

Can nurses have an impact on global health concerns?

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INTRODUCTION

Global health concerns include infectious diseases, non communicable diseases, environmental hazards, and equity (World Health Organization, 2020). "These issues require global cooperation in response, planning, prevention, preparedness, and care that reflects health equity issues among nations"(Edmonson, 2017 p.1). Standards for quality of care, nursing practice, and education should be universal.

SIGNIFICANCE

Countries with lower life-expectancies have a lower number of nurses and nurse midwives.

Percent of nurses and nurse midwives per 1,000 people

- Ethiopia- 0.8
- Chad- 0.4
- Congo, Dem. Rep- 0.6
- Germany- 13.2
- Netherlands- 11.1

(World Bank, 2020)

Average Life expectancy in years

- Ethiopia- 65.48
- Chad- 52.90
- Congo, Dem. Rep- 59.62
- Germany- 80.64
- Netherlands- 81.52

(World Bank, 2016)

POSITION STATEMENT

- Nurse can have an impact on global health concerns
- Global nursing can have an effect on spread of infectious diseases, non communicable diseases, immunization rates, and premature death

SUPPORT FOR POSITION

- There is a correlation between countries that have lower percentages of nurses and lower average life-expectancy.
- Deaths from infectious diseases such as HIV, TB, and hepatitis in children is a 100 times more likely in countries with low-income, a severe nursing shortage and low vaccination rates (WHO, 2019)
- "health promotion and disease prevention are central to the role of the nurse as demonstrated through the work of Pender and the health promotion model" (Upvall, 2014 p.6)



IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICE

"Nurses in roles across health systems and community settings are well positioned to assess individuals, communities, and populations; advocate for justice and equality; and partner with legislators and inter-professional leaders to identify, implement, and evaluate a strength-based approach that addresses global health issues"(Edmonson, 2017 p.2)

Nurse from other countries can collaborate via technology and discuss ways of ensuring optimal health for all populations.

Steps to improve amount of nurses in countries in need to ensure quality accreditation from nurse schools by coordinating policies for nursing education globally(McCarthy, 2013)

"Professional nurses can contribute as global leaders of change by becoming active in communities; professional nursing organizations; policy making and advocacy organizations; and their workplaces"(Edmonson, 2017 p. 10)

CONCLUSION

Nurse across border's should work together to enhance quality of life, decrease incidence of infectious diseases, and teach health promotion and prevention to all populations.

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