

Description

All4Maternity Global Conflicts and Crises Statement

Past and ongoing global conflicts and crises impact on the provision of access to equitable, quality and safe maternity and perinatal care provision for childbearing women, people, newborns and families. Around the world, there is multi-faceted conflicts and crises having a profound impact on those using and providing midwifery, perinatal and maternity care services.

Concerns extend far beyond midwifery and maternity specific issues to encompass broader global conflict and crises, including:

1. **Global health crises:** Pandemics, such as Covid-19 and other health emergencies strain healthcare systems, disproportionately affecting maternal, parental and neonatal health.
2. **Humanitarian crises:** War, displacement, and natural disasters create severe disruptions in maternity care, especially in vulnerable regions.
3. **Ecological crises:** Environmental changes and natural disasters impact health outcomes, with pregnant women, people and infants being among the most vulnerable.
4. **Socio-economic inequalities and injustice:** Socio-economic disparities and discrimination exacerbate health inequities, limiting access to quality, safe and respectful maternity care for marginalised and minoritised populations.

Global conflicts and crises directly impact on all people in affected areas, with significant and often disproportional consequences for women, children and those facing marginalisation. Women and children face untenable situations with limited access to healthcare, education and adequate living conditions amidst regional, national and/or global crises and conflicts including broader political and humanitarian complexities. Many countries and areas are facing conflict resulting in the suffering of women, people and children due to war and political unrest. Providing protection, support and resources to these communities is critical, especially in places of war where women and children are deeply affected.

We call for:

- An end to attacks on vulnerable people and the critical infrastructure they rely on, including schools, hospitals, energy, water and sanitation systems;
- The release of all hostages being held around the world;
- Adherence to human rights legislation, international humanitarian law and humanitarian principles, including the cessation and prevention of serious abuses against women and minors;
- Rehabilitation that emphasises and supports women, children and those most vulnerable to discrimination.
- Prioritisation of and access to quality midwifery, maternity and perinatal care services and support for those providing them including access to meaningful education, regulation and recognition.

We believe it is crucially important to come together in solidarity for peace. As a community, we stand firmly against violence and division, embracing the strength found in unity. We express our unwavering support for all people, recognising that diversity enriches us and that compassion and understanding must guide our response in these

challenging times.

At All4Maternity, we recognise the critical role midwives play in addressing these global concerns. As publishers of **The Practising Midwife, The Practising Midwife Australia, and The Student Midwife journals**, we are committed to leveraging our platforms to support midwives and families through these challenging times, in several ways:

1. **Educational resources:** Providing accessible, up-to-date, evidence-based articles and research to equip midwives with the knowledge needed to navigate evolving practices and global crises effectively.
2. **Mental health support:** Offering content that addresses mental health and wellbeing, including strategies for self-care and professional support mechanisms.
3. **Community and networking:** Fostering a strong community through our digital platforms, enabling midwives to share experiences, advice and encouragement.
4. **Advocacy and representation:** Highlighting issues of health disparities and advocating for policies that promote equitable care for all communities.
5. **Global perspectives:** Featuring content that addresses the impact of global crises on midwifery and maternal health and highlighting innovative solutions from around the world.

Call for papers and content:

We invite midwives, obstetricians, other birth workers, researchers, educators, and students to contribute to our academic journals and digital platforms. We are particularly interested in:

- Research studies and evidence-based practice articles addressing the impact of global crises on midwifery and maternal health.
- Personal narratives and case studies highlighting innovative solutions and best practices in crisis situations.
- Articles on mental health and wellbeing strategies for midwives and those using midwifery or maternity care services facing conflict and crises.
- Discussions on policy changes, advocacy efforts and their impact on midwifery practice in the context of global conflict and crises humanitarian and ecological concerns.

By sharing your expertise and experiences, you can contribute to a collective effort to support and uplift the midwifery community during these challenging times. All contributions will be reviewed aligned with our editorial policies and all accepted content will be hosted on dedicated space on our All4Maternity platform.

Submit your work:

To submit your articles, research papers, or personal stories, please visit our submission page on All4Maternity or click this link: **Submissions**. Here you will find a range of guidelines and supportive materials to help you write your article to submit for consideration of publication.

All submissions focused on learning, sharing, and caring to respond to and address global conflict and crises and will be made open access to support accessible and rapid knowledge translation.

As publishers, we are committed to supporting new and emerging voices and supporting seldom heard voices to have a platform. If you prefer to have a conversation or to contribute to other areas of our online resources, please contact us at **in**@**********ty.com**

Join us in Learning, Sharing, and Caring:

Explore our wide array of resources, engage with peers, and stay informed through our digital platforms. Your voice and contributions are vital to ensuring the continued growth and support of midwives globally.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to midwifery. We look forward to your valuable contributions.

All4Maternity Team

Wider support links and resources:

Our followers may wish to find out more, receive or offer humanitarian support via the range of organisations and agencies listed below:

Action Aid

Amnesty International

ASAM

British Red Cross

Care International

ICM

Imkaan

Maternity Action

Médecins Sans Frontières

Refuge

The Children's Society

The International Rescue Committee

Save the Children

Shelter

Shifrah

UNICEF

Women's Aid

Women for Women

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