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A MESSAGE FROM ICN'S PRESIDENT JOSÉ LUIS COBOS SERRANO



We are launching this #NursesforPeace bulletin on **World Humanitarian Day, 19 August**, to share the impact of our ongoing work, recognize the courage of nurses and humanitarian workers everywhere, and renew our call to protect them.

This is a day to **#ActforHumanity** and stand with the 252 million people worldwide who currently require humanitarian support due to crises and conflicts. And it is a day to honour the humanitarian workers who provide aid, support, and care, and most importantly, a day to take action to protect them.

ICN is a founding member of the **Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC)** which recently reported 2,546 horrific attacks on health care in 2025 alone, including 455 health workers killed and 218 kidnapped, all in direct contravention of International Humanitarian Law (IHL). The normalization of these attacks is driving escalating violence and impunity and ICN continues to advocate in the strongest possible terms for an immediate end to all attacks on health facilities and personnel, for full enforcement of IHL, and for full accountability for violations. **No nurse, no health worker, no humanitarian responder should ever be a target.**

This bulletin shows the scale and scope of #NursesforPeace. It tells the stories of recent **direct support #NursesforPeace is providing to nurses and National Nurses Associations (NNAs) on the ground**, from Ebola infection prevention training in DRC and supporting insulin deliveries and training in South Sudan to emergency mental health services for nurses in Venezuela and resources for nurses in Gaza and Madagascar. It spotlights the **vital role of the National Nurses Associations (NNAs)** who mentor colleagues and act as vital bridges between nurses on the ground and government and international support. And it shows the **impact of ICN's advocacy** to urgently protect health workers, which we have brought to the world's biggest forums and organizations this year, from the World Health Assembly to the UN and G7.

This year's International Nurses Day report, *Empowered Nurses Save Lives*, names the Power of Peace as one of seven core nursing powers. It provides the evidence and case studies that show the **full multifaceted role of nurses as leaders, human rights defenders, community educators, and often the last line protecting health systems and global health security** in conflicts and crises.

#NursesforPeace exists to **enable the Power of Peace**, supporting nurses to continue bringing care, health, hope and dignity to communities and populations in the world's most challenging circumstances. Together, we will continue to work to make sure that nurses' power is recognized, invested in, and structurally protected.

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The power of peace in action

Since ICN launched #NursesforPeace in 2022, it has grown from an emergency response to the war in Ukraine, driven by the outpouring of support from the world's nurses, into a sustained humanitarian and advocacy programme with initiatives **across 13 countries and territories**. #NursesforPeace is grounded in the ICN Code of Ethics and the conviction that **nurses are peacemakers as well as healthmakers and must be urgently protected, supported and enabled as leaders who protect health in the most difficult settings, rebuild and recover after conflict and crisis, and build long-term health system resilience**.

#NursesforPeace encompasses:

- **Direct, practical support** to nurses in conflict- and crisis-affected countries, including emergency financial assistance, medical supplies, transport, equipment, training, and leadership development, through ICN's Humanitarian Fund and in collaboration with partners such as Direct Relief.
- **Nurses supporting nurses** through the remarkable solidarity of nurses and NNAs worldwide raising awareness and offering practical and emotional support to colleagues working in crisis situations.
- **Supporting the role of NNAs** as trusted, on-the-ground humanitarian actors and bridges to international aid.
- **High-level advocacy** and awareness-raising, bringing the voices of nurses on the front lines into the spaces where decisions get made, from UN reports to the World Health Assembly, G7, and G20.



Snapshot of #NursesforPeace impact Jan–August 2026

› Strengthening nursing leadership, training and development

- New project training nurses in the DRC to protect themselves and patients from Ebola, aiming for zero occupational infections.
- Cohort of nurse leaders graduated from ICN's first-ever full leadership programme delivered in an active warzone (Ukraine).
- 100% of nurses at South Sudan's leading children's hospital have now been trained in safe insulin administration.
- Sudan's new Excellency Centre, boosted by a major equipment donation from Laerdal, will train around 4,800 nurses and midwives a year, opening soon.

› Enabling community, family, and primary health care

- New midwife kits are now in daily use in remote health centres across Somaliland, with a similar project underway in South Sudan.
- In Sudan, a nurse-led Emergency Response Team has received its first Direct Relief medical packs.
- The Direct Relief diabetes programme is now reaching Al-Sabah Children's Hospital in Juba, South Sudan, where insulin has long been almost impossible to access.

› Supporting nurses' needs: Emergency resources and psychosocial wellbeing

- 150 nurses in Madagascar received emergency support after their homes and health facilities were destroyed by Cyclone Gezani.
- In Venezuela, ICN is providing psychosocial support and disaster response coordination support following the devastating earthquakes
- Student nurses volunteering in Gaza are receiving emergency financial support.

› Advocacy, solidarity and the voice of nurses in conflict and crisis

- ICN submitted an evidence-based input to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on the promotion and protection of the human rights of women and children in conflict and post-conflict situations, demonstrating how attacks on health care disproportionately harm a majority-female nursing workforce and highlighting nursing leadership in providing vital care to women and children in conflict-affected regions.
- Strong ICN messages and advocacy on protecting nurses in conflict and crisis at the 79th World Health Assembly, the UN Commission on the Status of Women, and global health events and forums
- A global #NursesforPeace photo call and a nursing solidarity action on the shores of Lake Geneva during the G7 summit
- Spotlight on the Power of Peace in this year's International Nurses Day report and special Eastern Mediterranean Region IND journal amplifying the voices of nurses working in conflict and crisis affected regions.

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Impact and stories in detail:

#NursesforPeace January–August 2026

Since our last #NursesforPeace update, ICN has continued to work closely with nursing associations and partners across a widening list of countries facing conflict, disaster and humanitarian emergency to strengthen nursing leadership, extend primary and community health care, meet nurses' own needs in the toughest circumstances, and amplify their voices through advocacy where decisions get made. Read on to learn more about the projects, partnerships, and, above all, the nurses and NNAs who make them possible.

1. Leading through crisis and recovery: Nursing leadership, training and development

› DRC: training nurses to protect themselves and their communities in the fight against Ebola

A new project launched on 1 July with the Ordre National des Infirmiers du Congo (ONIC) responds to the current Ebola crisis, which is the fastest-growing Ebola outbreak ever recorded and has been classified by WHO as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

Well over 100 health workers have been infected across affected zones including Bunia, Rwampara, Mongbwalu, Nyakunde, Gombe and Butembo, where ongoing conflicts, crises and displacement bring additional challenges to health care. More than 35 health workers have tragically died to date, including nurses, and the first recorded mortality in this outbreak was a nurse. Nurses make up more than 75% of the health workforce in the affected areas and are at the heart of the response, which includes community sensitization, early detection, isolation, infection prevention, surveillance and psychological support to patients and families.

The #NursesforPeace sponsored DRC project aims to protect nurses from infection and strengthen the Ebola response. Sixty nurses are being trained directly in IPC, triage and early detection, community surveillance, and psychosocial support, with the project expected to reach a further 120 health workers indirectly. Twelve health facilities will be equipped with triage zones and detection tools, and 500 copies of a practical frontline guide will be distributed. The target is zero occupational Ebola infections among trained nurses during the outbreak.

ICN has made several [public statements](#) **warning that nurses are being put at grave risk in the Ebola response due to a lack of PPE and raising the alarm that nurses are also facing unpaid wages** and gaps in specialized infection prevention and control (IPC) training. In August, following news of worsening outbreaks, unpaid salaries, and continued serious risks to nurses, **ICN wrote directly to the DRC government**, calling for urgent payment of wages, immediate PPE supply, and IPC training support for frontline nurses responding to the outbreak.

►Ukraine: first nurse leader cohort graduates in an active warzone



In February 2026, 23 Ukrainian nurse leaders became **the first cohort to complete ICN's Nursing Leadership for Crisis Response and Recovery (NLCRR) programme** – the first time ICN has delivered a leadership programme in an **active conflict zone**. The six-month programme, fully funded by #NursesforPeace and delivered with Ukraine's Ministry of Health and the WHO Regional Office for Europe, covered essential skills in crisis leadership, evidence-based decision-making, interdisciplinary collaboration and recovery planning.

Graduates worked on impactful projects including a proposed National Nurses Association of Ukraine, mobile staffing algorithms to redistribute nursing staff during mass casualty events, and national tuberculosis nursing education. Demand for the programme was extraordinary, with over 400 nurses applying from every region of Ukraine, a clear sign of how urgently Ukraine's nurses want to lead health system response and rebuilding. A second NLCRR cohort is planned in Ukraine, and ICN intends to adapt the model to other crisis and post-crisis settings.

ICN's President told the graduation ceremony:

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“Completing this programme while the war continues shows exceptional strength and determination. Nurses are central to solutions, to strong health systems, and to recovery – and they must be part of policy decisions at every level.



ICN has also supported work to **translate the ICN Code of Ethics and Definitions into Ukrainian** and presented at an event attended by 200 Ukrainian nurse leaders and Ministry of Health officials, hosted by Ukraine's Centre for Nursing Development. Translations of these documents will be used to inform a revised National Nursing Code, an essential shared professional and ethical foundation more urgent than ever in times of crisis.

› **Sudan: building one of the country's best-equipped nurse training centres**

Amidst ongoing conflict, destruction of much of the health system, and a large-scale displacement crisis, Sudan's nurses are working to bring care to as many communities as possible.

Work to develop the Sudan Excellency Centre (SEC) to strengthen the capacity of Sudanese nurses and midwives through high-quality education, simulation-based training, research, and professional development opportunities continues to move forward, and the centre is expected to open in the coming months. Supported by #NursesforPeace and developed with Sudan's Ministry of Health, nursing leaders, universities and expert trainers, the Centre aims to train around 4,800 nurses and midwives every year through simulation-based education, research support, expert consultation, a resource library and online learning. This will be a major step in building the skilled nursing workforce Sudan needs to advance Universal Health Coverage amid conflict.

Thanks to a generous donation from Laerdal Medical, the SEC has now secured advanced simulation equipment, including patient simulators, maternal and newborn training simulators, and modular skills and assessment trainers, technology rarely available in Sudan. Laerdal Global Health has separately donated four Basic Emergency Care Learning Lab kits, aligned with WHO's Basic Emergency Care programme, equipping the Centre to teach airway management, CPR, wound care and immobilization using adult and infant manikins.

> South Sudan: training on safe, effective insulin use

Across Africa, according to [MSF](#), only one in seven people who need insulin can get it. South Sudan continues to face a complex humanitarian crisis, with renewed conflict, disease outbreaks, and recurring floods, and at Al-Sabah Children's Hospital in Juba, insulin has historically been almost impossible to access. Direct Relief's diabetes programme is now bringing insulin to the hospital, but as it has been scarce for so long, many nurses have had little recent hands-on experience using it safely.

The South Sudan Nurses and Midwives Association (SSNAMA) has built a **training programme to close that gap, supported by ICN's #NursesforPeace initiative**. In March and April, 100% of nurses at Al-Sabah completed a Paediatric Insulin Administration Refresher covering dosage calculation, cold chain and storage management, complication management (especially hypoglycaemia) and hands-on skills stations. The curriculum was developed with the support of Prof Madeleine Mukeshimana, a member of ICN's Educational Advisory Committee and 1st Vice President of the Rwanda Nurses and Midwives Union. **Nurses' confidence and competence in using insulin safely is enabling more children to access this essential treatment.**



Nurses at Al-Sabah Children's Hospital completing paediatric insulin administration and storage training

2. Nursing at the heart of community, family, and primary health care

As well as building nursing leadership and workforce readiness, #NursesforPeace works to **strengthen the community, family and primary health care that nurses deliver** every day, in extremely challenging settings where they are often the only trusted, trained professional available. The projects below show how that trust and reach is put into practice.

> Somaliland: birth kits saving lives in remote health centres

Somaliland has complex humanitarian needs due to many years of famine, drought, and other crises and disasters. It also faces some of the world's highest maternal mortality rates and challenges in reaching remote communities.

With the support of #NursesforPeace and in partnership with the Ministry of Health, the Somaliland Nursing and Midwifery Association (SLNMA) is leading a **project to strengthen maternal and newborn care**. SLNMA has now distributed midwife kits to remote health centres and they are in active clinical use, directly supporting safer deliveries and better newborn outcomes in underserved communities.

The formal handover was held in April and captured on video by Somaliland TV. This also raised SLNMA's profile as a national leader on maternal and neonatal health and reinforced the message that nurse leadership is a cornerstone of resilience and peace. A similar equipment project is now underway in South Sudan and will feature in our next update.



› Sudan: equipping the emergency response team

#NursesforPeace has supported training and capacity building for the Sudanese Nurses Organization (SNO) emergency response team, a group of specially trained senior nurses who respond quickly to urgent situations across the country, wherever they are needed most.

Supported by the SNO and #NursesforPeace, the ERT has now received its first shipment of Direct Relief emergency medical packs, which will make an enormous difference to the team, which has spent recent years plugging gaps left by war and the collapse of the health system often with almost no equipment of their own.

Getting supplies into Sudan is notoriously difficult, and poses a challenge to even some of the largest international NGOs, but through persistence and their in-depth knowledge of local networks and communities, SNO has succeeded in importing these lifesaving kits.



› Venezuela: coordinating a nursing-led disaster response

On 24 June, two powerful earthquakes, magnitude 7.2 and 7.5, struck northern Venezuela less than a minute apart, with epicentres west of Caracas. La Guaira state, close to the epicentres and densely populated, was hit hardest, with nurses leading the response on the ground from hour zero, responding to the injured from within a health system already under severe strain with displacement and humanitarian crises.

#NursesforPeace is now **supporting nursing disaster response coordination in Venezuela through NNA-led mobilization and coordination of volunteer nurses, community outreach activities, and the provision of essential emergency medical kits and supplies.** ICN will work with Direct Relief as well as the local NNA to improve access to supplies, strengthen staffing capacity, and reduce some of the pressures nurses are facing. #NursesforPeace is also supporting nurses' psychosocial needs, discussed in the next section.

A message from the Sudanese Nurses Organization

On behalf of the Sudanese Nurses Organization, as well as the nurses and people of Sudan, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the International Council of Nurses (ICN) for its unwavering support and advocacy for nurses and communities affected by the ongoing conflict.

Through the impactful #NursesforPeace initiative and collaboration with Direct Relief, we have received essential emergency supplies that symbolize hope and solidarity for Sudanese nurses during these challenging times. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of ICN and Direct Relief in delivering emergency medical bags and critical supplies, which are currently being prepared for deployment by our Nursing Emergency Response Teams. This assistance empowers nurses to confront unprecedented challenges in accessing vital resources and enhances frontline care where it is most needed.

Nurses are on the front lines, often working under difficult conditions and at great personal risk. Despite these challenges, Sudanese nurses demonstrate remarkable bravery, professionalism, and commitment, serving as essential providers of emergency care and health education. The Nursing Emergency Response Teams, equipped with these emergency supplies, will enhance our ability to respond effectively to community needs and deliver essential services. Direct Relief's support, including providing medical supplies to health facilities, is vital for Sudanese nurses and frontline health workers, who continue to deliver essential services despite facing significant shortages of equipment and resources.

The importance of the #NursesforPeace initiative extends beyond the material value of the support received. For Sudanese nurses, knowing that the global nursing community stands beside them holds enormous professional and emotional significance. Your support demonstrates that nursing solidarity transcends borders, and that nurses working in conflict settings are part of a global profession committed to protecting human dignity, health, peace, and access to care.

At a time when many Sudanese nurses are experiencing uncertainty, loss, displacement, exhaustion, and profound professional challenges, the solidarity demonstrated by ICN gives us the strength to continue.

While we are deeply grateful for the assistance already provided, the needs of Sudan's civilian population and health workforce remain immense. We hope that the partnership between ICN, SNO, Direct Relief, and other humanitarian and nursing organizations continues to develop into a sustainable mechanism for strengthening health systems and emergency response across Sudan.

3. Supporting nurses' needs: Emergency resources and psychosocial wellbeing

› Venezuela: mental health, psychosocial support and raising awareness

During the earthquakes and their aftermath, several nurses tragically died or were injured due to the earthquakes, while many more lost their homes, were displaced, and faced significant psychological strain. #NursesforPeace has now launched a **Psychological and Social Strengthening Project with the Federación de Colegios de Profesionales de Enfermería de Venezuela (FCPERBV) to provide mental health and psychosocial support.** In-country psychologists are being deployed to provide psychological first aid for affected nurses, while home visits will bring support directly to nurses in their communities and those identified as most in need will receive ongoing follow-up care.



Pictured above: The Psychological and Social Strengthening Project launches in Venezuela, with meetings between nurse leaders, volunteers, and psychologists and visits to nurses in shelters and tents

Sharing the impact on Venezuela's nurses

ICN's ongoing communications with FCPERBV have highlighted both **the devastating impact of the earthquake and aftermath on the nursing workforce and the extraordinary resilience demonstrated by nurses who continue to serve their communities while facing significant personal hardship.**

With the Colegio de Enfermería de La Guaira and the Universidad de Carabobo, FCPERBV conducted a formal survey of approximately 750 nurses in La Guaira. The findings show an alarming impact on nurses' wellbeing and on health systems: **9 nurses tragically died, while 114 sustained physical injuries; 33% of nurses have been displaced into shelters or relatives' homes; 30% of health facilities suffered severe structural damage or had areas closed;** almost 60% of nurses face restricted or intermittent food access and over 73% face unreliable transport to work; and **over 60% of nurses report mental health strain.**

Nursing leaders also shared moving testimony from the response, where one of the most devastating single events was the collapse of a specialist hospital caring for children with severe disabilities, most of whom had no surviving family. The collapse killed 16 patients, a nurse on duty, and two additional staff members; surviving patients were evacuated to another facility. They described how nurses still kept showing up, with local nurses returning to work without their uniforms, because they'd lost everything; nurses from across Venezuela travelling to La Guaira to support, and Venezuelan nurses living abroad, including in Chile, came home to support the response.

One nursing leader described the trauma of losing her home in the earthquake while continuing to work to support her community. She said that the solidarity of Venezuelan nurses, nurses and NNAs from all around the world, and ICN's #NursesforPeace movement means "The nurses here now understand that we are not alone. There are countless people and organizations willing to help us."



Images show the collapse of El Niño y el Mar medical centre, Venezuela, where 16 patients, 1 nurse, and 2 other staff members tragically lost their lives following the earthquakes

› Madagascar: standing by nurses after Cyclone Gezani

In February, Tropical Cyclone Gezani tore through Madagascar's east coast, hitting the districts of Toamasina I and II especially hard. CONIM (Conseil de l'Ordre National des Infirmiers de Madagascar) report that around 75% of infrastructure in the key port city of Toamasina I was damaged, with health facilities destroyed or knocked out of service just as needs surged.

Nurses have been both responders and victims of this natural disaster. Many lost their homes or belongings, were separated from family, and have faced significant psychological trauma, while continuing to work to save lives and support their community. In April, CONIM and ICN organized an **emergency humanitarian distribution** across Toamasina I and II, providing 150 nurse-beneficiaries with food (rice, sugar, cooking oil) and hygiene and health items (soap, water purification solutions), through a **carefully managed process of needs-based selection, secure distribution and full documentation**. The operation faced several challenges, including difficult access and transport and currency depreciation constraints, but local teams adapted strategically with queue management systems and prioritized spending. A second phase of this project is planned, to expand coverage and provide more sustainable support.



NNA leaders and nurse beneficiaries pictured at the CONIM humanitarian distribution site supported by #NursesforPeace in Madagascar

› Gaza: supporting student nurses

ICN's ongoing work with the Palestinian Nursing and Midwifery Association (PNMA) has most recently focused on **supporting student nurses in Gaza who are volunteering through the conflict and crisis**. Working through networks of nurse leaders, PNMA identified student nurses as among the most economically vulnerable group affected, with no salary, no seniority, and often no safety net, while still showing up to help their communities. #NursesforPeace has provided support to help them meet their most basic needs while they continue to volunteer.

4. Advocacy, solidarity and the voice of nurses in crisis and conflict

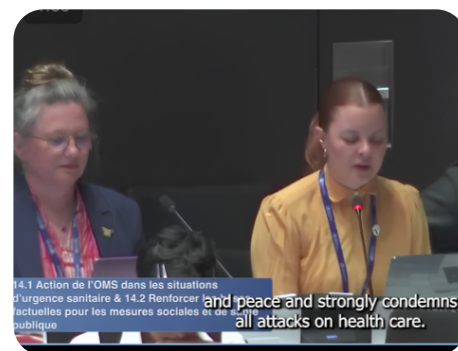
➤ ICN report with firsthand testimony submitted to UN Human Rights Office

In May, ICN submitted comprehensive input to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on the human rights of women and children in conflict and post-conflict settings, drawing directly on consultations with NNAs in some of the world's most severely conflict-affected countries. The submission highlighted the ways in which attacks on health care disproportionately harm a majority-female workforce and disproportionately strip women and children of access to essential care. It laid out clear actions for urgent enforcement of International Humanitarian Law protections, full accountability, recognition of nurses as frontline protectors of women's and children's rights, and meaningful inclusion of nursing voices in reparation and recovery processes. This builds on ICN's formal inputs to the UN Special Rapporteur for the Right to Health, whose report recognized #NursesforPeace as an example of good practice.



➤ World Health Assembly (WHA79) and CSW70

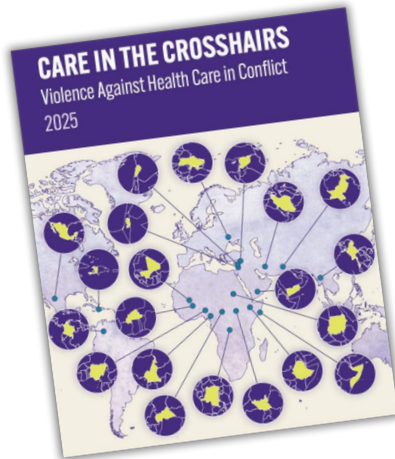
At WHA79 (18–23 May, Geneva), WHO Director-General Dr Tedros described attacks on health care as "the alarming and illegal new normal in conflict", echoing warnings ICN has been raising for years. ICN's delegation, led by President José Luis Cobos Serrano and including First Vice President Sineva Ribeiro and CEO Howard Catton made the nursing voice heard through formal statements, side events, and bilateral meetings. **ICN used the platform to call for full protection of health workers and an end to attacks in conflict and urgent investment in nurses' safety during crises** such as the Ebola outbreaks in the DRC and Uganda.



At side events at the **UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70)** in March, President Cobos Serrano discussed violence against nurses as a gendered crisis, and called for zero-tolerance policies for violence within all nursing workplaces as well as stronger protection for nurses in conflict settings.

➤ "Care in the Crosshairs": SHCC 2025 report

ICN is a founding member of the Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) and sits on their Steering Committee. ICN released a [statement](#) following [SHCC's annual report](#) released in May, condemning the 2,546 horrific attacks on health care across 33 countries and territories in 2025, with 455 health workers killed, 218 kidnapped, 263 arrested or detained, and 790 incidents of damage to facilities.



ICN's response also highlighted gravely concerning trends in the scale and nature of conflict, with state-actor violence now accounting for 64% of incidents, alongside a sharp rise in drone attacks.

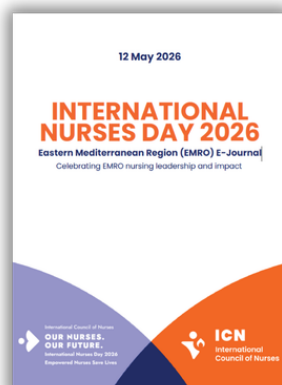
ICN President José Luis Cobos Serrano called the figures confirmation of "the catastrophic normalization of attacks on health care", while CEO Howard Catton connected the report to this year's tenth anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 2286, saying that "A decade later, this report shows that the world is failing to meet these obligations". ICN called for an immediate

end to attacks, full accountability and independent investigation, structural empowerment and protection for health workers, standardized reporting on attacks, and sustained humanitarian funding for recovery.

➤ International Nurses Day: naming the Power of Peace and launching the EMRO journal

This year's International Nurses Day report, [Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives](#), introduced a framework of seven transformative nursing powers. These included the **Power of Peace**, backed by **evidence that nurses protect access to care in crisis, enable humanitarian response, protect global health security and prevent epidemics, and support the recovery and rebuilding** that underpins lasting peace.

Across the Eastern Mediterranean Region, NNAs and nursing leaders published a special IND E-Journal amplifying voices from conflict, displacement and humanitarian crisis, supported by ICN. As Myrna Abi Abdallah Doumit, ICN Board Member for the region, put it in her introduction to the E-journal: "In the face of war, instability, displacement, and unimaginable strain on health systems, the region's nurses have not stepped back — they have stepped forward." The journal brings together first-hand accounts from NNAs and nurse leaders across the region.



THE POWER OF PEACE



In conflict and humanitarian crises, nurses' care defends health, human rights, and peace. Nurses in conflict settings protect global health security by identifying and treating infectious disease risks: 80% of major infectious disease epidemics occur in fragile or conflict-affected countries.

> Global #NursesforPeace photo call

ICN's ongoing global photo action invites nurses and NNAs everywhere to download the #NursesforPeace banner, take a photo, and send it to media@icn.ch to show their solidarity with nurses in conflict and crisis affected regions all around the world.

ICN has been compiling and sharing these images with nurses working in the world's most dangerous and difficult settings as a reminder of the global nursing community's solidarity and support. There has been an outpouring of support, with photos coming in from nurses, teams and NNAs across many regions and country, including Singapore, Mauritania, Philippines, Japan, Venezuela, Belize, Uganda, Pakistan, Mexico, Haiti, USA, Thailand, Palestine, Taiwan, and Ethiopia.



> Nursing solidarity action on the shores of Lake Geneva across from the G7 meeting

On 17 June, as the G7 summit closed in Évian, ICN brought nurses to the Geneva lakeshore, directly across the water from world leaders, to demand protection for health workers. They held a portrait made up of the faces of nursing colleagues who died during the COVID-19 pandemic. ICN CEO Howard Catton attended and said: "Without urgent action, this same picture could be filled anew with the faces of nurses being killed, harmed, kidnapped, and detained in today's conflicts... We cannot allow this picture to be filled again." The action followed a letter from President Cobos Serrano urging G7 leaders to protect nurses and health workers from growing attacks on health care as "a humanitarian issue, a gender equity issue, a global security issue, an economic issue, and a moral test of global leadership."



> THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS AND PARTNERS

#NursesforPeace is able to support nurses working in the most difficult circumstances to bring vital care and leadership to communities because of the generosity and contributions of partner organizations, NNAs, and nurses globally.

ICN would particularly like to acknowledge **Direct Relief**, who have provided incredible support to #NursesforPeace since 2023, including funding ICN's Humanitarian Liaison Officer role which facilitates NNA support and connects NNAs with Direct Relief's logistics and supply operations to get aid where it is most needed.



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- Taiwan Nurses Association
- American Nurses Association
- Danish Nurses' Organization
- Korean Nursing Association
- Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation
- Canadian Nurses Association



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