ECSACON partners to strengthen HRH: Nurses and Midwives under the Health Systems Advocacy (HSA) consortium

Since 1974, strengthening Human Resources for Health has been the ECSA Health Community (ECSA-HC) niche’ and over time, ECSA-HC has worked towards ensuring harmonization of training standards in health, increasing production of HRH, while ensuring quality through the professional ECSA colleges.

With the urge to achieve the HRH2030 targets, the professional body for nurses in East, Central and Southern Africa (ECSACON) has partnered with Amref Health Africa, the African Center for Global Health and Social Transformation (ACHEST), Health Action International (HAI), Wemos and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) of Netherland under a Health Systems Advocacy (HSA) consortium to strengthen HRH performance and productivity, health worker retention, mHealth technology, and quality improvement.
As an inception to this partnership, Amref Africa and the HAS partners organized a two days meeting in Nairobi from 30-31 October 2019. The meeting was attended by registrars from 15 ECSACON Member countries and executives: Botswana, South Sudan, Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, Eswatini, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Through this initiative, countries will benefit from the Regional Information Hub proposed to inform policies and planning on HRH. The Regional information hub will also track mobility of Nurses and Midwives within the ECSA region and beyond. At the inception meeting, a protocol, which is to serve as Memorandum of Understanding for all nursing and midwifery councils in ECSA region on sharing information for the Regional Information Hub was also endorsed. ECSACON was tasked to lead the process and share the reports to relevant stakeholders on yearly basis.