



# FROM NEPI TO AFREHEALTH

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

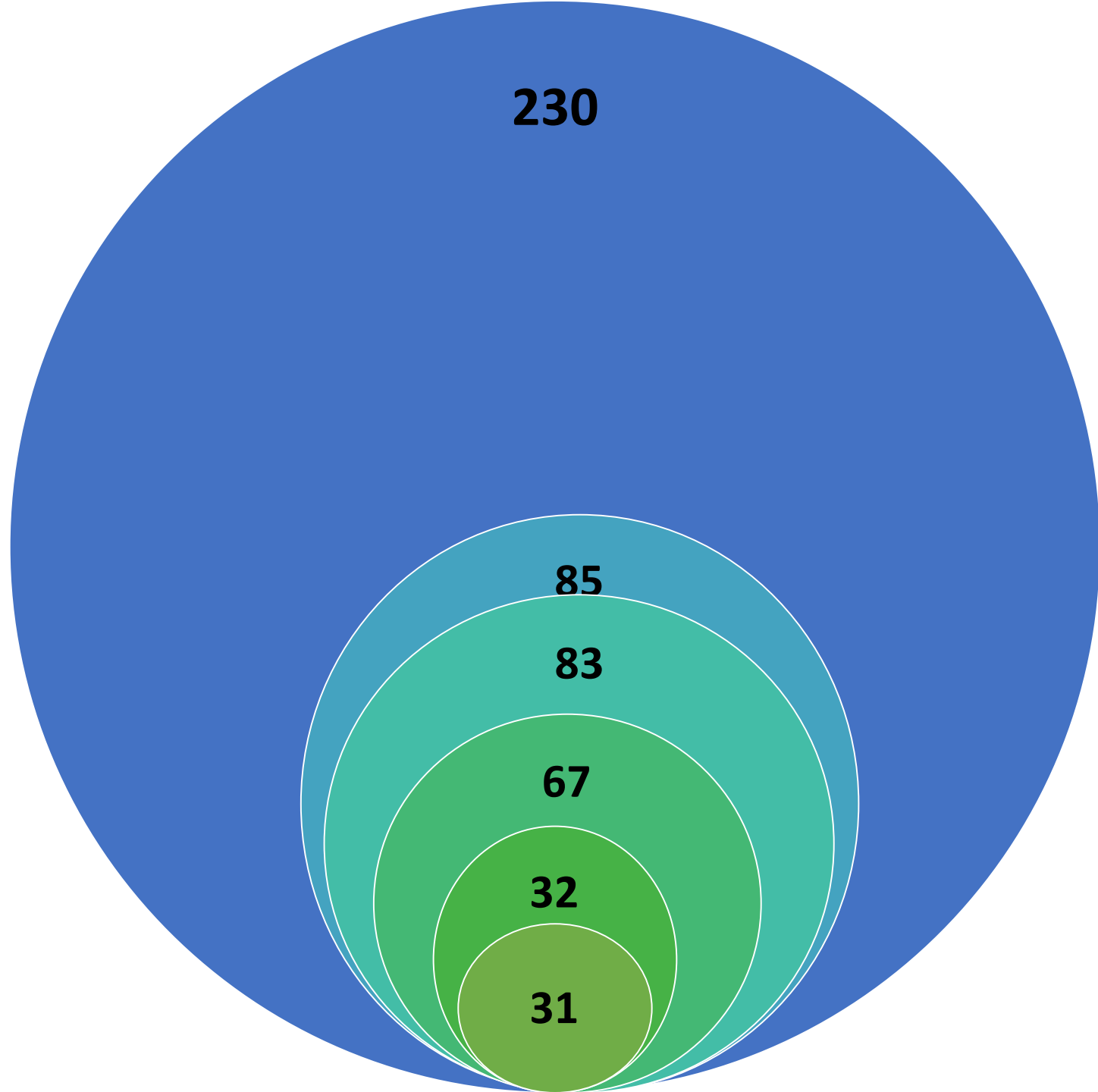
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# GOAL OF NEPI

- To produce sufficient numbers of nurses and midwives who are able to respond to the long-term health needs of communities in Sub-Saharan Africa where they provide up to 90% of services
  - WHO recommends 230 health workers per 100 000 citizens





# HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- Part of commitment by PEPFAR to train 140 000 health workers
- 2010 HRSA launched NEPI as part of HRSA Global Nursing Capacity Building Program
- ICAP at Columbia University serves as Coordinating Center and Implementing Partner
- NEPI started implementing activities in 2010 in the following countries:
  - Lesotho
  - Malawi
  - Zambia
- 2011 implemented activities in Ethiopia and DRC
- 2013 Implemented activities in South Africa

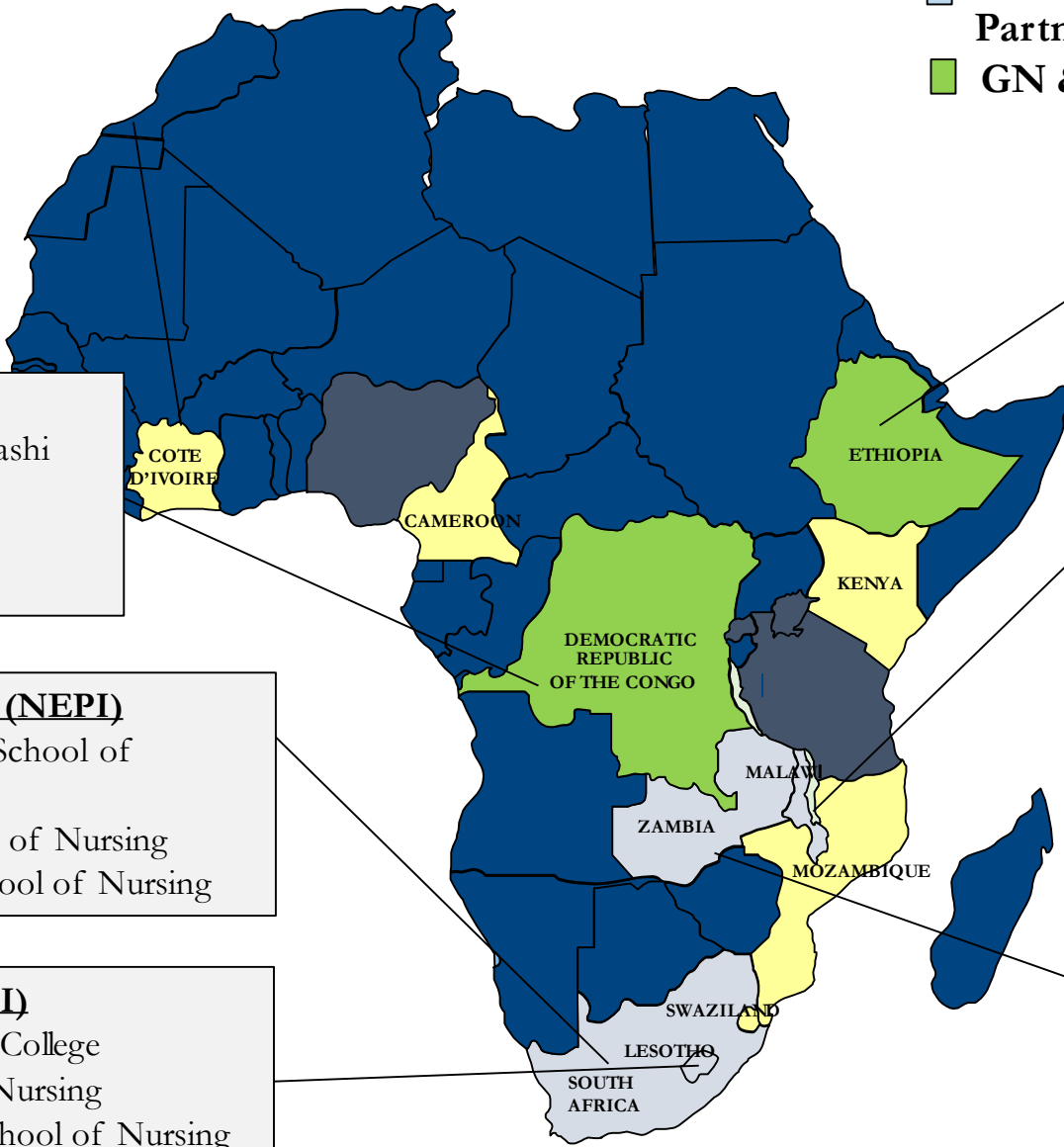


# NEPI INTERVENTIONS

- NEPI has supported interventions in each country with the objective to increase the **quantity, quality** and **relevance** of nurses and midwives
- NEPI supported 22 schools of nursing across six countries;



- General Nursing (GN)
- Nursing Education Partnership Initiative (NEPI)
- GN & NEPI



**DRC (NEPI)**

- ISTM Lumbumbashi
- ISTM Kinshasa
- IEM Kamalondo
- ITM Kintambo

**SOUTH AFRICA (NEPI)**

- Prince Mshiyeni School of Nursing
- Free State School of Nursing
- Mpumalanga School of Nursing

**LESOTHO (NEPI)**

- Maluti Adventist College
- Paray School of Nursing
- Scott Hospital School of Nursing
- Roma College of Nursing
- National University of Lesotho

**ETHIOPIA (NEPI)**

- Addis Ababa University
- Arbaminch College of Health Sciences
- University of Gondar

**MALAWI (NEPI)**

- Mzuzu University
- Kamuzu College of Nursing
- Malawi College of Health Sciences

**ZAMBIA (NEPI)**

- Lusaka School of Nursing
- Department of Nursing Science – University of Zambia
- Monze School of Nursing

# WHY WAS NEPI SUCCESSFUL

- Strong local ownership of the program by governments through NEPI Technical Working Groups
- Leadership and priority setting by MOH
- Enhanced partnerships within and between countries: Ministries of Health and training institutions
- Innovative educational transformation through ICAP support





# CHALLENGES

- Given substantial role of nurses in health care delivery, Interventions limited to 6 countries and 22 schools
  - scale up urgently needed to ensure quality and quantity nurses who are fit for purpose and practice
- Limited collaboration with other professions
- Continuity of the program may be challenged despite strong sustainability plans, resources are limited
- While NEPI schools have successfully completed USG sub awards, nursing leaders lack skills need to be strengthened to adequately mobilize scarce resources
- Need to build a regional body of nurse leaders to champion the profession and ensure that it is represented at decision-making forums/bodies
  - Nursing leadership forum and webinar series in 2017



# FROM NEPI TO AFREHEALTH

- MEPI PI Council invited NEPI schools to share experiences
- The two institutions formed a new organization – AFREhealth to move the agenda beyond the MEPI and NEPI programs
- AFREhealth includes the voice of nursing and currently one of the two deputy chairs is from the nursing profession



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