

NEWSLETTER



CELEBRATING **65** YEARS OF LEADERSHIP AND IMPACT: GRNMA ANNIVERSARY LAUNCH



The Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA) marked its 65th anniversary with a grand celebration on March 28, 2025, at its National Secretariat in Accra. The event honored the Association's legacy of professionalism, resilience, and leadership in healthcare. Dignitaries, past presidents, sister

unions, and members from across the country gathered to reflect on GRNMA's journey and its contributions to nursing and midwifery in Ghana.

A historical exhibition featuring portraits and stories of past leaders captivated attendees, while a spoken word tribute celebrated the legacy of Dr. Docia Kisseih, GRNMA President,

Mrs. Perpetual Ofori-Ampofo, reaffirmed the Association's commitment to education, policy, and health systems strengthening.

Highlights included a keynote address by Prof. Lydia Aziator, the launch of the Ghana Journal of Nursing and Midwifery, and the unveiling of the Nursing & Midwifery Strategic Framework (2024-2028). The celebration concluded with awards and a symbolic cake cutting ceremony.



CELEBRATING 65 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE: THE LAUNCH OF THE GHANA JOURNAL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY (GJNMID) - VOLUME 1 (2024)

In a momentous event marking the 65th Anniversary of the Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA) the Association proudly launched its international, peer-reviewed online academic journal-the Ghana Journal of Nursing and Midwifery (GJNMID).



This historic launch signifies a bold step towards advancing nursing and midwifery education, research, and practice in Ghana and across the African continent.

The Ghana Journal of Nursing and Midwifery (GJNMID) Volume 1 (2024) is now officially available, featuring a rich compilation of 25 groundbreaking publications. These articles focus on pressing issues in healthcare, including digital transformation, healthcare evolution, innovations in clinical practice, and the integration of technology into health systems, especially in developing nations. The journal offers invaluable insights for healthcare professionals, researchers, policymakers, and stakeholders committed to advancing the

nursing and midwifery fields.

The launch of the journal also aligns with the vision of GRNMA to foster continuous learning, research, and innovation in nursing and midwifery. The journal provides a platform for Ghanaian and international scholars to share their expertise, contributing to the global discourse on health and healthcare transforma-

KEY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAUNCH:

- The GRNMA officially launched GJNMID as a peer-reviewed academic journal.

- Volume 1 (2024) features 25 thought-provoking publications centered on digital transformation and healthcare innovation.
- The Ghana Library Authority received copies of Volume 1 for mandatory archiving.
- ISSN for the journal was issued through the Ghana Library Authority.
- Copies were distributed to GRNMA's international partners, including the Africa Nurses and Midwives Confederation (ANMC), the International Council of Nurses (ICN), the Ministry of Health, and Regional Health Directorates.

The academic community has already taken notice of this significant milestone.

ResearchGate has sent their congratulations, and authors have begun citing the papers published by GJNMID. Google Scholar has indexed the journal's website, ensuring that these crucial publications reach a global audience. GJNMID's journey towards becoming a leading source of research and scholarship in nursing and midwifery is now officially underway.

For those eager to explore this vital resource, GJNMID Volume 1 (2024) is available for free access. Click the link below to read the full compilation of 25 publications:

[Access GJNMID Volume 1 \(2024\)](#)

To explore the citations and further reach of GJNMID, check out our Google Scholar link here: [Google Scholar GJNMID Volume 1](#)

#GRNMA #GJNMID #Vol1 #UnityIsStrength

GRNMA PRESIDENT'S HISTORIC VISIT TO THE USA: A PLATFORM FOR GLOBAL DIALOGUE ON WOMEN, CARE, AND CLIMATE ACTION

In March 2025, the President of the Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA) had the distinct honor of representing Ghana at two pivotal side events during the 69th United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW69) in New York. From March 10th to 21st, these

global leaders, advocates, and experts to converge on the pressing issues of gender equality, care work, and climate change.

At the UNCSW69, the GRNMA President was invited to present insights drawn from the frontlines of Ghana's healthcare system, contributing to two important discussions.

The first was on "Accelerating Progress on the BPfA (Beijing Platform for Action) on Women and the Environment Through a Care-Centered Just Transition." Here, the President shared valuable



perspectives on how climate change disproportionately impacts women, especially those working in the healthcare sector. The session emphasized the need for a just transition that includes care workers in decision-making processes to address the environmental challenges they face.

The second event, the “Care and Climate Nexus CSW69 Workshop,” provided an excellent platform to explore the intersection of care work and climate action. The GRNMA President spoke on the critical role that care workers play in responding to climate impacts, particularly in vulnerable communities. The session was part of the Care and Climate Nexus Initiative by Fundación Avina, with support from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), and fostered deep discussions on the synergies between care work and climate resilience.

One of the most exciting announcements during the visit was the upcoming launch of the GRNMA-HSWU project on “Supporting Health and Care Workers for Climate Resilience in Ghana,” scheduled to begin in April 2025. This groundbreaking initiative aims to enhance the resilience and well-being of health and care workers in Ghana by addressing the multifaceted impacts of climate change on their working conditions and their capacity to provide quality care. By focusing on these critical areas, the project promises to contribute to building a more climate-resilient healthcare workforce.

The GRNMA President expressed profound gratitude to Public Services International for their ongoing support, which has been instrumental in making these initiatives a reality. The President also emphasized the importance of international collaboration in tackling the intersectional challenges of climate change, gender, and care work.

This visit to the USA marked a milestone for the GRNMA as it continues to position itself as a key player in global conversations about the future of healthcare and the vital role of care workers in addressing the impacts of climate change. The discussions held at UNCSW69 will undoubtedly serve as a catalyst for further collaboration and action as Ghana moves forward with its climate resilience agenda.

#GRNMA #ClimateResilience #CareAndClimateNexus #UNCSW69 #WomenInHealth #PSI #JustTransition

GRNMA HEALTH FUND CONTINUES TO SUPPORT MEMBERS: A SPECIAL STORY FROM GUSHEGU MUNICIPAL

In a heartwarming display of solidarity, the Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA) presented a cheque of Thirty Thousand Ghana Cedis (GHC30,000) to Mr. Aparik Thomas Kwame, a nurse at Gushegu Municipal Hospital, on Monday, 17th March 2025. This financial assistance will aid Mr. Kwame with his medical treatment, reinforcing GRNMA's unwavering commitment to supporting its members during times of health crises.

The cheque was presented by Mr. Adam Yakubu, the Gushegu Municipal Chairperson of GRNMA, on behalf of the Northern Regional Chairman, Alhaji Alhassan Abukari, and the President, Madam Perpetual Ofori-Ampofo. During the presentation, Mr. Yakubu emphasized the core mission of the association to advance the welfare of nurses and midwives across the country. He expressed, “A nation that does not honour its heroes is not worth dying for,” underscoring the importance of supporting healthcare professionals like Mr. Kwame, who serve the nation tirelessly despite the challenges they face.

Mr. Kwame, deeply moved by the timely support, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the association. He thanked both the regional and national executives for their prompt and generous response. “I will continue to give my best to the association and to the service of Ghana,” he pledged, reaffirming his dedication to his profession.

The Gushegu Municipal Chairman, on behalf of all nurses and midwives in the municipality, wished Mr. Kwame a swift recovery. He also extended his thanks to the Northern Regional and National Executives for their timely and impactful support.

According to the Health Fund Secretariat, a total of GHC 2,691,654.00 and \$13,000.00 was requested for the period January to March 2025, with GHC 2,317,000.00 successfully processed and disbursed to beneficiaries. While the fund continues to support its members, some delays have occurred due to documentation errors, including discrepancies in account details. To avoid further delays, GRNMA encourages members to ensure that all documentation is accurate during the request process for a swift response.

The GRNMA Health Fund remains a vital safety net for nurses and midwives, allowing them to focus on their recovery while knowing their professional family is there to support them in times of need.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1 Pru District Executives Visit Yeji Nursing and Midwifery Training School**
Date: April 4, 2025
- 2 GCNM Holds Durbar to Welcome New Rector**
Date: April 3, 2025
- 3 GNMTA, ASHBA Branch Hosts 32nd Delegates Congress in Sunyani**
Date: April 16-20, 2025
- 4 Ashanti Regional Executive Committee Pays Courtesy Call on Regional Director of Health Service**
Date: April 4, 2025

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