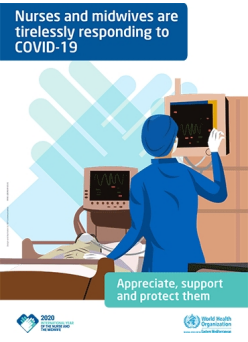


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Message from
Dr. Ahmad Al-Mandhari
Regional Director
on the occasion of
World Health Day
Caregivers 7 April 2020

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared 2020 as the Year of the Nurse and the Midwife, and World Health Day 2020 will be celebrated on 7 April. This year's theme is "Nurses and Midwives: Caring for the World".

That commitment is stronger than ever, as the world faces the devastating threat of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nurses and midwives are the backbone of health systems and are essential to the global response to this crisis. They are the front line of care, providing support and protection to patients and communities alike.

The WHO will mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, one of the founders of modern nursing, and will also mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the International Council of Nurses (ICN) and the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM).

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In this year of health care workers, let us celebrate the dedication, courage and resilience of nurses and midwives. Let us support them in their work and ensure that they have the resources and training they need to provide the best care for their patients.

Thank you to all the health care workers who are working hard to keep the world safe from COVID-19. We are proud of you and grateful for your service. We will continue to support you in your work and ensure that you have the resources and training you need to provide the best care for your patients.

Stay safe and healthy. We are all in this together.

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