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### 2021 International Year of Health and Care Workers

Dear Dr Asadi Lari

As you know, 2021 has been designated as the **International Year of Health and Care Workers**, in appreciation and gratitude for their unwavering dedication in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. The theme of this year-long campaign is *Protect. Invest. Together*. It highlights the urgent need to invest in health workers for shared dividends in health, jobs, economic opportunity, and equity.

The campaign for the International Year of Health and Care Workers is launching with the theme of **#Protect. #Invest. #Together**. The details are on the WHO website at <https://www.who.int/campaigns/annual-theme/year-of-health-and-care-workers-2021>.

I hope we will be able to mark and celebrate the year with activities and progresses at regional and country level. I will share some further ideas in the coming days, and we would also appreciate your suggestions and proposals.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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