



# International Confederation of Midwives

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Awards for midwives announced at the ICM Triennial Congress**

Over 2,200 midwives, gathered in Vienna for the ICM 26<sup>th</sup> Triennial Congress, heard the announcement of three awards offered to midwives on an international basis, via the ICM.

#### **Marie Goubran award**

The Marie Goubran Award was set up in memory of the ICM's own Executive Secretary who held the post from 1987 to 1990, and sadly died in 1990. Marie's family inaugurated the award and remains closely involved – the presentation on this occasion will be made by Alex Goubran, Marie's older son. The award is made 'to assist in the furthering of midwifery education and practice in countries with special needs and limited funding opportunities' to 'midwives who have demonstrated the potential to act as change agents in their region or country' and the amount to be awarded is 4000 euros.

The winners in this triennium are:

- Marie Janneh, from The Gambia
- Cecilia Anna Asare, from Ghana

#### **Save the Children award**

Intended for midwives who are also qualified in care of the newborn, the award goes to two midwives who have demonstrated achievements in improving newborn health at the community level through training and/or provision of services in sub-Saharan Africa or Asia. The amount awarded is 4000 euros.

The winners in this triennium are:

- Rosemary Nyirenda, from Malawi
- Virginia Mutemeri, from Zimbabwe

#### **Columbia University award for midwives and their associations**

Columbia University has instituted an award that relates not only to the ability of the midwife to bring about reduction in maternal and neonatal death and disability but also to support the strengthening of her midwifery association. The award, of US\$ 5000, is made to a maximum of four midwives - one in each ICM region.

The winners this year are:

- Phan Thi Hanh, from Vietnam (Asia Pacific region)
- Martha Bokosi, from Malawi (Africa region)
- Venus Mark, from Trinidad & Tobago (Americas region)

The ICM is a Confederation of 83 national midwifery associations, founded in 1919, and aims to 'advance world-wide the aims and aspirations of midwives in the attainment of improved outcomes for women in their childbearing years, their newborn and their families wherever they reside'.

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