International Day of the Midwife 2011 in the news

AFRICA:

Uganda needs 2000 midwives
New Vision – 6 May 2011
By HENRY SEKANJAKO Addressing journalists on Wednesday at the Media Centre in Kampala, the assistant commissioner Ministry of Health, Paul Kaggwa, said the quality of maternal and newborn care is low because inadequate midwives. According to statistics ...

Uganda: Shortage of Midwives Failing Efforts to End Maternal Deaths
AllAfrica.com – Flavia Lanyero – 6 May 2011
The growing shortage of midwives is contributing to Uganda's failure to end maternal and child deaths, the government has said. At least 2000 additional midwives are required to provide skilled care during antenatal, delivery and postnatal care ...

'There are too many pregnancies in SD'
Times of Swaziland – 5 May 2011
By STEMBILE HLATSHWAYO on May 06,2011 EZULWINI - The frequency of occurrences of pregnancy within a short space of time is a major concern to midwives in the country. According to the midwives, this has greatly contributed to the high maternal ...

Midwives need to be motivated to do a good job
New Vision – 5 May 2011
On May 5, Uganda joined the rest of the world to commemorate the International Day of Midwives. In Uganda, we must confess that midwives are not the happiest people. One midwife complained that regardless of the years a qualified midwife may have ...

Midwives deliver – and not only babies
New Vision – Babatunde Osotimehin – 4 May 2011
MORE than one in three women in developing countries give birth alone — or with only relatives to oversee what is one of the most dangerous passages they will ever undergo. In some of the poorest countries, as few as 13% of ...

More midwives needed to save life
New Vision – 4 May 2011
Today is the International Day of the midwife. Midwives are critical to saving the lives of mothers and babies during pregnancy and childbirth. Most women deliver at home with traditional birth attendants, with relatives or alone, increasing their risk ...

Why Tanzania needs more midwives
The Citizen Daily – 4 May 2011
By Sharifa Kalokola When pregnant women arrive for delivery at the Amana Hospital in Dar es Salaam, a good number of them are usually tired and worn out, having endured long hours in traffic jams on the road to the labour ward. ...
Day of the Midwife celebration
The Swazi Observer – 3 May 2011
Tomorrow, Swaziland with the support of UNFPA will join the world in the celebration of International Day of the Midwife. One of the critical elements for the attainment of health outcomes especially the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 5 target of ...

ASIA-PACIFIC:

'Serious shortage of midwives in UAE'
Gulf Today – 9 May 2011
By a staff reporter ABU DHABI: Midwives of the UAE's largest maternity hospital, Corniche Hospital in Abu Dhabi, took their strides onto roads on International Midwives' Day to raise awareness on global inequalities in maternal care and health ...

Corniche Hospital midwives celebrate International Day of Midwife
AME Info – 8 May 2011
Corniche Hospital Midwives marked International Day of the Midwife with a walk to raise awareness of global inequalities in maternal and newborn health.

Midwives scarcity in Afghanistan leads to maternal mortality
Xinhua – Zhang Jianhua, Yang Lina – 5 May 2011
KABUL, May 5 (Xinhua) --"Nearly 70 percent of women dying from pregnancy related problems in my province due to the limited access to health centers and professional midwives," a young Afghan midwife Fatima Hamdard from ...

Trained midwives to ensure safer delivery
Bangladesh News 24 hours – 5 May 2011
Dhaka, May 5 (bdnews24.com) – After spectacular successes in reducing child and maternal deaths, Bangladesh has now introduced 'nursing-midwives' to ensure still better results ....

Midwives role in reducing maternal, child mortality rate
Republica (Nepal) – 5 May 2011
KATHMANDU, May 5: Some 100 individuals marched on Wednesday in the capital with the slogan “The World Needs Midwives Now More than Ever” to commemorate International Day of the Midwife on May 5. Leading the rally, Kiran Bajracharya, president of the ...

Arrival makes Midwives Day memorable
Mudgee Guardian – Sam Potts – 9 May 2011
International Midwives Day on Thursday was a day to remember for midwife student Melanie Brown and the Moerkerk family. Narelle and Jarrad Moerkerk welcomed their second daughter ...

Raising awareness
Latrobe Valley Express – Nikita Vaz – 9 May 2011
ON Thursday 5 May, midwives and their supporters from across the Valley took part in a five kilometre walk around the Monash University Gippsland campus to raise awareness of the roles midwives play in ensuring maternal and newborn health ...
**Vital work of midwives highlighted**
The Gympie Times - Renee Pilcher – 5 May 2011
Midwives marching for International Midwives' Day Veronica Hall, Dawn Shalom, Kathy Preston, Janet Coll and Tricia Russell. A GROUP of Gympie midwives stepped out yesterday to celebrate International Midwives' Day. They said the aim of their walk was ...

**Midwives Pledge to Improve Maternal Health**
TopNews New Zealand – Dinesh Chandra Gaur – 6 May 2011
This mother day will be marked by the women and midwives walking on roads raising awareness upon healthy deliveries of babies. It has been revealed that more than 340000 women and 5 million infants die each year while giving birth. ...

**Lack of Midwives Affecting Health Care in Afghanistan**
TopNews New Zealand – Dinesh Chandra Gaur – 6 May 2011
International Day of Midwife was celebrated on Thursday. The day is dedicated to all the midwives across the globe who care for their patients and help in getting well. It has been found that Afghan midwife come across many pregnancy related problems ...

**March Highlights International Day of the Midwife**
TopNews New Zealand – Dinesh Chandra Gaur – 5 May 2011
On this Friday in Wanganui, a march will highlight the International Midwives Day and raise awareness for the problem of the lack of trained and qualified midwives in New Zealand and around the world. According to the organization Save the Children, ...

**Marking International Day of Midwife**
Southland Times – 5 May 2011
SUITE FOR THE JOB: Invercargill midwife Ange Shuttleworth talks with Southland Times reporter Mark Hotton, wearing a pregnancy suit, about the importance of her profession during a walk to mark International Day of the Midwife. ...

**International Day of the Midwife**
Channel 9 (New Zealand) – 5 May 2011
Whilst today is the International Day of the Midwife, locally the event is scheduled to be celebrated tomorrow, with the launch of a new website. The Otago branch of the New Zealand College of Midwives’ new site features an up to date directory of all ...

**Midwives raise money for Japan**
3News NZ – 4 May 2011
Today is the International Day of the Midwife, and this morning a group of Christchurch midwives came together to help raise money for Japanese midwives who worked in horrendous conditions following the April tsunami. The march was led by former Silver ...

**350000 Midwives Are Missing On This International Day Of The Midwife, Save The ...**
Voxy – 4 May 2011
More than 350000 trained and qualified midwives are missing and needed this International Day of the Midwife, Save the Children says. Filling this shortage of health workers is essential to helping to reduce the millions of maternal and newborn deaths ...
Mother’s Day march to combat maternal mortality
New Zealand Doctor Online – 3 May 2011
Women and midwives will take to the road this Mother’s Day to raise awareness for the hundreds of thousands of mothers who die in childbirth each year. On Sunday May 8, around 300 women will join a 5km walk around Auckland's waterfront to help raise ...

Midwives to march for inequalities in health
Wanganui Chronicle – 3 May 2011
Shoppers in Wanganui will be greeted with an unusual sight tomorrow - a march, pushing the message about inequalities in mothers’ and newborn babies' health. The march, headed by Wanganui midwives, mothers and their families, will leave Majestic Square ...

Fiji kick starts IDM celebrations
Fiji Broadcasting Corporation Ltd – 3 May 2011
The Fiji White Ribbon Committee along with the Fiji Midwives Society undertook a five kilometer walk from Lami Town to Kalekana Settlement to kick start the International Day of Midwives celebration. International Day for Midwives is celebrated on May ...

Midwives walk to raise awareness
Fijivillage – 3 May 2011
A total of 50 midwives in the Central Division will be taking part in a five kilometer walk to raise awareness on issues affecting women. While today marks the eve of the International Midwives Day, midwives in the country are organizing the 5km walk ...

NORTH AMERICA:

Midwives, families walk for awareness
Martinsburg Journal – 5 May 2011
RANSON - A good size crowd gathered near the Currie Road exit of W.Va. 9 Thursday evening for a walk to raise awareness of the important role midwives can play around the world as well as locally. Organized by Eastern Panhandle Friends of Midwives, ...

Midwifery walk to be an annual event
Kamloops This Week - Jessica Wallace – 5 May 2011
Kamloops midwives led a walk in Valleyview on Thursday, May 5, to raise awareness about the importance of midwives and to demonstrate the demand for them in local rural communities. ...

Giving birth to an old idea
South Delta Leader – Kristine Salzmann – 5 May 2011
When Carolyn Gidyk gave birth to her first child, she went into labour very quickly. Chloe arrived a mere 45 minutes after Gidyk arrived at the hospital, but the rapid birth resulted in a wet lung ...

Local midwives raise awareness about their profession
The Kansan – 2 May 2011
...The World Health Organization has stated the No. 1 health profession need in the world is midwives and has called for 350,000 more midwives in service if there is to be any hope of achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals 4, 5 and 6 by 2015.
BLOGS:

**Some Knowledge & Inspiration From Ina May Gaskin On The International Day Of...**
Babble (blog) – 5 May 2011
I had the great pleasure of interviewing Ina May Gaskin last month upon the launch of her new book Birth Matters. This is the second part of that interview. I thought it would be nice to post it today, the International Day of the Midwife.

**International Day of the Midwife: May 5 | National Aboriginal...**
National Aboriginal Health Organization – 5 May 2011
On May 5th, 2011, NAHO joins midwives across Canada to mark the International Day of the Midwife. Five km walks have been organized in over 30 communities across Canada and in countries around the world to raise ...

**UN salutes midwives on International Day of the Midwife | Women's...**
Women’s Views on News – 5 May 2011
To mark the International Day of the Midwife, the Executive Director of the UN’s Population Fund pointed out the many facets of the job these ...

**Child Charity News: International Day of the Midwife**
SOS Children’s Villages Canada – 5 May 2011
Today is the International Day of the Midwife. According to UN agencies, midwives are an important part of meeting the MDGs, child charity ...

**International Day of the Midwife | Healthy Newborn Network**
Healthy Newborn Network – 5 May 2011
The International Day of the Midwife is an occasion for every individual midwife to think about the many others in the profession ...

**'Mum's the Word' on International Day of the Midwife**
The Courier – 5 May 2011
The aim of International Day of the Midwife is to celebrate and highlight the work that midwives do. Almost exactly two years ago the Dundee ...

**Celebrating International Day of the Midwife » Maternal Health...**
Maternal Health Task Force – 4 May 2011
May 5th is the International Day of the Midwife, a “day is to celebrate midwifery and to bring awareness of the importance of midwives' work to as many people as possible.” Since the late 1980s the celebration has been ...

**International Day of the Midwife | RH Reality Check**
RH Reality Check – 4 May 2011
Since tomorrow, May 5, is the International Day of the Midwife, I thought it fitting to take a moment to both acknowledge the day and why ...