In celebration of International Day for Maternal Health and Rights, global health organizations and advocates from around the world contributed 34 blog posts on maternal health and rights. Click the links below to read the blogs, and share them on Twitter and Facebook using the hashtag #IntlMHDay!

Advocates for Youth Amplify Blog “Wo-Menstruation,” by Hamna Tariq, International Youth Activist Network Member (@AdvocatesTweets, @hamnatariq97)

American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, “Call to Action for an International Day for Maternal Health and Rights” by Dr. Vineeta Gupta, Technical Director, Global Women’s Health (@ACOGNews, @guptavineeta)

ARROW, “Rights-based Quality Healthcare for Women and Girls” by Pooja Badarinath, Senior Programme Officer (@ARROW_Women)

Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE), “Let’s stand together to make #IntlMHDay official” by Tala Haikal, Communications Associate & Devan Shea, Policy and Outreach Associate (@genderhealth, @talamay, @devansioobhan)

Center for Reproductive Rights, “Keep Wanjiku Safe” (@ReproRights)

Center for Women’s Health and Human Rights, Suffolk University, “Maternal Health and Rights Deserve Their Own Day” by Susan Sered, Professor of Sociology (@SusanSered)

Childbirth Survival International, “International Day for Maternal Health and Rights: Advocacy at All Levels” by Maryam Funmilayo (@ChildbirthSI, @mofunmilayo)

“International Day for Maternal Health and Rights: Female Genital Mutilation” by Dr. Ilham Siddig, CSI Proposal Development Leader (@ChildbirthSI)

“International Day for Maternal Health and Rights: Prenatal Care” by Dr. Usha Varma (@ChildbirthSI)

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The Community Agenda, “Maternal Health in Uganda: Mothers are Not Safe” by Umar Weswala (@thecagenda, @Weswala)

Dandelion Kenya via Rural Reporters, “The Tale of Maternal Health and Rights” by Catherine Nyambura, Deputy Director (@dandelionkenya, @catherinenyamb1)

Davis Kawalya, “The Issue of Maternal Health and Rights” (@daviskawalya)

Echoing Ida via Huffington Post, “Joy and Pain: One Film Director Thoughtfully Depicts the Spectrum of Childbirth in the Black Community” by Elizabeth Dawes Gay (@echoingida, @edawesgay)

Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, “A Healthy Mother, a Healthy Father, and an HIV-free Baby” by Heather Mason (@EGPAF)

EngenderHealth, “How Choice Brings Opportunity” by Ulla E. Müller, President and CEO (@EngenderHealth, @ullamuller)

Global Health Council, “The Unforseen Consequences of Pandemics on Sexual & Reproductive Health & Rights (SRHR)” by Dr. Christine Sow, President & Executive Director (@GlobalHealthOrg, @DrChristineSow)

Ibis Reproductive Health, “The right to decide if and when to be a mother: Accessing care for safe pregnancy, abortion, and birth” (@IbisRH)

International Center for Research on Women, “Meeting the Needs of Married Adolescent Girls is Critical to Improving Maternal Health Worldwide” by Suzanne Petroni Senior Director, Gender, Population and Development (@icrw, @suzp)

Ipas and International Federation of Medical Students' Association via Rewire, “How to Transform Future Health-Care Providers Into Abortion Rights Advocates” by Michalina Drejza, IFMSA Liaison Officer for Sexual and Reproductive Health Issues Including HIV/AIDS & Cecilia Espinoza, Ipas Youth Senior Advisor (@IpasOrg, @IFMSA)

K4Health, “Put Mothers in Charge: Ensure Access to Family Planning” by Elizabeth Futrell, Content Development Lead (@K4Health, @efutrell)

Management Sciences for Health, “Misoprostol For Postpartum Hemorrhage – A Life-Saving Technology for Maternal Health” by Shafia Rashid, Senior Technical Advisor for the FCI Program of MSH (@MSHHealthImpact)


Maternal Health Task Force “Join the Call for an International Day for Maternal Health and Rights” by Ana Langer, Director (@MHTF)

Nuru International, “Healthy moms, healthy communities! Nuru celebrates #IntlMHDay” by Athena Childs Fleisher, Healthcare Program Strategic Advisor (@IAmNuru, @AthenaMPH)

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PAI, "Getting Serious about Adolescent Girls' Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights" by Rebecca Dennis, Legislative Policy Analyst (@popact, @beccakdennis)

"Safe Delivery Not Guaranteed" by Haley Nicholson, Legislative Policy Analyst (@popact, @hnickinDC)

Partners for Development “The Question of Quality: Comprehensive, Respectful, and Rights-Based Maternal Health" by Katie Baczewski, Program Officer (@Partners4Dev, @katiebaczewski)

Population Connection, “International Day for Maternal Health and Rights is Long Overdue” (@popconnect)

Planned Parenthood Global, “International Day for Maternal Health and Rights” (@PPGlobe)

The Prime Post “#IntlMHDay: Achieving respectful care for women & babies” by Enywaru Piusantos (@theprimepost, @penywaru)

Reach A Hand, Uganda “The tragedy of unsafe abortions in Uganda #IntlMHDay” by Ibrahim Waiswa Batambuze, Communications and Advocacy Officer (@reachahand, @IBatambuze)

“Maternal Health and Rights of Young People” by Bakshi Asuman, Programs Manager (SRHR & Implementation) (@reachahand, @khanbakshi911)

USAID Maternal and Child Survival Program “Respect During Childbirth is a Right, Not a Luxury” by Claire Baldwin, MCSP Communications & Susan Moffson, MCSP Senior Program Officer (@MCSPglobal)

White Ribbon Alliance, “5 Steps to Respectful Maternity Care” by Lilia Carasciuc, Communication and Outreach Manager (@WRAGlobal)

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