



## Statement on International Day of Action for Women's Health

28 May 2024

This May 28 – [International Day of Action for Women's Health](#), women-led organisations and activists call the world's attention to the need to take action and amplify demands for sexual and reproductive health and rights and justice in all development agendas, human rights conventions and treaties, and to resist weaponization of family and cultural values to undermine sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

While we continue to experience turbulent times characterized by wars, crises and authoritarianism, this year also presents us with opportunities to demand global leaders to commit to a future where women, girls, and gender-diverse people's SRHR are fulfilled, protected, and promoted. Everyone has the right to make decisions about their body and future, without coercion or discrimination!

This year EWNA is running the **“Women's Health Matters!”** campaign, within which we strive to help women living with HIV prioritize the importance of preventing cervical and breast cancer and regularly undergo the necessary examinations. As of May 27:

- more than 200 women living with HIV in Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine took part in women's community meetings addressing issues of caring for women's reproductive health, and
- 32 women living with HIV have already undergone early diagnosis of cancer of the reproductive organs.

EWNA also provides an opportunity for women living with HIV to receive individual consultations with a practicing gynaecologist to discuss diagnostic results or concerns related to cancer that are preventing them from undergoing diagnostics.

No woman should die from cancer affecting the reproductive system in a world where all the necessary technical, medical and political means and methods to eliminate cancer exist. Numerous studies show that 30% to 50% of cancer deaths can be prevented using timely and high-quality diagnostic and treatment methods.

**We encourage all women** to take care of themselves and their reproductive health and seek advice from medical specialists at the first suspicion of an oncological process, thus saving their lives.

#May28 #WomensHealthMatters #SRHR4ALL