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Nursing Now Challenge and The Global Health Network launch ground-breaking and global research leadership initiative: The 1000 Challenge

The 1000 Challenge launched today at Amref International University (AMIU) 1st Primary Healthcare Congress in Nairobi, Kenya. Professor Trudie Lang, head of The Global Health Network announced the new initiative developed with the Nursing Now Challenge to help nurses, midwives, community health workers and allied health professionals set up pragmatic and achievable studies designed to solve challenging healthcare issues within their workplace. The study could be observational, social science (behavioural or practice), diagnostic, or clinical trials involving existing drugs, vaccines or non-pharmaceutical interventions.

The initiative was inaugurated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony with Samuel Muhula, Head of Learning and Impact at Amref Health Africa, Professor Joachim Osur, Vice chancellor Amref International University and Dr. Alice Lakati, Director of Research and Community Extension, Amref International University.

The 1000 Challenge will enable health professionals to ask locally important questions to generate evidence that can be taken up. The aim is to change practice and management to improve patient management, care, or treatment in a commitment to advance Health for All.

Through these studies, the partnership will serve to empower nurses, midwives, community health workers and allied health professionals and provide opportunities for leadership and career development, as well as equip them to improve health outcomes in their communities.

Both funded by The Burdett Trust for Nursing, the project brought Nursing Now Challenge and The Global Health Network together to recognise and tackle the stark inequity that currently exists in research – specifically who leads and who directly benefits from studies and their findings. It was acknowledged that nurses, midwives, and community health workers are frequently cited in work, but all too often not given the guidance or tools to lead research itself.

The 1000 Challenge will be embedded within The Global Health Network's vast and trusted community of practice that runs research system strengthening programmes to integrate research within healthcare practice by facilitating workplace-based learning, local research support activities and professional development for research teams.

Nursing Now Challenge and The Global Health Network will provide help, support, training, tools and resources to each research team and support them in every step of the process including requesting institutional support, setting the question, running the study and taking the findings up into practice and sharing recommendations. This will be delivered through 1000 Challenge Hub which is hosted within The Global Health Network's digital platform as part of a dynamic ecosystem of knowledge hubs that facilitate knowledge exchange and capacity development through a multitude of open-

access health research resources including tools, guidelines, templates, methodologies, training courses, databases, webinars and workshops.

Programme Director of Nursing Now Challenge Professor Aisha Holloway states: *“The opportunity for two existing programmes already funded by The Burdett Trust for Nursing to partner will be extremely powerful. The reach, scale, capacity, and capability to act in an agile manner is what is now required. Together we will be able to deliver research leadership education, providing a range of skills and opportunity for competency development, tailoring learning to meet need in care settings to benefit all. At Nursing Now Challenge we know our students and early career nurses and midwives are ready and willing to lead. Within this work, we are addressing six of the Sustainable Development Goals necessary to stay on course to achieve Health for All. There is no better time to take action in the year that the WHO celebrates its 75th birthday!”*

Professor Trudie Lang, Director of The Global Health Network, University of Oxford said: *“Practical and accessible interventions could tackle many of the most devastating and burdensome diseases of poverty across the globe if we had evidence to identify and prove these work. Nurses, midwives, and community health workers can and should be spotting these gaps and evaluating the solution, by leading the research and being recognised for this work. Typically, nurses are not given the mandate, support, and training to undertake their own health research studies. Therefore, this challenge is a fantastic opportunity to give these vital professionals a mechanism for taking up a leadership role, gaining visibility and learning new skills whilst simultaneously benefiting communities on a global scale from the important new findings these studies will deliver.”*

For more information and to take part visit: [The 1,000 Challenge](#)

The call out to nurses, midwives, and community health workers is now open and we’re keen to represent every global region for the most diverse and broad spread of people who are managing diseases of poverty.

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Through every step of the process in creating research competencies and skills to offer tangible solutions for global impact, the partnership is committed to supplying the support required from experienced healthcare professionals to address locally important issues to improve patient care. The long-term work-place training that will assure this success will set out to deliver both impactful research and empower leadership development opportunities for healthcare professionals, ultimately strengthening the global health workforce at a crucial time.

For more information and register your interest visit: [The 1,000 Challenge](#)

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**For Press:
About**

Nursing Now Challenge

The Nursing Now Challenge began in June 2021 to build on the global movement to empower nurses and midwives as leaders, practitioners, and health advocates. A large and varied range of online

debates, collaborative studies, innovative training, and engaging projects are available to empower nurses to lead their development and make global connections with our guidance and support.

The organisation's purpose is to raise the profile, power, and potential of student and early career nurses and midwives globally by:

- Sharing knowledge and resources to strengthen the global network
- Providing personal and professional leadership development to create global impact
- Offering networking opportunities to co-ordinate a social movement
- Connecting people in research and innovation to accelerate global health solutions

Website: <https://www.nursingnow.org/>

The Global Health Network

The Global Health Network is a vast and highly connected community of health workers and health research organisations, that enables research in every healthcare setting by driving equity in where research happens, who leads and who benefits from the evidence. This works by mobilising knowledge between organisations, across disease areas and different geographies.

Embedded within many countries across the world, this community runs research system strengthening programmes to integrate research within healthcare practice by facilitating workplace-based learning, local research support activities, and professional development for research teams.

The Global Health Network's digital platform hosts diverse knowledge hubs, each led by different organisations and networks. These hubs serve as dynamic catalysts, broadening engagement, uptake and impact across a spectrum of health research disciplines, topics, and disease areas. Within this dynamic ecosystem are a multitude of open-access health research resources including tools, guidelines, templates, methodologies, training courses, databases, webinars and workshops.

Together these approaches are connecting networks, linking research groups and sharing excellence, consequently increasing research progress, raising standards and ensuring efficiency.

The Global Health Network is a WHO collaborating centre because of this effort to enable teams everywhere in the world to undertake and lead research studies that address local priority health challenges.

Website: www.theglobalhealthnetwork.org

Burdett Trust for Nursing

The Burdett Trust for Nursing was established in 2002 with the aim of making charitable grants to support the nursing contribution to healthcare. The Trustees target their grants at projects that are nurse-led and that empower nurses to make significant improvements to the patient care environment. The Trustees regularly review their grant-making policies and procedures to ensure that their grants achieve positive outcomes for patients, nursing and healthcare practice.

Find details on The Burdett Trust for Nursing funding [policy here](#).

Website: <https://www.btfn.org.uk/>

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Nursing Now Socials

Twitter/X: <https://twitter.com/NursingNow2020/>

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The Global Health Network Socials

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