



WHO-FIC Collaborating Centre in South Africa: 2019 Report

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Abstract Colleagues associated with the WHO-FIC collaborating centre in South Africa are continuing their activities in support of the development and maintenance of the WHO-FIC internationally; in WHO-FIC network structures; in the development, implementation and use of ICD, ICHI and ICF in Africa; and in support of strengthening civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) in the WHO African region.

INTRODUCTION

As the only WHO-FIC collaborating centre in the WHO African region - hosted by the South African Medical Research Council in Cape Town - the centre supports the development, implementation and maintenance of the WHO-FIC across the region, and through the WHO-FIC network.

STRATEGIC WORKPLAN 2018-2020

We continue to implement our Strategic Workplan 2018-2020, which was developed after wide consultation and accepted by stakeholders.

Values: The WHO-FIC Regional Network for Africa shares the values of Equity, Excellence, Solidarity, Respect, Integrity, Ubuntu and Social responsibility.

Mission: To cooperate with the countries and other stakeholders in the WHO African region to develop and advance WHO-FIC.

Vision: Coordinate and share experiences, knowledge, and the production of scientific evidence on WHO-FIC to contribute to Universal Health Coverage and strong health information systems in the WHO African region.

KEY RESULTS 2018-2019

Build an effective WHO-FIC Network in WHO African region

- ✓ The database was grown to 400 persons and organisations.
- ✓ Two stakeholder meetings to report back on WHO-FIC 2018
- ✓ A meeting between WHO-FIC SA and colleagues from WHO African region took place in Nairobi, Kenya in August 2019. A schedule of monthly virtual meetings has been established.
- ✓ Regular newsletter. Join our database: www.whofic.org.za.

Build strong international links with international and other WHO-FIC regional networks

- ✓ Prof Soraya Maart (FDC Secretary and FDRG Voting member): Attended FDC midyear meeting (Conegliano, Italy), and meets regularly with the FDC co-chairs.

- ✓ Dr Stefanus Snyman (EIC voting member and FDRG member) attended the FDRG Midyear meeting in Kuwait and helped to organise 4th International Symposium: ICF Education.
- ✓ Dr Oluwatoyin Awotiwon (Gbabe): Attended the MRG mid-year meeting in the United Kingdom.
- ✓ Dr Warrick Sive and Ms Luisa Whitelaw: Attended FDC mid-year meeting in Conegliano, Italy.

Contribute to development and maintenance of member classifications of WHO-FIC aligned to needs of region

ICD-10 & ICD-11:

- ✓ The ongoing implementation and maintenance of ICD-10 for mortality and morbidity coding remain a core focus. Inputs to the further development of ICD-11 are essential to ensure that the classification meets regional needs.
- ✓ WHO organised a technical workshop for training and implementation preparation of ICD-11 in Tunis, Tunisia, in February 2019. Dr Lyn Hanmer formed part of the delegation from South Africa, with Ms Khabo Mahlangu of the South African National Department of Health.

ICHI:

- ✓ The successful development of ICHI is of relevance for South Africa, since the country does not currently have a national procedure coding standard. Accurate data on procedures are essential for the planned implementation of a National Health Insurance (NHI) system, which is currently under way.
- ✓ ICHI is identified as a potential coding tool in the report on the Presidential Health Summit Compact, published in July 2019.
- ✓ The Healthcare Coding Unit (University of Witwatersrand) has participated in testing aspects of ICHI during the preliminary testing phase.
- ✓ The collaborating centre has facilitated contact between National Department of Health, WHO and other WHO-FIC stakeholders, to provide information on ICHI and potential South African involvement in the planned testing of ICHI by WHO from 2019.

- ✓ The collaborating centre is responsible for the coordination of ICHI testing in South Africa on behalf of WHO, between August and September 2019. All stakeholders in public and private sectors have been invited to participate in the testing process.

ICF:

- ✓ We continued to participate in the ICF Update process
- ✓ Stefanus Snyman serves on the Board of ICFeducation.org
- ✓ As part of the mICF initiative, the FunctionMapper tool completed the indexing of ICF exclusion terms.

Deliver educational resources for ICD, ICF, ICHI and Cause of Death Certification

- ✓ An online Certification of Death course was developed and is in its proof of concept phase.
- ✓ In close collaboration with the WHO Regional Office for Africa we are discussing the development of a comprehensive CRVS training course
- ✓ The collaborating centre was one of the sponsors of a successful workshop on interprofessional collaboration to improve cause of death statistics which was conducted in Nairobi, Kenya.
- ✓ In partnership with the WHO-FIC Collaborating Centre in the Netherlands and ICanFunction Health (Pty) Ltd, a 3-month ICF Facilitator Training Course was conducted in Cape Town, Pretoria and Nairobi. The course comprises face-to-face meetings and online course work.
- ✓ ICF training workshop was conducted at the 2nd Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice for Africa conference in Nairobi
- ✓ A successful workshop was presented in Pretoria on how to use the ICF Update Platform
- ✓ The ICF Education.org website was updated by Nelson Mandela University with funding from the WHO-FIC Collaborating Centre in the Netherlands.

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