

Bangkok Platform for Action

Healthy People for a Healthy World

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In Bangkok on 25-27th June 2008, we, more than 500 nurses, midwives, and other professionals from 35 countries across all six World Health Organization (WHO) regions, representing universities, governments, non-government organizations, and the private sector, met together at **the 2008 International Conference on “Healthy People for a Healthy World”**. The goals of this Conference were to share a vision and concrete actions to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through the renewal of primary health care strategies, and thereby position **Nursing and Midwifery** for the future.

We have agreed that nurses and midwives have a collective responsibility to act to achieve these goals through:

- **REAFFIRMING** the importance of primary health care in strengthening health systems to meet population health needs;
- **ADVOCATING** for global social responsibility and promoting healthy people for a healthy world;
- **IMPLEMENTING** innovative strategies to ensure an adequate, culturally competent, and motivated workforce to improve access and equity in health;
- **BUILDING** capacity for leadership to enhance active participation in policy making at all levels;
- **STRENGTHENING** the link between education, practice, research, and effective health policies;
- **ENGAGING** in multidisciplinary and multisectoral partnerships; and
- **INTEGRATING** socio-cultural determinants of health in education, practice, research, and policy.

In addition to the Chiang Mai Declaration¹, we urge governments and decision makers to advance this Platform for Action by increasing resources and addressing barriers that affect the achievement of these goals. Additionally, we request that governments support the development of tools and mechanism to monitor and evaluate the progress toward these goals.

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1. The Chiang Mai Declaration Nursing and Midwifery for Primary Health Care, February 2008.