

MESSAGE *From The* CHIEF EDITOR

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IT is with immense pride, gratitude, and a deep sense of responsibility that I welcome you to the inaugural issue of the Malawi Journal of Nursing and Midwifery (MJNM). This milestone marks the beginning of an important journey towards advancing nursing and midwifery scholarship, promoting evidence-based practice, and strengthening health systems through the dissemination of high-quality research.

The establishment of the Malawi Journal of Nursing and Midwifery reflects our collective commitment to creating a vibrant platform for the generation, exchange, and application of knowledge that addresses the health priorities of Malawi, the African region, and the global community. As the nursing and midwifery professions continue to evolve in response to emerging health challenges, there is an increasing need for rigorous scientific evidence to guide education, clinical practice, leadership, and policy. This journal has been established by the National Organisation of Nurses and Midwives in Malawi (NONM) to meet that need.

Nurses and midwives constitute the largest proportion of the healthcare workforce and are at the forefront of delivering person-centred, safe, and equitable healthcare services. Their contributions extend beyond direct patient care to include leadership, education, research, health promotion, disease prevention, and advocacy. Through this journal, we seek to amplify these contributions by providing a credible avenue for publishing innovative research, systematic reviews, quality improvement initiatives, clinical innovations, policy analyses, educational scholarship, and thought-provoking commentaries.

The Malawi Journal of Nursing and Midwifery embraces multidisciplinary collaboration and welcomes contributions from researchers, educators, clinicians, policymakers, students, and other health professionals whose work advances nursing, midwifery, and healthcare delivery. We particularly encourage research that addresses local and regional health priorities while contributing to the global body of scientific knowledge.

As Chief Editor, I am committed to ensuring that the journal maintains the highest standards of academic excellence, integrity, transparency, and ethical publishing. Every manuscript submitted to the journal will undergo a rigorous peer-review process conducted by ex-

perienced reviewers to ensure scientific quality, methodological rigour, and relevance. Our editorial team is dedicated to fostering an efficient, fair, and constructive review process that supports authors in producing impactful scholarly work.

This inaugural issue represents the dedication and hard work of many individuals. I extend my sincere appreciation to the NONM President, NONM Executive Director, the editorial board members, reviewers, authors, institutional leaders, and all partners who have generously contributed their expertise, time, and unwavering support towards making this vision a reality. Their collective efforts have laid a strong foundation upon which this journal will continue to grow and flourish.

Looking ahead, our aspiration is for the Malawi Journal of Nursing and Midwifery to become a leading scholarly publication in Africa and beyond. We envision a journal that not only disseminates research but also stimulates meaningful dialogue, influences healthcare policy, strengthens nursing and midwifery education, and ultimately contributes to improved health outcomes for individuals, families, and communities.

I warmly invite researchers, practitioners, educators, and students to make this journal their preferred platform for sharing knowledge, engaging in scholarly discourse, and advancing the nursing and midwifery professions. Together, we can build a robust culture of research and innovation that informs practice, shapes policy, and transforms healthcare delivery.

Thank you for joining us as we embark on this exciting journey. We look forward to your continued support, valuable contributions, and active engagement as we work collectively to advance nursing and midwifery science for the benefit of Malawi, Africa, and the wider global community.

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