



Statement by NIHR on World Health Day

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On April 7 each year, the world celebrates World Health Day in commemoration of the founding of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948. This year's theme is entitled “**Year of the Nurse and Midwife**”, in order to highlight the great role that nurses and midwives play in providing health care. On this day, the WHO calls for strengthening the capabilities of the nursing and midwifery workforce, in order to motivate them and support their great efforts in the health field around the world.

On the occasion of the World Health Day, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) commends the prestigious positions that the Kingdom of Bahrain has achieved in providing health care to citizens and residents alike, as well as the essential role played by the Bahraini medical and nursing staff in providing health services to patients.

On this occasion, the NIHR points out the recent praise of the WHO for the Bahraini medical staff, led by nurses, as the first line of defence in the face of the emerging COVID-19, due to their high efficiency and qualifications, as they work hard and sincerely towards implementing all the guidelines and procedures in accordance with WHO approved international standards.

On this occasion, the NIHR states that it works closely with the health sector workers, especially under the current conditions of the spread of COVID-19, by carrying out monitoring, organising field visits, and raising community awareness, in order to ensure that everyone enjoys their rights in line with the preventive measures recognised by the WHO.