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IT gives me great honour and professional pride, on behalf of the National Organization of Nurses and Midwives of Malawi (NONM), and all the nursing and midwifery professionals in Malawi, to congratulate the editorial team, contributors, reviewers, and all stakeholders upon the launch of the inaugural issue of the Malawi Journal of Nursing and Midwifery.

The establishment of this Journal marks a significant milestone in the advancement of nursing and midwifery scholarship, professional excellence, evidence-informed practice, and health systems strengthening in Malawi. At a time when healthcare systems across the world are increasingly confronted by complex public health challenges, workforce shortages, disease burdens, technological transitions, and evolving patient needs, the role of nursing and midwifery research and professional knowledge generation has never been more important.

Nurses and midwives remain the backbone of healthcare delivery systems. In Malawi and globally, they constitute the largest proportion of the health workforce and continue to provide essential services across communities, primary healthcare facilities, hospitals, educational institutions, and public health systems. However, the growing complexity of healthcare demands that nursing and midwifery practice should increasingly be guided by research evidence, innovation, critical inquiry, collaborative practice, and lifelong professional development.

The launch of the Malawi Journal of Nursing and Midwifery therefore provides an important platform for professional reflection, scientific dissemination, policy dialogue, and scholarly engagement among nurses, midwives, educators, researchers, students, regulators, and healthcare leaders. The

Journal creates an opportunity for Malawian nurses and midwives to document local experiences, generate contextually relevant evidence, share innovations, influence policy, and contribute meaningfully to both national and global health discourse.

Importantly, the Journal emerges at a critical moment when the nursing and midwifery professions are increasingly being called upon to provide leadership in advancing Universal Health Coverage, primary healthcare strengthening, maternal and newborn health, mental health services, public health preparedness, digital health transformation, and interprofessional collaborative practice. As such, strengthening nursing and midwifery scholarship is not merely an academic exercise, but an important investment toward improving healthcare quality, patient outcomes, workforce responsiveness, and health systems resilience.

As NONM, we strongly believe that professional growth and professional voice are strengthened through research, publication, mentorship, and knowledge sharing. We therefore encourage nurses and midwives across all levels of practice and training to actively participate in research, scholarly writing, innovation, and publication. The Journal should serve not only as a repository of scientific knowledge, but also as a catalyst for professional confidence, leadership development, critical thinking, and intellectual engagement within the professions.

I wish to particularly commend the editorial leadership and all contributors who have worked tirelessly to bring this inaugural issue into reality. Establishing a professional journal requires vision, commitment, academic integrity, collaboration, and perseverance. This achievement therefore deserves recognition and collective professional support.

As we celebrate this important milestone, may the Malawi Journal of Nursing and Midwifery continue to grow into a respected platform for advancing nursing and midwifery science, education, practice, leadership, and policy influence both within Malawi and beyond.

On behalf of NONM, I extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes for the continued success and sustainability of the Journal.