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Editorial JAM – Winter 2022:

Happy New Year and welcome to the latest issue of *Journal of Asian Midwives*. We would like to take the opportunity to highlight that this year will bring the first ICM (International Confederation of Midwives) conference in person for six years. The 33rd ICM Triennial Congress will be taking place on the Indonesian island of Bali on 11 to 14 June. The ICM Scientific Professional Programme Committee will soon begin developing a diverse programme of collaborative, innovative and interactive sessions led by global health, midwifery and maternal health advocates, scholars, and leaders (see website: <https://midwives2023.org/>).

We would also like to remind our readers of the forthcoming Virtual International Day of the Midwife (VIDM). This is a 24-hour free online conference on 5 May for midwives and anyone interested in childbirth (see details: <https://vidm.org/>). The conference was first held in 2009 and organized by a team of two from New Zealand. By 2020, the organizing committee comprised midwives, midwifery academics, and online education professionals from seven countries across four continents.

We like to express our support for and solidarity with women in Afghanistan, and especially the Afghan midwives, in these very difficult times. We must raise the question: “If our daughters are not allowed to go to school and university, where will the next generation of midwives come from?”

In the year 2022, Pakistan experienced the worst flood in its history. During the disaster, many families were displaced and required the help and support of nurse midwives. Midwives across Pakistan delivered safe antenatal, intrapartum, and postnatal care to homeless mothers and children in flood relief camps. Due to disasters, women and children were adversely affected by skin diseases, gastroenteritis, anaemia, fatigue, stress, anxiety, food insecurity, and water and sanitation issues. Midwives provided their services at the frontline and conducted health promotion activities to promote their physical and mental wellbeing

Last, but not least, in a world where academic publishing is big business and the number of fake or predatory journals is growing, we would like to emphasize that with this journal we aim to support free and open dissemination of evidence-based midwifery knowledge, ideas, theories and research across the globe. The “*Journal of Asian Midwives*” supports the advancement of the midwifery profession in the Asian region, by providing a sound peer-review process followed by immediate Open Access on the internet without charging a fee to our authors or our readers.

We look forward to another safe and exciting year ahead. In this second issue of 2022, the “*Journal of Asian Midwives*” brings you interesting articles covering Pakistan and Turkey.

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