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Title project: leadership and negotiation

This project brought to our organization in collaboration with ICN and Swedish nongovernmental organization called Vardforbundet in 2012. Survey was conducted by ICN and the funder organization before the launch of the project. The first LIN launching meeting conducted in Pretoria, Johannesburg for three days. The participant countries' nurses/midwives associations were six in number. Both (ICN and Vardforbundet ) and organizational representatives did a lot for the realization of the project in different levels such as in topic selection, implantation, and monitoring and evaluation of the project. Not only had this but they also played great role by bringing different institutional need together.

Concerning the participants, drastic changes seen in between each association in terms of professionalism and collaboration. The project apart from its main objectives, it gave opportunities for the participants in experience sharing and seeing each country's culture. The participants' hard work was not quantifiable as I think. A lot of things learned during the project period such as project handling, skills of negotiation and communication skills. Not only had this but the project gave opportunities for each country in participating by forming the advisory board for the realization of the project.

I personally very pleased by being part of this project. I learned a lot from this project. In all the project period I never felt that I am out of my family that why I also do feel that I am a family of each. This protect helped me in my daily life activities and leadership. If possible please try to keep the project as it is, if not it is better to find how to network these countries.

Finally our association thanks go to ICN, the funder organization, the organizers and the participants at large.