broad-based, collaborative actions to build capacity for nursing and midwifery development.



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70 years of Nursing and Midwifery at WHO

1949 WHA2.77: Expert Committee on Nursing

1950 WHA3.67: Increasing and improving the supply and use of nurses

1977 WHA30.48: The role of nursing/midwifery personnel in primary health care teams

1983 WHA36.11: The role of nursing/midwifery personnel for Health for All

1989 WHA42.27: Strengthening nursing/midwifery for health for all

1992 WHA45.5: Strengthening nursing and midwifery for health for all

1996 WHA49.1: Strengthening nursing and midwifery

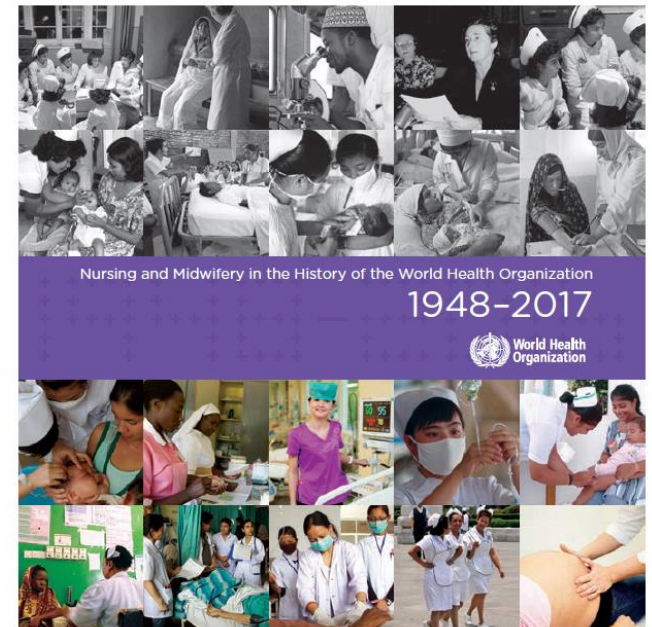
2001 WHA54.12: Strengthening nursing and midwifery

2006 WHA59.27: Strengthening nursing and midwifery

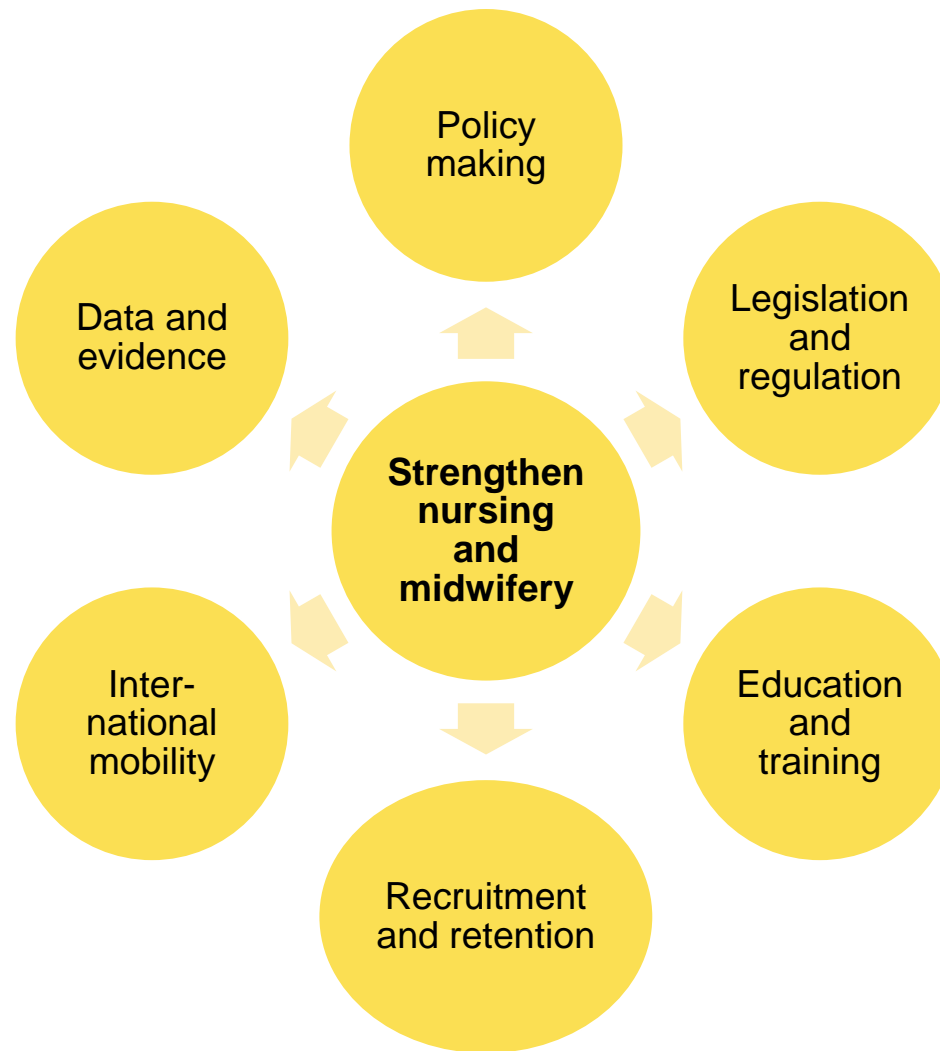
2011 WHA64.7: Strengthening nursing and midwifery

2019 WHA 72(19):

The International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife



WHA 59.27 (2006) and WHA 64.7 (2011): Strengthening nursing and midwifery



Purpose

- Global policies and guidelines are a global good, that can be implemented by national governments
- These policies can include goals, objectives and targets
 - Such goals and targets are collectively agreed to by Member States
 - They hold power in that they serve as an objective and transparent measure with which to hold us all to account

Purpose (2)

- While they may not be binding, they do provide a transparent standard
- It is important that such goals and targets are periodically reviewed
- The Global Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery an opportunity to collectively set globally relevant, and nationally applicable goals and objectives for the professions through which we can hold each other to account

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