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GRNMA PARTICIPATES IN THE 114TH INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE IN GENEVA

The Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA) participated in the 114th Session of the International Labour Conference (ILC), held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 2 to 13 June 2026.

The ILC brings together governments, employers and workers' representatives from across the world to discuss key labour issues and shape international labour standards. The 2026 session provided an important platform for dialogue on decent work, gender equality, workplace protection, the care economy, social protection and emerging labour market trends.

The GRNMA delegation was led by Madam Perpetual Ofori-Ampofo, President of GRNMA and 3rd Vice President of the International Council of Nurses (ICN). She was accompanied by Mr. Samuel A. Akolgo, 1st Vice President; Dr. David Tenkorang-Twum, General Secretary; Mr. Courage A.Y.F. Kwame-Kumah, Volta Regional Chairman; and Mr. Kingsley Osei Sarfo, Brong-Ahafo Regional Chairman.

During the conference, the delegation participated in discussions under the Committee on the Transformative Agenda for Gender Equality at Work. Key issues considered included the care economy, occupational safety and health, equal pay, inclusive representation, workplace violence and harassment, and protection for workers in changing employment arrangements. The conference reaffirmed the importance of decent work, safe workplaces, social protection, gender equality and recognition of the care economy in building stronger and more resilient health systems.



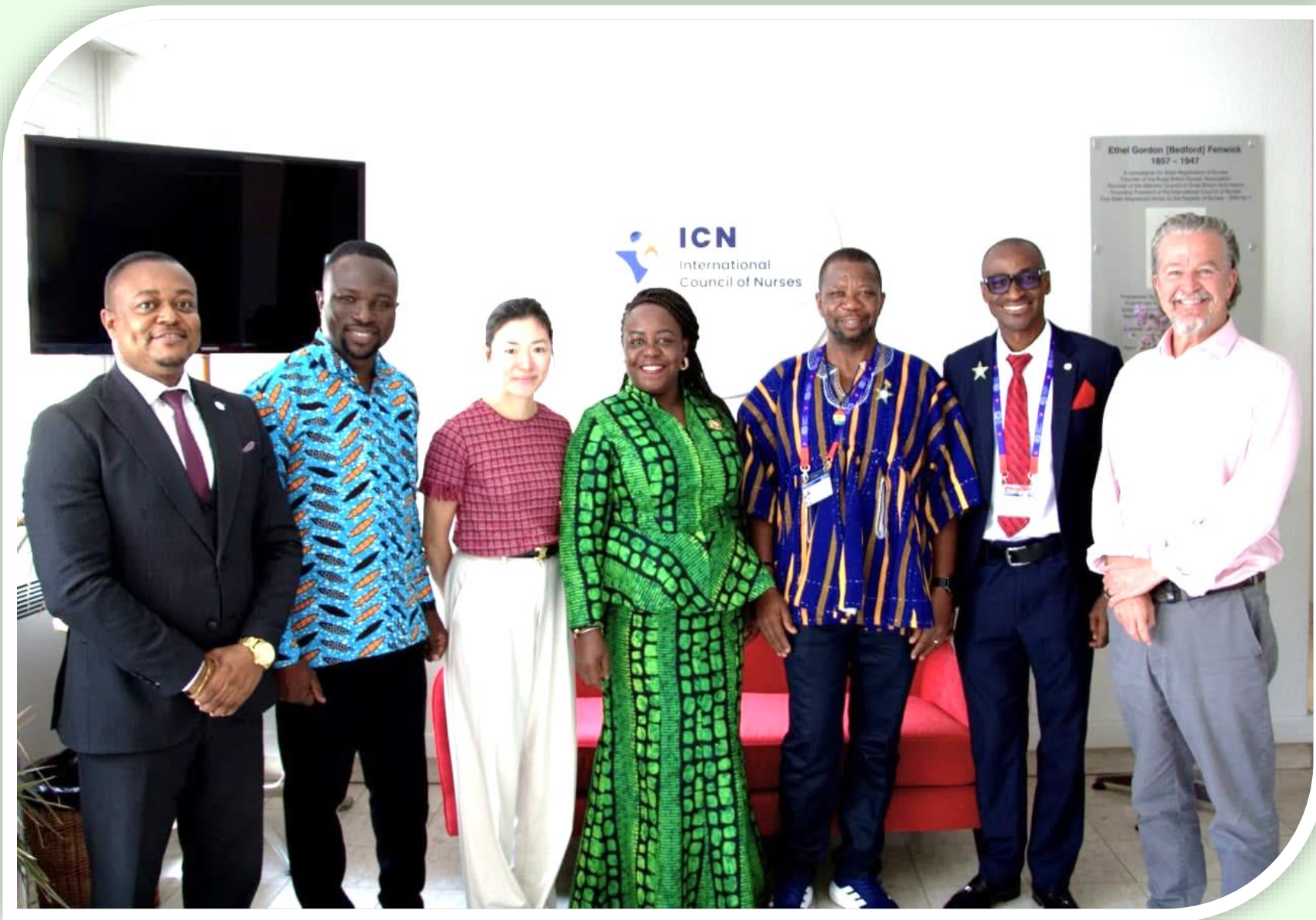
**GRNMA REINFORCES GLOBAL ADVOCACY THROUGH
ENGAGEMENT AT ICN HEADQUARTERS**

During its participation in the 114th International Labour Conference in Geneva, the GRNMA delegation paid a courtesy visit to the headquarters of the International Council of Nurses (ICN).

The delegation was received by ICN Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Howard Catton, and Senior Policy Advisor, Ms. Hoi Shan Fokeladeh, who welcomed ICN Third Vice President and GRNMA President, Madam Perpetual Ofori-Ampofo, together with the Association’s leadership team.

Discussions focused on key global nursing priorities, including gender equity and women’s leadership, workplace safety for health workers, ethical international recruitment, health workforce retention and the role of nursing leadership in responding to global health emergencies.

The engagement reaffirmed the partnership between GRNMA and ICN and highlighted the importance of sustained international collaboration in advancing nursing advocacy, professional development and improved working conditions for nurses and midwives.



GRNMA NATIONAL AWARDS PANEL ENGAGES NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Chairperson of the GRNMA Annual National Awards Panel, Mrs. Eva Mensah, accompanied by the Panel Secretary, Mrs. Vivian Dwira, paid a courtesy call on the National Executive Committee (NEC) on 15 June 2026.

The visit provided an opportunity to update the NEC on preparations for the 2026 GRNMA National Awards and to discuss initiatives aimed at further digitizing the awards process. The engagement focused on improving transparency, efficiency, accessibility and wider member participation in nominations and selection.

Receiving the delegation, the GRNMA President, Mrs. Perpetual Ofori-Ampofo, commended the Panel for its commitment to promoting a credible, transparent and inclusive awards scheme that recognizes excellence within the nursing and midwifery profession.

She encouraged the Panel to continue its work with professionalism, integrity and impartiality, and called on members across the country to participate actively by submitting nominations before the stated deadline through the Association’s website.

The GRNMA National Awards remain an important platform for celebrating outstanding professional practice, innovation, leadership, research and exemplary service among nurses and midwives in Ghana.



GRNMA WELCOMES POLICY DIRECTION ON NURSING AND MIDWIFERY ADMISSIONS

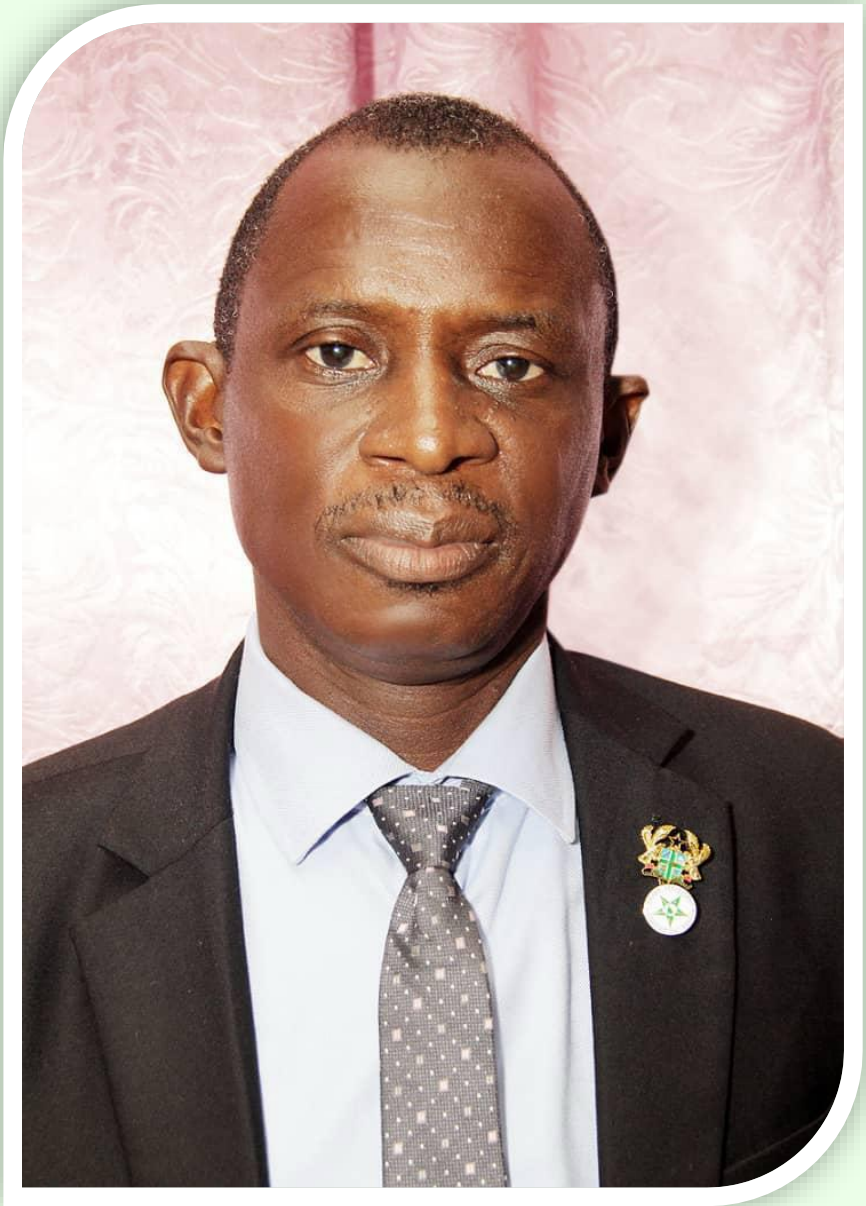
The Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA) has welcomed the Government of Ghana’s decision to reduce admissions into nursing and midwifery training institutions as part of efforts to address the growing number of unemployed nursing and midwifery graduates.

In an interview, the Association’s Public Relations Officer, Mr. Joseph Krampah, described the policy direction as timely and necessary. He noted that GRNMA has consistently called for a more coordinated approach to workforce planning, where admissions into training institutions are aligned with employment capacity and national health workforce needs.

Mr. Krampah observed that graduates from several recent cohorts remain unemployed despite successfully completing their professional training. He explained that a review of admission numbers would allow government to prioritize the recruitment of already qualified but unemployed nurses and midwives while helping to reduce the existing employment backlog.

The Association’s position follows the recent announcement by the Minister for Health, Hon. Kwabena Mintah Akandoh, during the launch of the Government’s Free Primary Health Care Programme in the Volta Region.

GRNMA remains committed to working with government and stakeholders to promote policies that support sustainable workforce development while safeguarding the welfare and professional aspirations of nurses and midwives.



2026 NURSING SCIENCE CONFERENCE: DR. JEAN WATSON TO ADDRESS GHANAIAN NURSES AND MIDWIVES

Nurses, midwives, educators, researchers and students are invited to participate in the 2026 Nursing Science Conference, hosted by the Ayivor Network for Applied Nursing Science (ANANS) in partnership with the Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI).

The virtual conference comes off on Saturday, 4 July 2026 at 5:00 p.m. GMT via Zoom under the theme, “Preparing Nurses and Midwives for a Changing World.”

The event will feature a keynote address by renowned nursing scholar Dr. Jean Watson, known globally for the Theory of Human Caring. Participants will gain insights into compassionate, person-centred care, nursing science, research and professional development.

For registration enquiries, contact ayivornetwork@gmail.com.



GNMTA LEADERSHIP UNDERTAKES EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO PARLIAMENT

As part of efforts to strengthen leadership development, civic engagement and policy advocacy among future nursing and midwifery professionals, the leadership of the Ghana Nurse-Midwife Trainees' Association (GNMTA), in collaboration with the GRNMA National Youth Committee, embarked on an educational visit to the Parliament House of Ghana on 28 May 2026.

The visit was designed to enhance participants' understanding of Ghana's parliamentary system, legislative processes and the role of Parliament in shaping national policies, including those affecting the health sector.

The delegation was received in the Parliamentary Chamber by the First Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Bernard Ahiafor, and the Member of Parliament for Ayawaso West Wuogon, Hon. John Dramani Setor Dumelo. The parliamentary leaders interacted with the delegation and shared insights into legislative oversight, public service and civic responsibility.

Hon. Setor Dumelo commended nurses and midwives for their contribution to healthcare delivery and encouraged the young leaders to remain committed to professional excellence, active citizenship and meaningful participation in national discourse.

The visit provided valuable exposure to governance and policy advocacy and reinforced the Youth Committee's commitment to empowering young nurses, midwives and trainees through leadership development initiatives.



GNMTA CONCLUDES CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW EXERCISE

The Ghana Nurse-Midwife Trainees' Association (GNMTA), with support from the Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA), has successfully concluded the second phase of its constitutional review exercise.

Held from 27 to 28 May 2026, the exercise built on the initial review conducted in January 2026 and aimed to strengthen the GNMTA Constitution to better respond to the evolving needs and aspirations of trainee nurses and midwives across Ghana.

The review was led by GRNMA First Vice President, Mr. Samuel Akolgo Alagkora, Esq., with support from the GRNMA National Youth Committee and Mr. Batiah Semi-Ulah Santi, former GNMTA National President. The exercise brought together national executives and zonal representatives to deliberate on proposed amendments to enhance governance and operational effectiveness.

Participants described the engagement as productive and reflective of a shared commitment to strengthening GNMTA's institutional framework. The successful review marks an important milestone in advancing democratic governance and improving the Association's capacity to serve its members.



**GRNMA CONGRATULATES MR. LAWRENCE BAGRMWIN
ON NEW APPOINTMENT**

The Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA) extends its heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Lawrence Bagrmwin, Chief Nursing Officer and Regional Chairman of GRNMA Upper West Region, on his appointment as District Director of Health Services for Sissala West District.

This appointment is a testament to his dedication, professionalism and exemplary leadership in the health sector. GRNMA is confident that his experience, commitment to excellence and visionary leadership will contribute to strengthening healthcare delivery and improving health outcomes in the district.

As he assumes this important responsibility, the Association wishes him wisdom, strength and success in his new role.



VOLTA REGIONAL GRNMA HOSTS PPME COMMITTEE

On 13 June 2026, the Volta Regional Branch of the Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA) hosted the Association’s Policy, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (PPME) Committee as part of its official working visit to the region.

The Committee conducted an assessment of the administrative and operational performance of the Regional Executive Committee and inspected the Association’s regional facilities to evaluate functionality and compliance with institutional standards.

The engagement provided a platform for the presentation of regional performance reports, constructive dialogue on governance and administrative issues, and strategic guidance aimed at strengthening operational effectiveness.

The Regional Executive Committee expressed appreciation to the PPME Committee for its recommendations, professional support and continued commitment to institutional excellence. The visit was described as both evaluative and motivational for regional leadership.



**REGIONS PREPARE FOR THE 2026 NATIONAL
BEST NURSE/MIDWIFE AWARDS**

Across the country, GRNMA regions are actively preparing to present their outstanding nurses and midwives for the 2026 National Best Nurse/Midwife Awards. Regional selection processes are underway to identify professionals whose service, innovation, leadership and dedication to patient care make them strong contenders at the national level.

In the Northern Region, Nurse Alhassan Abu-Zeinab, Ward Manager of the Outpatient Department at Savelugu Municipal Hospital, has been adjudged the Overall Winner of the 2026 Northern Regional Best Nurse/Midwife Awards.

Her recognition reflects her professional excellence, compassionate care and strong commitment to improving access to healthcare for underserved communities. Beyond her clinical duties, she founded the Frontier Medical Foundation, also known as Frontier Nurses, a volunteer-led initiative promoting healthcare beyond the clinic through disease prevention, early diagnosis, health education, sanitation and maternal and child health support.

Under her leadership, the Foundation has reached 17 communities, mobilized 56 volunteers, established a wellness clinic and organized community outreach and sanitation activities.

GRNMA congratulates Nurse Abu-Zeinab and celebrates all regional nominees whose dedication, innovation and selfless service continue to raise the image of nursing and midwifery in Ghana.



ASHANTI REGION HOLDS SECOND QUARTER COUNCIL MEETING AND AGM

The Ashanti Regional Branch of GRNMA successfully held its Second Quarter Council Meeting, which also served as the Annual General Meeting for District Executives, on 26 June 2026 at the GRNMA Guesthouse/Secretariat, Krapa.

The meeting brought together District Executives from all 44 administrative districts and the Regional Executive Committee to review activities and deliberate on key issues affecting members. Discussions focused on preparations for the National Annual Awards, souvenir distribution, the upcoming Youth Boot Camp, district and regional reports, national updates, and strategies to strengthen members' welfare and enhance service delivery.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a medal and citation by the Ghana Nurse-Midwife Trainees' Association, Ashanti Branch, to the Regional First Vice Chairman, Mr. Philemon Adu Brempong, in recognition of his support and commitment to the Association's activities.

In his closing remarks, the Chairman of the Council, Mr. Jones Afriyie Anto, Esq., commended the dedication of District Executives and encouraged them to sustain effective communication with members to promote active participation and organizational cohesion.



NURSES’ WEEK CELEBRATIONS ACROSS THE REGIONS

As GRNMA regions take turns celebrating International Nurses Day 2026, the message remains clear: nurses and midwives must be empowered, supported and inspired to pursue professional excellence. Celebrations held in the Western, Upper East and Brong-Ahafo Regions highlighted the commitment, leadership and compassion of the nursing and midwifery workforce in strengthening healthcare delivery across Ghana.

WESTERN REGION: NZEMA EAST MARKS INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY WITH DURBAR AND MEMBER RECOGNITION

The Nzema East District Branch of GRNMA, Western Region, commemorated the 2026 International Nurses Day with a durbar and excursion at Axim Government Hospital under the theme, “Nurses’ and Midwives’ Agenda: Changing Ourselves, If We Can’t Change the Situation.”

The celebration brought together nurses, midwives, health managers, municipal authorities and stakeholders to reflect on the profession, promote unity and recognize excellence in service. The District Chairman, Mr. Ismaila, expressed appreciation to members, sponsors and guests, and urged nurses and midwives to remain united and committed to professional excellence.

In a goodwill message, the First Vice Chairman of the GRNMA Western Regional Branch, Mr. Fredrick Boateng, commended members for their dedication and encouraged them to take advantage of the educational, legal, professional and welfare benefits offered by GRNMA.

Certificates of appreciation and citations were presented to deserving nurses, midwives, nursing leaders and past and present district executives. The celebration concluded with an excursion to Venice Beach Resort, Eikwe, which offered members an opportunity to strengthen professional networks and collegiality.





UPPER EAST REGION MARKS INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY WITH CALL FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

June 2026 under the global theme, “Our Nurses, Our Future: Empowered Nurses Save Lives.” The event brought together nurses, midwives, educators, retired professionals and representatives of sister labour unions.

Delivering the keynote address on behalf of the Upper East Regional Director of Health Services, Dr. Braimah Baba Abubakari, the Medical Director of the Upper East Regional Hospital, Dr. Joseph Kojo Tambil, urged nurses and midwives to recommit themselves to professional development, clinical excellence, compassion and ethical practice.

The Regional Director emphasized that empowering nurses requires institutional support, welfare systems and investment in the workforce. He announced ongoing advocacy for additional health personnel to reduce workload pressures, as well as plans to establish an Employee Assistance Programme and staff clinics to improve access to care for health workers.



**BRONG-AHAFO REGION CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY WITH RENEWED
CALL TO EMPOWER NURSES**

The Brong-Ahafo Regional Branch of GRNMA commemorated International Nurses Day at the GRNMA Regional Secretariat in Asufufu, Sunyani, under the theme, “Our Nurses, Our Future: Empowered Nurses Save Lives.”

In his welcome address, the Regional Chairman, Mr. Kingsley Osei-Sarfo, described nurses and midwives as the backbone of the healthcare system and called for sustained investment in the workforce. He highlighted challenges such as excessive workload, burnout, migration of skilled professionals, inadequate infrastructure, poor remuneration, occupational safety concerns and limited support for nurses who become ill or injured in the line of duty.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Ba-Etilayoo Atinga, Head of the Department of Nursing at the University of Energy and Natural Resources, emphasized the importance of empowering nurses through policies that support employment, equitable deployment, specialization, leadership development, ethical practice, research and staff welfare.

The Bono Regional Director of Health Services, Dr. Abdulai Abukari, commended nurses and midwives for their dedication and encouraged them to support the Government’s Free Primary Healthcare Policy. He also drew attention to maternal mortality in the region and encouraged intensified efforts to improve maternal and newborn care.

The celebrations across the regions reaffirmed that investing in nurses and midwives is essential to improving healthcare delivery, protecting communities and building a stronger future for health.



NURSES AND MIDWIVES BID FAREWELL TO MR. GRACIOUS YENGSUMO GYABURO



The Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA), Upper West Region, continues to mourn the untimely passing of Mr. Gracious Yengsumo Gyaburo, affectionately known as “Under Control,” who died in a road traffic accident on 16 May 2026 while returning to Nadowli from Jirapa.

Until his passing, Mr. Gyaburo served as the GRNMA District Chairman for Nadowli-Kaleo District and was a Senior Nursing Officer (Public Health) at the Nadowli District Hospital. He was widely admired for his commitment to the nursing profession, trade unionism and the welfare of nurses and midwives. He also served as a member of the GRNMA Upper West Regional Media Committee and Secretary to the Regional Welfare Committee.

In recognition of his service, the Upper West Regional Branch organized a night vigil on 24 May 2026 at his residence in Nadowli, where colleagues, family, friends and community members gathered to celebrate his life and legacy.

His final funeral rites, held on 26 and 27 June 2026, attracted hundreds of mourners, including representatives of the GRNMA National Council led by First Vice President Mr. Samuel Alagkora Akolgo, Esq.; Assistant National Treasurer Mr. Thomas J. Lambon; regional and district executives; nurses and midwives from across the country; officials of the Upper West Regional Health Directorate; CHAG; traditional and religious leaders; and other sympathizers.

The GRNMA Upper West Region expressed appreciation to all individuals and institutions whose support, prayers and presence contributed to a dignified farewell. Mr. Gyaburo will be remembered as a dedicated nurse, committed unionist and compassionate leader whose legacy of selfless service will continue to inspire generations of nurses and midwives.

May his soul rest in perfect peace.

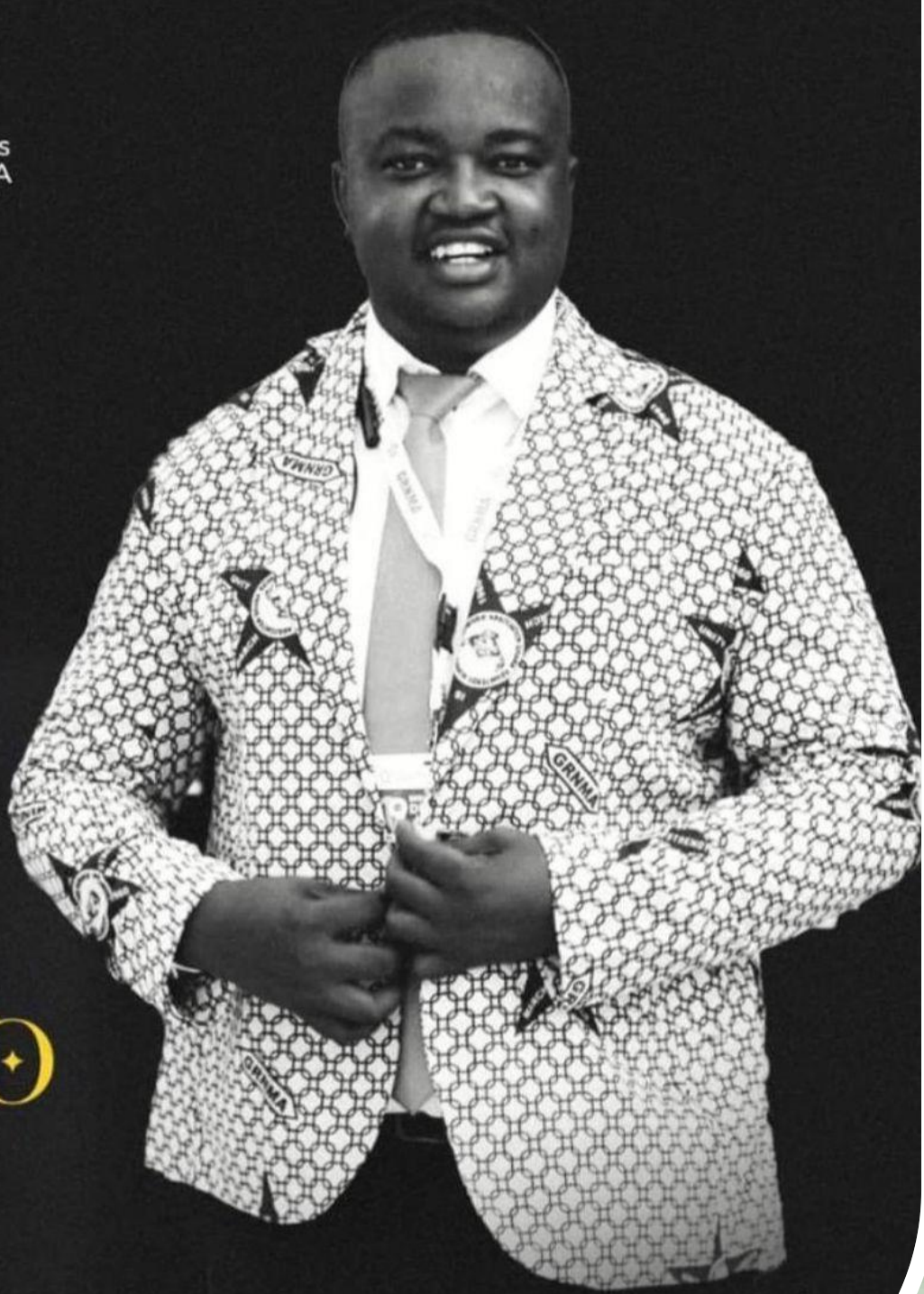


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**A LIFE OF SERVICE: REMEMBERING NURSING OFFICER
SAMUEL NYAABA AGONGO**

The Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA), Bongo District Branch, Upper East Region, mourns the untimely passing of Nursing Officer Samuel Nyaaba Agongo, a dedicated member of the Association and a Nursing Officer at Bongo District Hospital.

Nursing Officer Agongo passed away on 4 June 2026 following a motor accident while travelling to the hospital to commence his night duty. His commitment to patient care, professionalism and compassionate service earned him the admiration and respect of colleagues, patients and the wider community.

His passing is a profound loss to the nursing and midwifery profession, Bongo District Hospital, GRNMA and the people he faithfully served.

The Association extends its deepest condolences to his family, friends, colleagues and loved ones. Members of GRNMA joined the family and sympathizers to honour his memory at the wake-keeping held on 12 June 2026 and the burial service on 13 June 2026 at the Veia Catholic Church.

GRNMA pays tribute to Nursing Officer Samuel Nyaaba Agongo for his selfless service and dedication to the nursing profession. His legacy of compassion, commitment and professionalism will continue to inspire those who had the privilege of working alongside him.

May his soul rest in perfect peace.

