



Statement by NIHR on International Day for Older Persons

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The Kingdom of Bahrain joins the global celebration of the International Day of Older Persons (IDOP), held on October 1 each year, in line with its global commitment to providing all rights and services to this group of society in order to preserve their dignity and ensure their access to a decent life.

On the occasion of the International Day of Older Persons (IDOP), this year has been recognised as **“Year of the Nurse and Midwife”**, as it highlights the role of the health care workforce in contributing to the health of older persons.

On this occasion, the NIHR commends all the services provided by the Kingdom of Bahrain to the elderly to ensure their full integration into all activities and programmes of society in general. In light of the exceptional circumstances the world is witnessing with the outbreak of COVID-19, the NIHR has placed the health of all citizens and residents among the highest priority, especially the elderly, as they are the most affected group in this pandemic, not only at the health level, but also at the social and economic level.

On this occasion, the NIHR calls on the countries of the world to stand together towards more work and strive to improve the services provided to this precious group in appreciation of its role and to enhance its position in society after its great giving in the process of renaissance, building society and raising generations.