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World Health Day Message

On this World Health Day 2025, I send heartfelt greetings on behalf of the World Federation of Intensive and Critical Care to colleagues, partners, and communities worldwide.

This year's theme, "**Healthy beginnings, hopeful futures,**" urges us all, especially governments and the health community, to strengthen our efforts to eliminate preventable maternal and newborn deaths and to ensure long-term health and dignity for women everywhere. It serves as a powerful reminder that the health of mothers and babies is a fundamental indicator of the strength and equity of our health systems.

Every day in the world of intensive and critical care we see how timely, skilled and compassionate care can transform outcomes for women and their newborns, even in the most critical moments. The right to survive childbirth and the right to recover with dignity are not privileges, they are human rights.

Too often, these rights are undermined by gaps in access, resources, and trained personnel. This World Health Day, we reaffirm our commitment to enhancing capacity for maternal and neonatal critical care, particularly in settings where the burden of preventable deaths remains high. We advocate for the integration of intensive care into broader maternal and child health strategies and urge continued investment in frontline providers, health infrastructure, and data systems that protect the most vulnerable.

Let us also celebrate the extraordinary contributions of critical care teams worldwide, from midwives to ICU nurses, obstetricians to intensivists whose work ensures not only **healthy beginnings** but also **hopeful futures** for families and communities.

Together, we must move forward with urgency and unity to ensure that no woman or child is left behind.

Happy World Health Day.

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