

# CELEBRATING MIDWIVES: SHAPING HEALTHY BEGINNINGS

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE MIDWIFE — 5 MAY 2026

On International Day of the Midwife, we thank you for the care, commitment and compassion you bring to each new beginning.

This year's theme, One Million More Midwives, highlights the urgent global need for midwives and the essential role you play in supporting the health of communities worldwide. Every day, through your skill, kindness and dedication, you support women, babies and families during some of life's most profound moments.

Midwives are central to safe maternity care. Often working under pressure and without recognition, you protect lives, advocate for mothers and help shape healthy beginnings with professionalism and humanity.

**Thank you for your resilience, compassion and the vital role you play at the very start of life. We are deeply grateful for all that you do.**

