



WHO-FIC Collaborating Centre in South Africa: 2018 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 Southern Africa; and in support of strengthening civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) in WHO-AFRO.

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

Recently a Strategic Workplan 2018-2020 was developed and after wide consultation 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.

OBJECTIVES 2018-2020:

Build an effective WHO-FIC Network in WHO African region

- ✓ The database was grown to 250 persons and organisations.
- ✓ 2 Stakeholder meetings took place (Cape Town and Pretoria). In 2019 one is planned for Nairobi
- ✉ Join our database: www.whofic.org.za.

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

- ✓ Dr Lyn Hanmer (Co-chairperson of the FDC and ICHI Task Team): Attended FDC midyear meeting in Geneva and ICHI meeting in Cologne
- ✓ Prof Soraya Maart (FDRG Voting member): Attended FDC midyear meeting (Geneva), FDRG Midyear meeting and 3rd Symposium: ICF Education in Hamburg
- ✓ Dr Stefanus Snyman (EIC voting member and FDRG member) attended the Midyear meetings and the ICF Education Symposium.



Stefanus Snyman presented a workshop on how to teach ICF to students. Here some of the workshop participants have some ICF fun.

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.

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 is essential for the planned implementation of a National Health Insurance system, which is currently under way.
- ✓ The Healthcare Coding Unit (University of Witwatersrand) has participated in testing aspects of ICHI during preliminary testing phase (May - July 2018), and contributed to development of ICHI training manual.
- ✓ 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.

ICF:

- ✓ Stefanus Snyman continues to be the facilitator of the ICanFunction mHealth Solution (mICF) initiative of the FDRG. The completion of the FunctionMapper by the Finnish colleagues was celebrated. The English population of Function Mapper was completed in South Africa with a grant provided by the Cape Higher Education Consortium.

- ✓ We participated in the ICF Update process
- ✓ Stefanus Snyman serves on the Board of ICFeducation.org



Soraya Maart and John Baptiste Sagahutu presented at the 3rd International Symposium: ICF Education in Hamburg

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

- ✓ In partnership with the WHO-FIC collaborating centre in the Netherlands and ICanFunction Health (Pty) Ltd, a 3-month ICF Facilitator Training Course was initiated in Cape Town. The course comprises face-to-face meetings and online course work. Further face-to-face sessions are planned for 2019.
- ✓ A successful workshop was presented in Cape Town on how to use the ICF Update Platform
- ✓ The ICF Education.org website was updated by Nelson Mandela University with funding from the South African Medical Research Council. ICF Educators/Advisors can now register themselves on the platform and ICF-related questions can be asked and answered through the Forum section.

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