

Health Workers Recognition Award: Service Delivery

Ms. Hinda Ali

Nurse, midwife, champion and mentor: long years of dedication to serving Somalis facing hardship

Ms Hinda Ali is being recognized for her commitment, compassion and dedication as a public health nurse and midwife providing maternal and child health services for over 25 years in difficult conditions, including conflict and war in Somalia. Over the years, she has made a significant contribution to the improvement of health services and health in Somalia.

Owing to Ms Hinda's teamwork and organizational ability, the infant mortality rate in the SOS Children's Village Hospital in Mogadishu has declined from 40 to 30 per 1000 live births and the maternal mortality ratio has declined from 0.5 per 100 000 to 0.3 per 100 000 live births.

Ms Hinda has also contributed to building future capacities through training and mentoring midwives, nurses and medical, nutrition and laboratory science students from more than 10 institutes in Somalia, in which there is less than one nurse and midwives per 10 000 population.

