

## Outstanding Contribution to Healthcare

*Recognizes an outstanding contribution to healthcare by an individual, a team, an organization, association or other relevant group anywhere in the world, especially among the underserved or those suffering from healthcare inequality. These individuals exemplify what it means to put patients first, and through their accomplishments demonstrate that the imperative of improving human health crosses cultural, socioeconomic and other boundaries.*

### Platinum Award H.E. Toyin Saraki

For more than 20 years, Nigerian philanthropist H.E. Toyin Saraki has made countless contributions to healthcare. She is both the founder and president of The Wellbeing Foundation Africa (WBFA), a leading frontline African Maternal Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) and empowerment organization that's dedicated to transforming the lives of women and children through advocacy and action as well as through the promotion of human rights, education and inclusive access to economic opportunities.

In addition to sitting on the boards of numerous organizations that support women and children worldwide, Saraki serves as the Save the Children (Nigeria) National Newborn Health Champion and was recently named the International Confederation of Midwives



(ICM) inaugural Global Goodwill Ambassador.

Through WBFA, working with high-level partners that include the United Nations, the Nigeria Federal Ministry of Health and the organized private sector, Saraki has

demonstrated leadership on the UN Secretary General's Every Woman, Every Child initiative.

WBFA initiatives include its flagship Personal Health Record and "MamaKits," which provide essential and high-quality consumables

necessary for safe deliveries to midwives, hospitals and mothers.

The WBFA also partners with the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital and supports it through funding, patient treatment and donations of medical equipment, including neonatal resuscitation units and infant pulse oximeters.

In 2004 WBFA launched The Indigent Medical Fund for children admitted to hospitals in Kwara State, Nigeria, whose parents cannot afford the medical bills. Today the fund caters to the financial and medical needs of the destitute, the sick, the orphaned and the disabled.

When she was First Lady of Kwara, Saraki established the Alaafia Kwara Positive Lifeline Programme, which provides care and support for people in the state living with HIV.

In 1993 Saraki established The Lifestream Charity, which sponsors corrective surgeries for children with heart deformities and more.