



International  
Confederation  
of Midwives



# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



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## OVERVIEW

Becoming a member association of the International Confederation of Midwives entitles you to a long list of exclusive benefits, which focus on professional development, networking, leadership opportunities, association support and funding, and much more. Find out how to take advantage of these diverse benefits to enhance the knowledge of your association and your members, advance the midwifery profession, and champion evidence in public policy.



# Professional Development

LEARN, TRAIN AND IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

## Attend ICM's Professional Development Events

ICM Congress, regional conferences, webinars and workshops are available to all of ICM's member associations (MAs) and provide MAs with opportunities for professional development, networking, learning, and growth.

## Continue refining your skills on ICM's e-Learning Platform

Developed specifically for MAs, the ICM eLearning platform hosts a set of interactive, online resources and eLearning modules for midwives, midwives' associations, midwife educators, and regulatory authorities. The e-learning platform enables midwives to build valuable skills to advance their career and midwifery more broadly.

## Become a candidate for ICM's Young Midwife Leaders (YML) Programme

Depending on application criteria and available funding, ICM member associations may apply to the Young Midwife Leaders (YML) programme. The YML is a part-time, two-year learning and professional development experience for 15 early-career midwives and 5 executive midwives from MAs. The programme is recognised around the world for graduating ambitious community leaders with the skills to advance midwifery locally and globally.

## Represent your region as a member of an ICM Regional Professional Committee

As an ICM member association, you may apply to serve on ICM's Regional Professional Committees. The Committees support ICM to strengthen the midwifery profession regionally and globally by building positive working relationships and networks between midwife educators, midwife regulators, midwife researchers, emerging leaders and MAs within each region.

## Gain access to scholarships to support attendance at congresses and conferences

Depending on application criteria and available funding, ICM member associations may access scholarship opportunities to be used to fund attendance at global and regional congresses and conferences.

# Leadership Opportunities

DEVELOP AS A MIDWIFERY TRAILBLAZER

## Contribute to high-level policy discussions at the TRIAD meeting

The annual TRIAD Meeting, hosted by the World Health Organization, the International Council of Nurses and ICM, hears key issues from nursing & midwifery leaders representing WHO Member States, nursing associations, and midwifery associations. As an ICM member association, you may have the opportunity speak at the meeting on behalf of your association and influence decision makers' policy actions.

## Shape the global, strategic direction of midwifery as a member of ICM Council

As an MA, you will serve on ICM's governing body, the ICM Council. ICM Council members identify topics of strategic importance to ICM, advise and contribute to the development of ICM strategy, position statements and policy guidance, and vote in ICM Board elections.

## Contribute to global research and policy development

As recognised members of ICM's reputable, global community of midwives, ICM member associations benefit from the accelerated opportunity to inform global research and practice such as through the State of the World's Midwifery (SoWMY) Report, subject-specific working groups, and other key professional resources that influence governments and partner organisations to better support midwives and midwifery services.



# Access to Support

LEAN ON US AS YOU GROW

## Benefit from ICM advocacy support

ICM advocates on behalf of its member associations using various methods including writing letters of support to national authorities, delivering advocacy workshops and trainings, attending and speaking at MA events and advocacy meetings, and connecting member associations to relevant regional and global partners. These support methods depend on context, available funding, and capacity.

## Receive support from ICM's Regional Professional Committees

Connect with experts in your region regarding midwifery education, regulation research and leadership.

# Recognition

STAND OUT ON A GLOBAL SCALE

## Benefit from ICM's long standing, global reputation

Benefit from your association's affiliation with ICM, a 100-year-old member association, partnering with key global actors and representing over 1 million midwives worldwide.

## Receive a Membership Certificate

Once you pay your annual membership fees, ICM will forward you your Membership Certificate, showcasing physical proof of your association's affiliation with ICM's credible reputation.

## Use the ICM Member logo to showcase your affiliation with ICM

COMING SOON!

MA's may use the ICM Member Logo to increase their status and recognition and highlight their involvement in the Confederation and their commitment to uphold the vision and mission of ICM. This benefit helps MA's establish credibility of their resources, documents and events, and helps legitimise the work of MA's in the eyes of prospective and current funders.

## Become an ICM Congress Host Country

As an ICM member association, your country is eligible to host ICM Congresses or Regional Conferences. This benefit is an opportunity to highlight the important contributions that

your country's MA's make to the profession. Hosting a Congress or a Regional Conference also helps attract new funding and partnership opportunities for local MA's.

## Invite ICM Board Members and Representatives as speakers at your association events

MA's reserve the right to benefit from the presence and contributions of ICM Board Members and representatives at their association's virtual events. Depending on ICM representatives' availability, this benefit aims to bring credibility and expertise to MA's public affairs.

## Amplify your association news on ICM's global networks

Use the MA story submission form to share your events, challenges, statements, news, accomplishments and articles with ICM head office, and we will make sure they are visible on our website and social media platforms and receive the recognition they deserve.

## Have your association featured on ICM's Global Midwives' Associations Map

MA's are listed and geocoded on the ICM Global Midwives' Associations Map and will have the opportunity to populate the map with their own data on midwifery, association, education, leadership and regulation.



# Networking

GROW AND DEVELOP THROUGH COMMUNITY CONNECTION

## Become a member of ICM's global community of midwives

ICM's global community of midwives connects regularly on a wide variety of web-based, collaborative environments such as congresses, regional conferences, virtual meetings, Facebook, and WhatsApp. Members are able to build relationships with midwives in their region and all over the world to share interests, challenges or best practices and to conduct community activities.

# Access to Funding

RECEIVE DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND ACCESS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMMES FOR YOUR ASSOCIATION

## Participate in ICM-funded projects

ICM works with MAs, and in partnership with many international organisations, UN Agencies, NGOs, institutions and governments, to strengthen midwifery through collaborative projects that generate funding and other resources for project partners. ICM projects benefit from the support of various funders including multi-lateral and bi-lateral donor organisations, UN Agencies, NGOs and philanthropic organisations.

## Access funding support in humanitarian emergencies

ICM provides funding to MAs who are operating in conflict, natural disasters or other humanitarian crises. The aim of this initiative is to provide MAs with critical and timely funding to ensure the life-saving work of midwives is accessible when community members need it most. This funding depends on grant application criteria and availability of funds.

## As an ICM member association, your membership fees enable ICM to:

- Develop materials and resources for midwifery advancement and advocacy.
- Advocate for midwifery globally.
- Support the creation and development of midwives' associations all over the world.
- Strengthen midwifery education, regulation and association policies to better support women's sexual and reproductive health.
- Carry out capacity building and training programmes for midwives in low-income countries.
- Respond to the needs of midwives and the communities they support during humanitarian events.





DO YOU HAVE AN ISSUE THAT YOU WANT TO DISCUSS?

**The Membership Team and the Head Office Regional Team (HORT) are here to support you.**

For membership requests, tailored support, questions related to ICM events and resources and any other information, contact your Membership Team at [membership@internationalmidwives.org](mailto:membership@internationalmidwives.org). We will make sure to forward your request to the dedicated staff members.

For regional matters or any issues related to the midwifery profession in your country, contact your Board member by visiting [internationalmidwives.org/about-us/board-2020-new.html](http://internationalmidwives.org/about-us/board-2020-new.html)

If you would like to discuss Regulation, Education, Leadership or Research issues, contact the ICM midwife team at [midwives@internationalmidwives.org](mailto:midwives@internationalmidwives.org)





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