



**International  
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of Midwives**

Strengthening Midwifery Globally

## **CALL FOR NOMINEES**

### **MARIE GOUBRAN AGENT OF CHANGE AWARD 2020**

In keeping with the leadership skills and passionate commitment for childbearing women and families that Marie Goubran, ICM Secretary General 1987-1990, shared with the world, this memorial award was established to recognize midwives in countries with special needs and limited funding opportunities, who demonstrate similar leadership and commitment.

ICM has partnered with Johnson & Johnson to ensure the continuation of the Marie Goubran Agent of Change Award, as well as increase the frequency from triennial to annual awards, to encourage midwives, who act as catalysts for change in healthy baby development in the antenatal and postnatal period and the first few weeks of life.

The focus on healthy baby development was chosen because high mortality rates for children under the age of 5 are still a major problem in many countries. A child's risk of dying is highest in the neonatal period, the first 28 days of life. 45% of child deaths under the age of 5 take place during the neonatal period. Therefore, safe childbirth and effective neonatal care are essential to prevent these deaths, especially in low or low to middle resources countries.

#### **The Nominee**

Nominees must meet the following criteria to be considered for the Marie Goubran Agent of Change Award:

1. Be a midwife according to the ICM International Definition of a Midwife.
2. Be a member of an ICM member association unless no member association exists in that country.
3. Resident of a low or lower-middle income country where s/he practices midwifery. (see list on the [World Bank's website](#))
4. Demonstrated visionary leadership, and raises the profile of midwives as agents for change.
5. Previous ICM award winners are not eligible for this award.

#### **Presentation**

Award winners must present their project through a poster presentation at the regional conference or triennial congress that they are selected for.

#### **The Proposal**

The proposal must meet the following criteria to be considered for the Marie Goubran Agent of Change Award:

1. Raise the profile of midwives as agents for change.
2. Advance innovative education and practice approaches in healthy baby development.
3. Inspire other midwives toward ways to impact their own communities and/or adapt approaches for their own context.
4. Present a detailed proposal for use of the award monies, maximum 4 pages.



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### **Award and award winners**

From 2019 to 2021, one award will be offered annually; and will be announced at either an ICM Regional Conference or Triennial Congress.

Winners will receive:

- Financial support up to USD 4,500 to encourage and promote the development of their project.
- Full sponsorship for the ICM Regional Conference or Triennial Congress where (s)he will be recognised during the award ceremony.
- The opportunity to share the project during the ICM Regional Conference or Triennial Congress through a poster presentation.

### **When and how to submit**

Submit your nomination for the Marie Goubran Agent of Change Award 2020 by completing the online application form by 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

[LINK TO ONLINE APPLICATION FORM](#)

As part of completing the application form you will need to answer questions about your **curriculum vitae** (max 2 pages) and a **project proposal** (max 4 pages):

#### **Curriculum vitae:**

- A short biography of your career and practice as a midwife (500 words)
- Your qualifications (include year and place obtained)
- A description of your current role and most recent employment (last five years).
- A description of how your knowledge, experience and qualifications will assist you to successfully complete this project.

#### **Project proposal:**

- The aim of your project
- A description of how your project will demonstrate visionary leadership and raise the profile of midwives as agents for change
- A description of how your project will advance innovative education and practice approaches in healthy baby development (i.e. the expected outcomes of your project)
- A description of how your project will inspire other midwives to make impact in their own communities and/or adapt approaches for their own context in regard to healthy baby development
- A timeline for the completion of this project.
- A budget of expenditure (please specify currency)

For questions regarding the application process, please contact us via [info@internationalmidwives.org](mailto:info@internationalmidwives.org) and write "ICM Marie Goubran Award" in the subject line.