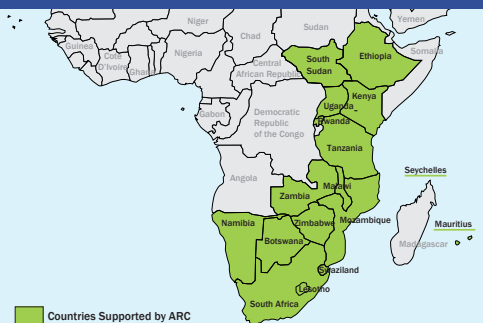


## Where we work:



## What is in our CPD Library?

### Launch of the ECSACON Website in September 2014!

A desk review and survey of 68 nursing and midwifery leaders in 17 countries has revealed a number of topics of interest for CPD in the region. We will launch the website with 10 modules that have been reviewed and approved by ECSACON appointed content experts from across the globe. Short post-tests will be available on our website, and once completed participants will receive a certificate of completion for re-licensure.

## ECSACON: *A College without Walls*

ECSACON is a professional body that aims to strengthen the nursing and midwifery profession in order to attain health for all in the ECSA region. ECSACON was established by the Conference of Health Ministers of East, Central and Southern Africa and supports 15 countries by developing mechanisms for recognizing professional qualification in areas such as scope of practice, professional practice standards, core competencies, core curriculum content and educational standards.



The East, Central and Southern African College of Nursing (ECSACON)

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## ECSACON CPD Library

An online resource for nurses and midwives in East, Central and Southern Africa to access continuing professional development and continuing nursing education courses



# Our Project:

The East, Central and Southern Africa College of Nursing (ECSACON), through support from the African Health Professional Regulatory Collaborative (ARC), is working to develop a web-based continuing and professional development (CPD) library for nurses and midwives in the East, Central and Southern Africa (ECSA) region. Over the past 3 years, 8 countries in the ECSA region have developed national CPD frameworks and advanced their CPD programs. This library will help support national programs across sub-Saharan Africa by making online, high-quality CPD content easily accessible to nurses and midwives. In an effort to reduce cost and redundancy, this project aims to enhance the distribution of readily available, free continuing education content.

*"There is critical shortage of nurses, especially in the rural areas, so being released to attend conferences [for CPD] is difficult. Secondly, where the nurses are supposed to pay, some find it difficult to afford in the midst of competing tasks."*

- Nurse from Kenya



## *How can you support the ECSACON CPD Library?*

### 1. Sponsor the ECSACON Website

Have you already created content that nurses and midwives would find relevant for continuing and professional development? Share your content with us! Become an implementing partner and you will receive reports on how many individuals have accessed your material through our website, as well as the number of nurses and midwives who have completed your modules for re-licensure.

### 2. Advertise your Organization or Institution on our Website

Are you from a nursing or midwifery university? Do you have an organization that might be of interest to health professionals in the ECSA region? Contact us today to advertise your organization on our website!

### 3. Become a Reviewer for the CPD Library

Nurses and midwives welcome! Send us your cover letter and CV today to [info@ecsacon.org](mailto:info@ecsacon.org)! Joining this committee is a **2-year commitment** to work with a group of nursing and midwifery leaders from across the globe to review and approve content to be hosted on the ECSACON website.

Criteria for Reviewers include:

- Proven professional experience in the area(s) of specialty
- Excellent English language written and communication skills (Portuguese and French coming soon!)
- A minimum of undergraduate degree in nursing or related fields – Masters or advanced degree in related subjects are an added advantage!