Key GHAWA Program Areas:
Offer International Travel Grants that provide:
- opportunities for nursing and midwifery students to undertake a clinical placement in a developing country partnered with GHAWA
- opportunities for experienced nurses and midwives to visit, on invitation, developing countries partnered with GHAWA to assist in enhancing clinical capacity and capability
- Opportunities for nursing and midwifery educators to work with their colleagues in developing countries to assist in building academic and research capability and capacity.

GHAWA partners:

[Logos of Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, Rafiki Surgical Missions, The University of Notre Dame Australia, and Murdoch University]

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Global Health Alliance
Western Australia

Global Health Alliance Western Australia (GHAWA) is a collaborative network of healthcare providers and educators from Western Australia. We are working together to support the World Health Organisation’s Sustainable Development Goals to assist and improve the well-being of the world’s poorest people. The Sustainable Development Goals are agreed targets set by the world’s nations to reduce poverty and improve health by 2030.

“We want to give nurses and midwives the opportunity to participate in global health and achieve their ambition of providing care to the underdeveloped populations, aiming to reduce poverty and maternal and child mortality.”

Tracy Martin,
Principal Midwifery Advisor
GHAWA Program Lead

In line with the World Health Organization (WHO) agenda, GHAWA aims to:

- **Enhance partnerships** with developing countries through support and collaboration, including working with other international organisations, consumers, regulators, governments, professional organisations, and other relevant bodies to promote the development of robust health systems to ensure quality of care provision.
- **Strengthen health care systems** by assisting in building and strengthening leadership in developing countries through the provision of resources and innovative education and leadership programs for nurses and midwives.
- **Harness and generate research**, information and evidence to provide the foundation for setting priorities for workforce and health system development strategies, and measuring results.
- **Promote and support** Western Australia and developing countries in the advancement of nursing and midwifery practice, particularly in respect to transcultural competencies that might be applied internationally and within WA.

Mission

The Global Health Alliance Western Australia (GHAWA) is a strategic partnership seeking to promote transcultural health opportunities and outcomes. Our specific intent is to assist developing countries to deliver improvements in maternal and child health through enhanced capability and capacity in the nursing and midwifery workforce.

Testimonials:

“It’s two weeks I will never forget. I did not expect to see what I did. I think I will do some more volunteer work or work in a remote area when I return home.”

Thomas Coffey
Former Nursing Student

“It’s been an absolute eye-opener for me, especially the huge differences between the Australian and Tanzanian health systems.”

Kylie Saunders
Former Nursing Student

“We prepare both our students and supervisors for what they encounter during their international clinical experiences. We take them from their known environment, mix them up into groups to work with other students and supervisors from all five of our participating universities, and then immerse them into a starkly different health care environment.

On a recent trip to Tanzania, our students and supervisors were confronted with ethical dilemmas, adult and infant deaths and a multitude of things they would never see at home. This truly tested everything they have learnt during their courses and professional careers. They all represented their universities, GHAWA, and their profession with dignity and respect. I am so proud of all of them.”

Professor Mark Jones
Former Director GHAWA