



COMMONWEALTH NURSES AND MIDWIVES FEDERATION

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**Wishing all CNMF members and
friends a peaceful 2025**



The CNMF President and Board wishes all CNMF members and friends a peaceful 2025.

The CNMF fully endorses the ICN 'Nurses for Peace' campaign, and their call for donations to provide financial support for nurses and midwives working in conflict situations, and caring for individuals and families caught up in conflicts not of their own making.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) estimates there are 29 million nurses worldwide and 2.2 million midwives. How powerful that voice would be if we all, across all countries, unite and raise our voices for peace.

The CNMF urges all nurses and midwives to commit in 2025 to become ambassadors and advocates for a peaceful world - in their home amongst their family and friends; within their local community; within their workplace; and importantly, advocates for peace to their governments.

At the request of members, and once confirmed by the Board, the CNMF will be developing two new policy statements in 2025 on 'Peace for all for a healthy world', and 'Nursing and midwifery response to wars and conflicts'. Drafts will be shared with CNMF members and friends for input before finalisation.

ICN 'NURSES FOR PEACE' CAMPAIGN



As we prepare for new beginnings in a new year, many of us will be taking leave from work to spend time with family and friends.

The International Council of Nurses (ICN) have sent an important message which the CNMF would like to share with you, highlighting the ongoing suffering endured by ordinary people caught in conflicts and wars beyond their control. Think of countries such as Ukraine, Palestine, Syria, and Lebanon and many others across the world.

ICN are seeking donations to their 'Nurses for Peace' campaign, which provides humanitarian assistance to nurses working under dire and often perilous circumstances.

Dr Cipriano, ICN President writes that 2024 "has witnessed the spread of conflict and disaster on a global scale, placing nurses at the forefront of multiple crises – on their dorrsteps and in regions afflicted by violence and instability ... nurses have stood resolute in the face of wars, conflicts, and humanitarian disasters, bringing care and solace to those in need. Sadly, this role is more urgent than ever today."

To learn more about the 'Nurses for Peace' campaign and download the regular updates, go to:

<https://www.icn.ch/how-we-do-it/campaigns/humanitarian-fund-nursesforpeace>

To donate to the campaign to support nurses caring for people in conflict zones and provide them with care for their own physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, go to:

<https://www.icn.ch/donate-nursesforpeace>



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INTERNATIONAL COMMEMORATION DAYS 2025

January

- 24 [International Day of Education](#)
- 26 [International Day of Clean Energy](#)

February

- 04 [World Cancer Day](#)
- 06 [International Day Against Female Genital Mutilation](#)
- 20 [World Day of Social Justice](#)

March

- 01 [Zero Discrimination Day](#)
- 03 [World Wildlife Day](#)
- 08 [International Women's Day](#)
- 10 [Commonwealth Day](#)
- 20 [International Day of Happiness](#)
- 21 [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#)
- 22 [World Water Day](#)
- 23 [World Meteorological Day](#)
- 24 [World Tuberculosis Day](#)

April

- 07 [World Health Day](#)
- 22 [Earth Day](#)
- 25 [World Malaria Day](#)
- 28 [International Workers Memorial Day](#)
- 28 [World Day for Health and Safety at Work](#)

May

- 01 [International Labour Day](#)
- 03 [World Press Freedom Day](#)
- 04 [World Asthma Day](#)
- 05 [International Day of the Midwife](#)
- 08 [World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day](#)
- 12 [International Nurses Day](#)
- 15 [International Day of Families](#)
- 16 [International Day for Living Together in Peace](#)
- 22 [International Day for Biological Diversity](#)
- 31 [World No-Tobacco Day](#)

June

- 05 [World Environment Day](#)
- 12 [World Day Against Child Labour](#)
- 08 [World Oceans Day](#)
- 14 [World Blood Donor Day](#)
- 15 [World Elder Abuse Awareness Day](#)
- 19 [International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict](#)
- 20 [World Refugee Day](#)
- 26 [International Day in Support of Victims of Torture](#)

July

- 11 [World Population Day](#)
- 28 [World Hepatitis Day](#)
- 30 [International Day of Friendship](#)

August

- 09 [International Day of the World's Indigenous People](#)
- 12 [International Youth Day](#)
- 19 [World Humanitarian Day](#)

September

- 08 [International Literacy Day](#)
- 10 [World Suicide Prevention Day](#)
- 15 [International Day of Democracy](#)
- 21 [International Day of Peace](#)
- 21 [World Alzheimer's Day](#)
- 23 [World Contraception Day](#)
- 26 [International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons](#)
- 27 [World Heart Day](#)
- 28 [International Day for Universal Access to Information](#)

October

- 01 [International Day of Older Persons](#)
- 02 [International Day of Non-Violence](#)
- 03 [World Smile Day](#)
- 10 [World Mental Health Day](#)
- 11 [International Day of the Girl Child](#)
- 14 [World Sight Day](#)
- 15 [Global Handwashing Day](#)
- 16 [World Food Day](#)
- 17 [International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#)
- 24 [United Nations Day](#)

November

- 14 [World Diabetes Day](#)
- 16 [International Day for Tolerance](#)
- 19 [International Men's Day](#)
- 19 [World Toilet Day](#)
- 20 [World Children's Day](#)
- 25 [International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#)

December

- 01 [World AIDS Day](#)
- 03 [International Day of People with Disabilities](#)
- 10 [Human Rights Day](#)
- 12 [International Universal Health Coverage Day](#)
- 18 [International Migrants Day](#)
- 24 [International Human Solidarity Day](#)