

BACCN Progress Report

This is the first progress report for a BACCN membership grant awarded in December 2021, to support the newly formed National Network of Critical Care Nurses in Zambia. The aim of which was to develop the first national guideline on safe staffing in critical care, to support their first national CPD event and for the dissemination of the guideline at the BACCN Conference.

Zambia is a low-middle income country in sub-Saharan Africa and this project builds on over seven years of partnership working and this project was in direct response to an expressed need identified by critical care nurses. Throughout this reporting period I have been working in Zambia, supporting an education, research and practice-based projects.

Project progress has been good, however, due to unforeseen administrative delays in approvals that were beyond the control of the executive committee there was a short delay in establishing the Association. Nevertheless, the Association has become registered, standing orders are agreed, an Executive Committee has been established, a bank account set up and work has commenced. The agreed logo is



Specifically relating to the BACCN Award, the executive team, with my support have been busy with project activities. This has included a literature search on safe staffing and a draft statement has been agreed. The pictures below show the initial project meeting.





A bonus output is the Executive team have identified due the high burden of trauma, there is urgent need to develop a trauma workshop for critical care nurses completing the specialist practice programmes. This is an exciting development as the programme is due to be delivered in Livingstone and Ndola Colleges of Nursing in June / July 2022.



Executive Committee and training team completing train the trainers team.

During the next three months, the plan is for the following activities to be completed:

- Development and delivery of the national trauma workshop
- Finalisation of the safe staffing statement
- Preparation for the first Association workshop due later in the year.
- Submission of news item (June 2022)

On behalf of the CCNAZ executive committee I have been asked their appreciation for the support they have received through the grant. We will of course keep you informed of our progress.

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