

Stop COVID-19 in Africa! Protect Nurses. Save Lives.

The COVID-19 Africa Action Network for Nurses & Nurse-Midwives launches a PPE crowdfunding campaign in solidarity with nurses and nurse-midwives fighting the coronavirus on the front lines in eastern and southern Africa. (Link to [Crowdfunding](#) and [Facebook](#) sites)

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In these tough times around the world, one group is particularly hard-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic - the nurses and nurse-midwives on the front lines in low-resource settings in eastern and southern Africa. They are too often working without personal protective equipment and finding themselves at great risk of infection and physical and psychological violence, all the while acting as the mainstay in stemming a menace threatening to overwhelm their communities and nations. [Hear the reality from a nurse in Eswatini.](#)

Announcing the **Protect Nurses. Save Lives** campaign, Judith Oulton, former CEO of the International Council of Nurses and Network Chair, stated: "Harnessing the professionalism and resilience of tens of thousands of African nurses [struggling to protect and care for their communities](#); the powerful advocacy of [Stephen Lewis](#), former UN Envoy for HIV/AIDS and Co-Director of AIDS-Free World; the knowledge platform of our inaugural donor, [Graham Hellier MBE](#), Chair of the World Continuing Education Alliance (WCEA); and the multinational group of HCWs and professionals that form the Covid-19 Africa Action Network, we are proud to launch this campaign. We ask that you join us and contribute, to ensure nurses and nurse-midwives are protected as they work to stop the virus and care for victims."

All donations go directly, as modest grants, to on-the-ground projects for procurement, production, and provision of personal protective equipment in Eswatini, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

The AAN Network supports several initiatives, including establishing evidence-based specifications for artisanal PPE, and live, online Q&A sessions linking doctors in China, who were first responders during the Wuhan stage of the pandemic, to healthcare professionals in Eswatini, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Tanzania and Uganda. AAN also works closely with [WCEA](#), to deliver regularly updated COVID-19 courses to nurses and nurse-midwives in low and medium-income countries free on the WCEA platform and app.

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The COVID-19 Africa Action Network for Nurses & Nurse-Midwives is a global, all volunteer group of health care professionals, working to support nurses & nurse-midwives fighting the COVID-19 pandemic in Eswatini, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.