



GRNMA'S INTERNATIONAL NURSES' DAY LAUNCH: CELEBRATING OUR NURSES, SHAPING OUR FUTURE

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International Nurses Day, celebrated annually on May 12, marks the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. This day serves as a global recognition of the critical role nurses play in promoting health, providing care, and advocating for patient well-being. The Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA) hosted a significant and forward-thinking event to commemorate this day under the theme: "Our Nurses, Our Future: The Economic Power of Care."

The event aimed to Recognize the pivotal role of nurses as the cornerstone of healthcare systems, emphasizing their significance in driving economic growth and sustainability through quality care.

Advocate for investments in nursing education, workforce development, and retention strategies to ensure a robust pipeline of skilled and empowered nurses.

Highlight the importance of valuing and appropriately remunerating nurses for their expertise, dedication, and contributions to patient outcomes and healthcare delivery.

The celebration featured engaging discussions and provided a platform for stakeholders to envision a future where nurses are recognized, empowered, and supported as catalysts for economic prosperity and social well-being. The event attracted a diverse range of dignitaries, including key stakeholders, representatives from various organizations, and notable guests.



The event was graced by the presence of distinguished guests, including: H.E. Dr. Alhaji Mahamadu Bawumia, Vice President, Republic of Ghana (Special Guest of Honour), Rev. Fr. Michael Apaloo, St. Luke Catholic Church, Korle Bu, Rev. Dr. Joyce Rosalind Aryee, Executive Director, Salt and Light Ministries (Chairperson), Prof. Stella Appiah, Associate Professor, Nursing Administration, Valley View University (Keynote Speaker).

Others were NEC Members and National Council Members, members of the GRNMA, other distinguished guests and the media.

This year's International Nurses Day celebration organized by GRNMA was a resounding success, effectively highlighting the critical contributions of nurses to healthcare and the broader economy. By recognizing and empowering our nurses, we can ensure a robust and resilient healthcare system that benefits both healthcare professionals and the nation as a whole.



GHANA REGISTERED NURSES AND MIDWIVES ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES DISTRIBUTION OF SOUVENIRS TO MEMBERS

GRNMA Souvenir Collection Guide

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The Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA) has begun distributing its 2023 souvenir to members in good standing. The souvenir is a green cloth with the GRNMA brand.

There were delays in production and distribution due to operational challenges with printing fabrics.

However, the GRNMA is pleased to announce that the souvenirs are now available for collection.

Members can collect their souvenirs by entering a short code and following the prompts once they arrive at the designated collection point.

THE 77TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

The 77th World Health Assembly (WHA) convened in Geneva from May 27 to June 2, 2024. The Ghana delegation included Mrs. Perpetual Ofori-Ampofo, President of the Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA). Key outcomes included amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR) and commitments to finalize a global pandemic agreement by 2024.

The assembly addressed critical issues like health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory and adopted a resolution to align Palestine's participation in WHO with its UN status, granting it expanded rights and privileges as an Observer State. The assembly also passed a resolution to enhance health emergency preparedness in urban settings, urging member states to develop comprehensive health emergency plans.

A strategic roundtable on climate change and health emphasized the need for collaborative action to mitigate health impacts from climate change. Key speakers included WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and former U.S. Vice President Al Gore. The discussions highlighted the necessity of climate justice and equitable health responses, particularly for vulnerable regions.

Mrs. Ofori-Ampofo participated as a speaker in two side events focusing on promoting the rights of health workers and developing a sustainable global health workforce. These events underscored the importance of supporting health and care workers and ensuring equitable health solutions globally.

Global Partners Meeting on Nursing and Midwifery held on 23rd to 24th May 2024 at Mercure Hotel in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Global Partners Meeting (GPM) for Nursing and Midwifery was held from May 23rd to 24th, 2024, at Mercure Hotel in Geneva, Switzerland. Attendees noted that this meeting provided a strategic opportunity for policy dialogue and planning on nursing and midwifery contributions to stronger and more resilient communities and health systems. They mentioned that it was a critical time to take stock of progress on the Global Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery 2021-2025.

The GPM occurred at the midpoint of data reporting for the State of the World's Nursing (SoWN) 2025 report, making it an important time to review data and address any gaps prior to the close of reporting for this landmark report.



The meeting followed a hybrid format, with physical space for approximately 150 proportionally-representative, in-person delegates, while the virtual portion was live-streamed on the online conference platform established by the WHO Health Workforce department. Simultaneous interpretation in the WHO languages was available for both remote and in-person participants.

WHO convened Global Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers separately, both virtually and in-person, on the afternoon of May 24th. The objectives of the meeting were to enhance nursing and midwifery leadership at national, regional, and international levels in the context of broader health workforce, health systems, and global health priorities; to take stock of progress and accelerate implementation of the Global Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery 2021-2025; and to strengthen engagement in and data reporting capacity for the State of the World's Nursing 2025 and future State of the World's Midwifery reports.

WAHSUN CHAMPIONS QUALITY PUBLIC HEALTH AT 24TH PLENARY SESSION

The West African Health Sector Unions Network (WAHSUN) convened its 24th plenary session in Abuja, Nigeria, from May 15th to 18th, 2024. Held under the theme "Quality Public Health Services: A Vision for West Africa Health Sector Unions Network," the session reaffirmed WAHSUN's commitment to ensuring accessible and affordable healthcare for all citizens in the region.



The event saw the participation of affiliate members from the Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA), Health Services Workers Union (HSWU) of Ghana, Medical and Health Workers' Union of Nigeria (MHWUN), and unions from Liberia, Mali, Togo, Ivory Coast, Benin Republic, and Burkina Faso. Many attendees joined via Zoom.

A critical emphasis was placed on the need for increased government investment in public health infrastructure and services. Additionally, the importance of fostering collaboration

between governments, healthcare unions, and other stakeholders was highlighted as a vital step towards achieving the collective vision of quality public healthcare for all.

The plenary session marked a leadership transition within WAHSUN. The Medical and Health Workers' Union of Nigeria and regional scope was unveiled.

The successful conclusion of the 24th plenary session underscores WAHSUN's vital role in advocating for a more robust, equitable, and sustainable public health system across West Africa. The network announced Mali as the host for the next plenary session, signifying their continued commitment to regional collaboration and progress.

CELEBRATION OF THE 33RD INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE MIDWIFE AT KOFORIDUA IN COLLABORATION WITH GRMA, NARM-G AND OTHER PARTNERS.

The Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA) this year held its International Day of the Midwife celebration with Ghana Registered Midwives Association and the National Association of Registered Midwives – Ghana and other partners including CRS and UNFPA at Koforidua in the Eastern Region of Ghana. The celebration took place on the 6th and 7th May, 2024 at the Koforidua Technical University and the Koforidua Jubilee Parks respectively.

The National Executive Committee of the Midwives Society under the Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA) and other midwives from the various regions were in attendance. The Theme for this year's celebration was:

Midwives: A vital climate solution.

The celebration was in two sessions: being a midwives forum/capacity building session and the launch and award ceremony. In attendance for the forum was prominent practicing midwives, Eastern Regional Chief Nursing and Midwifery officer, a representative from the Ghana Health Service headquarters, a representative from the ministry of health and other partners from sister institutions.

There was a panel discussion represented by the 2nd Vice Chairperson of the midwives society (GRNMA) on the topic: "Maternal and Newborn Health Risks of Climate change: Global level, deprived communities, professional collaborations, service delivery and workforce"



Key Area of Discussion

- # Impact of climate change on the entire globe, particularly in developing countries like Ghana.
- # Midwives migration
- # Recognition of the midwife in policy implementation
- # Provision of Medical care as obstetrician
- # Advocate for women's right.
- # Interpersonal relationship between midwives.
- # Logistics management

There was a health walk through the streets of Koforidua to create awareness.

On the session of the National launch and

award presentation saw the attendance of the Gyasehene of the New Juaben Traditional Area, who stood in for the Omanhene of the Juaben Regional House of Chiefs as the Chairperson for the occasion. He congratulated midwives for their immense contribution in the lives of the pregnant women and their unborn children in rendering efficient and effective services. There were speeches from the presidents of the various associations as well as the Assistant National Public Relations Officer of GRNMA on behalf of the President of GRNMA, Mrs. Perpetual Ofori-Ampofo and other stakeholders.

Deserving midwives across all the Regions were awarded with brand new Nasco Refrigerators, tablets and certificates.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1 National Council meeting (1-5th July,2024)
- 2 112th ILC (3-14th June, 2024)
- 3 Regional/District Leadership Virtual Engagement by National Executive Committee (9th June 2024)

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